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I RESOLVE

BY GROVER L. ANGEL

New Years bring new joys and new responsibilities. Many times the happiness of people is marred by bitter experience, and mistakes that might have been avoided in the year gone by. Too often no goal has been set; nothing attained. Realizing the value of taking stock of our lives just to see where we are and what, if anything, we are accomplishing, someone started the idea of writing a set of resolutions at the beginning of the year as a sort of yardstick to measure our experiences and accomplishments.

To experience the most joy life can give by accepting the responsibility thrust upon us we should resolve to get the most out of every day. From every person with whom we come in contact and from every experience which we share with those about us we should be able to get something that would make our lives more worthwhile. If we really seek to live, to find something of value in the lives of others, we will find it if we only look. To get the most out of every day we must give the most we can to that day. Without giving there is no living. And if the New Year is to be a rich and noble experience to the individual, his foremost goal must be a resolve to get the most out of every day.

Roman citizens trained their children "to speak the truth, live cleanly, work hard, and grow up to be worthy citizens". What a noble ideal to be set before the individual today! The base of Roman training should be a basic resolution on which we would build a New Year of happiness and worthy living!

A resolve to speak the truth and shame the devil would not only eliminate a great deal of unhappiness, but would bring respect for another's word and a sense of dependability to human character not yet known. How many bitter experiences might have been avoided in the past if we had been brave enough to speak the truth!

Clean living is an essential element of citizenship. No better resolution could be made by anyone than a firm compact with himself to do things that would lift him up and drag him down. Clean living gives the most to the day, and without it one cannot get the most from the day. Generations for centuries have realized the necessity of training youth toward this end.

Responsibility is renewed each year. It is greatest, perhaps, in the profession or livelihood of the individual. It calls for hard work, and a resolve to do even harder work in the chosen field. To get the most from one's work his eye must be on attainment; his resolve an accomplishment of some specific task. Work is not only a means of earning a living, but a place to serve, to give talent and energy.

Many resolutions are made and broken, just as promises to other people are made and broken. To paraphrase: It is better to resolve and fail than never to resolve at all.

Let us then accept our New Years responsibility and make it a year of joy by resolving: To get the most out of every day by speaking the truth, living cleanly, and working hard to be the most worthwhile of citizens.

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DISASTROUS FIRE BRINGS MISFORTUNE TO NEEDY FAMILY NEAR MARSHALL

TOBACCO, 2 YEARLINGS, 3 HORSES, FARMING TOOLS BURN IN BARN

Damage More Than \$2000 With No Insurance

The sympathy of the community is with Mr. Henry Ball and family, who live about three miles from Marshall on R. F. D. No. 1, because of the misfortune which was theirs Sunday night. Their barn which contained at least a thousand dollars worth of tobacco and was housing three horses, two heifers, cow feed, a wagon, mowing machine, and other valuables was completely destroyed by fire about twelve o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Ball had been offered about a thousand dollars for his tobacco, but declined the offer, expecting to put it on the market very soon. Even more pitiful than the loss of the tobacco is the thought of live stock, horses and cattle, burning to death. Fortunately the milk cows were out in the field. How the fire started is a mystery. It is thought that Mr. Ball and family have no enemies. However, fresh tracks indicated that some person was around there. It is thought that possibly some passer by could have stopped in to spend the night and possibly have been careless with a cigarette or drunk. Finding the barn on fire, he fled. Regardless of how it originated, the loss represented the savings of years of a hard working family and no insurance. When people carry heavy insurance, or are too lazy to work, people are not inclined to sympathize in misfortunes, but a case of this kind has aroused the sympathy of the many friends of the family. Some of the neighbors are contributing liberally to help set him back on his feet, but it requires many small contributions to amount even to one-third the loss they have sustained. People in this section who have received far more for their tobacco this year than they ever dreamed of receiving can afford to share with this man who has lost all he had through no fault of his own. It is hoped that the spirit of sympathetic helpfulness will prevail until this family—Mr. and Mrs. Ball and seven children—can see their way to make a living. Mr. Ball was one of a number of people in that section who suffered loss in the windstorm that wrecked homes and destroyed so much property in March, 1935. It now seems too bad for him to have to face another year with so little after having labored and would have been in fine financial circumstances but for this unexpected and mysterious loss.

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ENTERTAINS AT DANCING



NANCY ANNE RAMSEY

Little Miss Nancy Anne Ramsey was taken by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ramsey, and grandfather, Mr. R. R. Ramsey, to Greenville, S. C., Christmas Day where she appeared as a dancing entertainer at a tea dance at the Poinsett hotel. She made quite a hit and was invited back and danced, sang and did other stunts Tuesday of this week. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Vivian Rector. She expects to return to Greenville the 16th of January to dance at the Greenville-Woman's College. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sams and Mr. R. R. Ramsey.

HOW NOT TO ENTERTAIN A YOUNG LADY

LOWER BIG PINE WRITER THROWS OUT A SUGGESTION

A writer from Lower Big Pine under date of Dec. 28 seems to be interested in getting somebody told. Maybe he's right, hence we pass it on as written with some corrections in English:

Lower Big Pine, Dec. 28, 1936.
"On that business of talking forever about other girls," says Girl from Texas.

"There is one personality trait of boys which I dislike more than any other. It is continually speaking of other girls when they have a date with me. If only they knew how boring and absolutely disgusting the habit is, they would try to forget to speak of these others in my presence.

"The trouble with Harry," says Patsy Jane, who is bored to death with the tales of other conquests, "he boasts as to what a way he has with women, how popular he is, and according to him, every dizzy blonde and snappy brunette falls for him like a tree" and he's so unconscious of his fault.

"I am sure it will not be necessary to do more than merely remind you boys and girls that it is bad taste to talk about other girls and boys all during a date. What

Dr. Hutchins to Spend Week Ends At Home



Dr. J. H. Hutchins tells us that he expects to be in his office every Saturday during the session of the General Assembly. He is planning to be here the remainder of this week and through next Tuesday.

MADISON SCHOOLS GOING BACK IN SCHOLASTIC RATING

In the December "State School Facts" issued from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the counties are rated according to the scholastic training of their teachers. In this list Madison ranks 92nd for the school year 1935-36, only eight counties in the state having a poorer rating. Five years ago Madison ranked 86th, proving that we have gone back during this time or that four other counties have made more rapid progress and hence have stepped in ahead of us. Our people ought to know these facts and they with the school officials ought to remedy the conditions when teachers are selected for the coming year. It costs the county no more to have the best prepared teachers to be found than it does to have the poorest trained teachers. College training is not everything. Character, ability to teach and inspire pupils, and community leadership are qualities of the most vital concern, but these qualities can be found in a college graduate as well as in a high school graduate. At this season of the year it is a good time to take stock and lay plans for a better year ahead. Anybody can get a copy of the clip sheet referred to in the first sentence above.

R. L. MOORE
State Hill, N. C.
December 26, 1936.

To Meet In Asheville

The annual meeting of the Asheville Production Credit Association will be held in Asheville at the Courthouse on Tuesday morning, January 26, 1937, at 10 A. M. o'clock, according to an announcement by John A. Hudgins, president of the association, who states that every member of the association is expected to be present this year.

At the annual meeting complete and detailed reports will be made by officers of the association on its operations this year, directors will be elected and plans made for continuing the efficient short-term credit service the association has been offering the farmers of this section.

TO LEAVE FOR RALEIGH



Mr. Baley will leave Marshall next week to be a member of the General Assembly which convenes in Raleigh for a term of 60 days or longer.

AS TO GAMBLING

By WICKES WAMBOLDT

Merchants in Alaska are complaining that persons owing them money are losing it to professional gamblers instead of paying their bills. The foregoing statement of fact offers serious food for thought to every community which is afflicted with professional gambling or which is contemplating afflicting itself with professional gambling, under the belief that it can make itself prosperous by encouraging professional gambling.

In the spring of 1934, while I was in Miami, Florida, this statement was made to me by a man in high position: "As one public official to another, I warn you not to let horse racing, dog racing and other forms of professional gambling get a foothold in your city of Asheville. We in Miami thought those activities would be profitable for us, but we have discovered otherwise." Then he went on to say exactly what the merchants of Alaska are now saying—that the citizenry instead of paying their bills to the merchants were losing it to the gamblers. "And this," he said, "has become a serious problem for our merchants."

The community which attempts to profit through encouraging gambling institutions, is like a man who hopes to profit through selling booze to the rest of the community, but expects to keep the stuff away from his own sons. Usually the thing can't be done. I knew well a man who ran a barroom who

never touched a drop, and who insisted that his sons never touch a drop. He made considerable money, but his boys got to drinking and ran through it. And the last state of that man and his family was worse than the first.

Gambling is evil business—even the professional gamblers know that; if they have any milk of human kindness in their systems, they want to keep their children and their fellow citizens away from it. The Prince of Monaco, in whose province famous—or infamous—Monte Carlo is located, will not allow his subjects to patronize the place. He knows better.

The man who opened the first of the great gambling establishments in Miami, would not permit the local people to patronize the place. He did not mind dry-cleaning the visitors, but he had sympathy for the home folks.

But all that is changed now. That discriminating gambler took in a partner who did not share his views about not shaking down the townsfolk. They quarreled and shot each other to death.

The community willing to profit from gambling, narcotics, booze and prostitution is building on a filthy foundation, and says in effect, "We will do anything for money." And a community which talks that way is a good place for self-respecting folks to get away from—particularly so if they have children to rear.

MARSHALL MAN BADLY WOUNDED

FIVE PERSONS IN JAIL ON CHARGES OF ASSAULT ON C. PRESSLEY

Charles Pressley, 35, of Marshall was critically wounded and five other persons were lodged in the Madison county jail here as a result of a quarrel which, officers said, developed at the supper table at the Pressley home Christmas night. Pressley was treated at his home.

Those jailed were: Crawford Ramsey, of Marshall; Mrs. Crawford Ramsey, John Maynard, of State Line; Robert Lunsford, of Asheville; and Alonzo Franks, of Marshall. All are related and all are charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Charles Pressley.

Pressley suffered cuts on the back of the head, in the back, in the left side, and on the left hand. Twenty-seven stitches were taken in all by the physician in closing the wounds.

Crawford Ramsey suffered a cut on the neck and back of the head. Robert Lunsford was cut across the nose, under the left eye, and on the left hand.

Mollie Ramsey, who also was present, was cut on the hand and leg.

Airplane Makes Landing On Shelton Laurel

CHATTANOOGA BUSINESS MAN RAN OUT OF GAS

Mr. W. K. Lancaster, of Chattanooga, Tenn., due to a shortage of gas, made a landing of his airplane on Shelton Laurel last Saturday about noon. After refueling, he made three unsuccessful attempts to take off but was unable to rise above the surrounding mountains. The landing was made in front of the home of Mr. Jack Rice and near Mr. Banner Chandley's. A number of people gathered around to see the plane and to see the take-off. Expecting everybody to get out of the way of the plane, Mr. Lancaster was surprised to see one man remaining in the path of the plane. He proved to be John Cantrell, who was struck by the plane, suffering two broken ribs. He was treated by Dr. W. A. Sams. The plane was at last brought out by truck to where it could take off.

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Carolina Farm People Need More Good Books

Every farm family in the state should have local access to a good library, in the opinion of Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Speaking last week at the annual conference of the State College extension service, Dr. Graham urged extension workers to do all they can to help establish county-wide libraries.

Already 14 counties have made provisions for bringing good books within reach of farm people, he stated, but the work has just begun.

It is estimated that at the present time 1,900,000 North Carolinians do not have ready access to libraries. Most of these are rural people.

Good books can do a great deal to raise the standard of living in rural North Carolina, Dr. Graham pointed out; one book may influence the entire life of an individual, or the destiny of a nation.

S. S. Rally At Madison Seminary

Rally will be held Jan. 3, at 2:00 p. m. Every Sunday School teacher in the association should be present to hear this discussion on Gospel of John. Prof. Moore to give an outline of Gospel of John. Rev. Joe Parson will give the devotional.

ENTERTAINS IN GREENVILLE, S. C.



MISS TERA KATHERINE DAVIS

Miss Tera Katherine Davis, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert Davis, who has been invited twice recently to entertain in Greenville, S. C. Miss Davis is a tap dancer and went to New York recently to appear on one of Major Bowes' radio programs.

A Fine Idea Well Executed

One of the most effective Christmas celebrations in the vicinity of Marshall was that of a truck load of young people driving up and down the Main street of Marshall Christmas night singing Christmas carols. Sponsored by the Presbyterian minister, the Rev. P. P. Throver, these inspiring carols reached many people who never darken the door of a church or Sunday school.

Spring Creek Man Jailed In Death Case

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 26. (AP)—County Detective John Moffett said Saturday Billy Burnett Woody, 21-year-old farmer of Spring Creek, had admitted driving an automobile which caused the death of Myers E. Hartman, Knoxville lawyer and Luke Woods, negro.

The car ran into the rear end of Hartman's truck early Christmas day. The negro, who was riding in the truck, burned to death in the wreckage. Hartman died from burns Christmas night.

Young Woody was held in the Knox county jail on a charge of manslaughter. His brother, Woodrow, 19, who works at the Enkplant near Asheville, N. C., is in the county hospital and a third occupant of the car, George Martin, 18, also of Spring Creek, is in a Knoxville hospital with leg injuries. County Detective Moffett quoted Woody as saying he was blinded by an approaching car and "then we hit something and that's all I remember until I came to in a field."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Father Time; Oh, slippery Father Time:
Why are you in such a hurry?
You slip so away so fast
You keep my mind in a flurry!

The tomorrows come and go
Before I even know they're here
The months slip off the calendar
And soon make up a year!

Old fellow, why do you run?
If you've started to another class
I'm certain of one thing—
You'll arrive there on time!
—GERALDINE BAKER