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"Give an inch, he'll take an ell" — John Webster

- JANUARY 1-First American flag unfurled by Washington at Cambridge, Mass., 1776. 2-Hauptmann trial for Lindbergh baby kidnapping begins, 1935. 3-Institute of France decides against admitting women, 1911. 4-Panama Canal Co. offers property to U. S. for \$40,000,000, 1902. 5-British take Bardia from Italians, 1941. 6-Employers' Liability Law held unconstitutional, 1908. 7-President Taft dismisses Gifford Pinchot for insubordination, 1910.

Roosevelt Was Right

No newspaper columnist has more angrily detested and suspected most of the internal operations of the New Deal than Westbrook Pegler, noted author and Pulitzer Prize winner. Equally, no newspaper columnist more admires now the tenacious bravery of President Roosevelt in his war policy than this same author of many criticisms of the Roosevelt Administration.

In one of the most recent of his syndicated columns, entitled "Fair Enough," Mr. Pegler refers to Mr. Roosevelt as the "one man who is responsible for the vast improvement of the military fitness of the United States, achieved from a standing start after the invasion of the Low Countries, never for an instant faltered in his determination to get the American nation in shape to meet the inevitable."

"Long before the war began with the sneak-punch invasion of Catholic Poland," Mr. Pegler writes, "the President had made his own decision that Adolph Hitler was determined to see the German nation loose, armed beyond the poor dumb power of Britain's military men or the best of ours to imagine, in a campaign to enslave Europe and conquer the United States."

"Having made up his mind on the basis of plain evidence, Mr. Roosevelt determined that this country must fight for its life against Hitler and Japan and set about creating a war psychology in the American people so that we would not be caught entirely unprepared spiritually or entirely unarmed."

"All the way from the hour when

he first realized that war with Hitler was inevitable down to the moment when Hitler's ally in the Pacific suddenly bombed a sleeping American city, Mr. Roosevelt stood by his conviction, often under conditions which would have made a weaker man give ground and look for excuses.

"Through it all, Mr. Roosevelt fought on toward a vindication which came in the dawn of a Sunday in the Pacific.

"But he was right all along, and doggedly brave in times when he fought almost alone to make the people recognize their enemy and prepare to fight, and the final proof of his wise courage was given by the enemy himself Sunday morning."

Resolved:

By RUTH TAYLOR

Two hundred years ago, Jonathan Edwards, the eloquent preacher of early colonial days, carefully penned his resolves—the creed by which he planned to live. Strict they were, for he was firm with himself, but among them is one which every American needs to take to heart on this New Year's Day 1942.

"Resolved: never to do anything which I should despise or thing meanly of in another."

This is a resolve which can and must be kept, and which, in spite of its negative phrasing, is constructive.

It can be kept because this land of ours is free. We are still free souls. Overseas the hapless people of the conquered and subjugated nations are forced into acts utterly foreign to their own religious and national ideals, while in the totalitarian countries, the souls as well as the bodies of men are regimented. They hate and worship at the nod of a power-drunk dictator. But here we are still free to think. No one can make us lie, or cheat, or steal, or be cruel, or intolerant, or bear false witness against our neighbor. We are free to make our own decisions and we are free to do right. We can make a resolve—and we can keep it.

It is constructive—for its very negation calls for action. We despise cruelty; we can avoid it by being kind. We despise treachery; we can avoid it by being true to our ideals. We despise lying; we can avoid it by speaking the truth. We despise sabotage of elected authority or community programs; we can avoid it by cooperating with our fellow-men for the good of all. We despise discrimination; we can avoid it by treating our neighbor as an individual, never generalizing in derogatory terms about any group. We despise unfairness; we can avoid it by being fair.

What the next year may mean depends upon each and every one of us. Let us resolve, therefore, to set our own house in order, to be the person we want to and can be—and never to do anything which we should despise or think meanly of in another.

In It To The Finish

Baltimore Evening Sun

The sooner the people of the United States recognize that we are now in the fight to the finish, the sooner it will be over. Nothing must be allowed to interfere with production. Private advantage must be set aside for the general good. And there must be discipline of a kind not understood in the totalitarian countries. The discipline which wells up from below, not that which is imposed downward from the top.

Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

New Year Wish—

Today marks the beginning of a New Year. And because this country and other large nations of the world are at war there are dark forebodings of the future in the breasts of many of the citizens of this country. There is no end to the sacrifices that the citizens of this country will have to undergo before the promised victory over the enemy is an acknowledged fact. On the road to victory there is death, destruction, famine, pestilence, suffering, hard work and sacrifice.

The faint-hearted will fall along the way. Those with stamina and strength and ability will have to carry the extra load of those who lack the strength to carry on. The less patriotic will avoid their share of the duty to this great country and it will be the duty of those who are more zealous to continue the struggle. Everywhere the young men of this nation are taking up arms and it is well that those left behind keep supplying them with the equipment that is necessary in this mechanized age.

So it seems that what the individual should wish for in this New Year is health. Health enough to make work, suffering and fighting a pleasure. Glad they are sound in body, sound in mind and sound in their patriotism. Not an appeaser who seeks the easy road but a fighter who takes the hard way to get the right ruling the world again.

Then there should be wealth enough to supply the needs of this country. The richest country on God's green earth will not lack for anything if every citizen throws his resources behind the government. Buy defense bonds and stamps. Keep the government's income for war purposes rising. Make available to the nation the wealth of yours that the government protects for you.

The people need strength. This nation should be strong enough to overcome all difficulties; difficulties of the fifth column, obstacles placed in its way by the weak, the discouragement by the half-willing and public bleating of the appeasers. This needed strength includes strength of purpose, strength of unity, strength of heart, strength of character, strength of health and strength of mind.

But then this country enters the conflict on this New Year with hope. Enough hope to be confident of the future. The eternal hope that right will triumph over might. The hope that though this country is off to a slow start that it can unite industry, labor, commerce and resources in one great task to fight through to victory over its enemies.

The trusting among us have faith. This faith should be shared by all. Faith enough to make real the promises of God, the promises of the fellow-man and fellow-nations. Faith enough to believe that friends mean what they say and that God's promises are true and vital to all. Faith that right becomes might and that the democratic institutions of this country with its friends will win in the end.

There should be love among those in this country. Love for their fellow-man. The race, creed and color of the neighbor should not enter into this picture. Every man should be loved. There should be that true love for friends. Those who fight side by side with us for the things that we love. We should love this country, we should love its freedoms and its essential goodness enough to lay down our lives for the things we love. There should be a spark of sympathy for the misled people of Europe who have been led into the bloody conflict by a few power-crazed leaders.

Then there should be patience. Patience enough to wait, work, suffer reverses and toil on until the battle is won. The leaders of this country are competent. They know what to do, when to do it and where and how to do it. Armchair military leaders must be content to leave it to their judgment. They will accomplish the

The PUBLIC Forum

HAPPY NEW YEAR

What a world of inspiration is couched in those three words. What a multitude of hopes and expectations come to our hearts and minds as we read them on greeting cards or have them called to us by friends and loved ones. No other holiday in all the year offers such opportunities for looking ahead, for blotting out our mistakes, and beginning again. It is truly the springtime of life. But the New Year is even more than this. It is a time for retrospection, for recalling pleasant happenings of the past, and wish and praying with all our hearts that the wars will all soon end, and the friends that we have journeyed with for so many years may return home to their families, and that the whole world will be at peace again.

Yes; we should be very happy indeed to have the pleasant opportunity and privilege of saying to one and all "Happy New Year," and may your fondest hopes come into realization in 1942.

(Miss) SADIE LEIGH FAGAN, Dardens, N. C.

ROPER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blount and children and Joe White, of Norfolk, spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Mattie White and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Harrison, of Williamston, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Lewis.

C. V. White and daughter, Misses Eva and Alice White, and Mrs. Sallie Davenport, of Skinnerville; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spruill and children, of Edenton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pendergraft, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. W. E. Blount Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ida Ruth Knowles, Rosebud Gaylord and Ruth Nowrah, of E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent Christmas at home.

Wilbert Blount spent a few days here with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Blount, recently. Mr. Blount has been working with an oil firm in Baytown, Texas, for the past six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blount, of Frank

task. There need be no worry on this score. So if the old Rambler should make a New Year's wish to you it would be that you have health, wealth, strength, hope, faith, love and patience. And that all of these attributes that come to you as an individual should be used in the general welfare of all of the citizens.

A Poem—

Below is a poem written by Charles Craddock, of Creswell, entitled "Uncle Sam, Our Man."

Aviator, wonder man, brave of heart, Mechanic, grease monkey, knowing every part, Gunner, bomber, an expert shot, Will make the fire for the Japs very hot.

Surgeons, doctors, nurses so easy and kind, Will pay good attention, Pal, so never mind, Buddy to buddy, loyal to the red, white and blue, Uncle Sam, we promise to be true.

Fifth columnists and spies, who cares for them? We'll catch 'em in a bag and sew up the hem, Ships, guns, tanks and all, We'll give the Axis ball for ball.

The Axis is trying to conquer the world, But to their dooms we are aiming to hurl, Uncle Sam and his allies are going to do their best, To defeat the Axis and their slogan of world conquest.

Uncle Sam is the man it will take, If the Axis tries to get to the Golden Gate, Uncle Sam, who is kind and friendly to all, Is dark and handsome, broad and tall, All the children of good old Uncle Sam are ready for the task, So what more could Uncle Sam ask.

linton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blount.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wilson were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hassell Sunday.

Miss Mertie Leigh Peacock, of Oxford, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton Owens, of Norfolk, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Highsmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Spruill and baby, of New York, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chesson.

Randolph Minton, of Fort Bennett, Ga., and Miss Carol Minton spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Norman Piercy.

Miss Mildred Swain, of Franklin, Va., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swain.

Marvin and Lansing Peacock spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Peacock.

N. W. Blount, of Norfolk, spent Christmas Day with Mrs. C. J. Ainsley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hassell, jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hassell, sr., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wilson last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mauldin and children, of Portsmouth, Va., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Williams. Mrs. Mauldin and children remained over until Sunday.

J. J. Hassell spent Christmas in Norfolk with Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Hassell. Mrs. Hassell and Mrs. B. G. O'Brien and daughter, Carolyn Ruth, of Union Grove, are spending a few days here with Mr. Hassell.

Miss Clara Johnston spent Christmas in Winston-Salem with her sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones and Mrs. W. D. Jones, of Newport News, Va., spent Christmas Day with Mr.

and Mrs. W. G. Jones. Lloyd Jones and Ernest Jones were in Edenton Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swain, of New Bern, spent a few days with Mrs. C. J. Ainsley last week.

Mrs. Betty Spruill, of Pleasant Grove, spent the week-end with Mrs. J. F. Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. McCraft, of Norfolk, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hooker.

Asa Johnston, of Baltimore, Md., spent Christmas here with his mother Mrs. Isa Johnston.

Thomas Chesson, of Wilmington, Del., spent Christmas here with his wife and baby.

Miss Annie Chesson, of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. Warren Chesson.

Miss Christine Chesson, of Washington, D. C., spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leary, of Co-

lumbia, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chesson spent Christmas in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blount and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blount spent Sunday in Newport News, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blount.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Marriner, of Battleboro, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Marriner.

Mrs. Robert Marriner, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Leigh Wahab, of Belhaven, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Marriner.

Here From Durham Miss Pauline Lucas, of Durham, spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Lucas.

Spent Week-end Here Miss Katherine Terry and Miss Miriam Barrington, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with Miss Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry.

HITS THE SPOT PEPSI-COLA AMERICA'S BIGGEST NICKEL'S WORTH

NOTICE! LIST YOUR PROPERTY AND POLL TAX

All persons owning Real Estate or Personal Property, or both, on the 1st day of January, 1942, are required to give in same for taxes during the month of January. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are liable for poll tax. All persons who are liable for poll tax, and fail to list, and all persons who own property and fail to list it will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and, upon conviction, fined or imprisoned.

Table listing property owners and poll tax dates for PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP, LEES MILL TOWNSHIP, SKINNERSVILLE TOWNSHIP, and SCUPPERNONG TOWNSHIP.

Report Your 1941 Crop Acreage Through Your Local List-Taker During January, 1942. Your local Tax Lister is required to make the records, but farm owners or tenants must furnish the facts.

E. F. SWAIN TAX SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

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