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1949 Resolutions

Tomorrow many people will make a series of resolutions ...and with good intentions, and in good faith, plan to follow them out to the letter during 1949.

Many of the resolutions will be personal matters, and of course, all designed for making each better.

In this issue today, Roger W. Babson, in his annual forecast, points out three things which we feel might be well for every citizen to include in their list of resolutions for the new year.

Mr. Babson suggests that everyone get out of debt; put a substantial sum into savings, and for farmers to have a diversified crop program. The latter is already in practice on most Haywood county farms, as farmers in this county are not too dependent upon any single crop.

The suggestions of Mr. Babson sound practical, and have a "down-to-earth" meaning. Just how many people will put these into practice will never be known, but then there are still many practical people left, even if they are rather hard to find at times.

Haywood Came Through

The true Christmas spirit really prevailed in Haywood during the current holiday season. From our observation, more needy families were taken care of than at any other time.

The general response was noteworthy, as all agencies reported that the public "dug deep" in their pockets for contributions.

The sixteen cases which The Mountaineer reported from the Welfare Office were well provided for, as were the hundred or more children clothed by the Lions Club, and the several hundred remembered by the Salvation Army, and the many children at the Woman's Club Christmas tree on the 24th. Similar charitable programs were carried out in Canton and Clyde.

All in all, Haywood responded, and responded well to the call, which is typical of the manner in which this county goes about calls which are worthwhile.

Could Have Heard Them Cheer

We are sorry that Governor Cherry was not on top of Mt. Guyot last week when he announced the $450,000 allotment for the Pigeon River road to Tennessee. We are sure that he could have heard the cheer that went up from Haywood county on this side of the state line, and from Cocke county from the other side.

The Mountaineer does not remember a single piece of news in recent years, except the "cease firing order" of the war, that has brought as much favorable comment in this area. Men and women in all walks of life have termed the action of Governor Cherry as "The greatest thing to happen to our section in a long, long time."

Duncan McDougald, of Brevard, wired this newspaper: "This is the greatest piece of news that could happen to North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, as it connects from Canada to Key West overseas highway through beautiful Haywood county and Waynesville. Thank Governor Cherry and Commissioner Noland for this wonder work."

That is indicative of the enthusiasm with which the news has been received.

Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee will be linked together by this important highway, and commerce of both areas, and all the peoples in between, will benefit in many ways when the highway is opened.

The central, and lower parts of Haywood will be opened up, and thousands of dollars of valuable land can be added to the tax books as the highway enables people to move in and cultivate the area which is now isolated.

The highway will open up some scenic areas which are now unknown except to a few who have braved the wilderness to stand spellbound at the numerous cliffs, and gorges.

Farmers can get into Tennessee with produce and sell on markets there when their crops are over. The canneries in that area will afford another outlet for a greater produce and fruit crop on this side of the mountain. Today, Tennessee markets are almost out of the question because of the hard climb over New Found Gap, or the long out-of-the-way route via Asheville to get to the markets in the Volunteer state.

This newspaper wants to go on record right now as favoring a suitable marker be placed on this highway to Governor Cherry, and also Governor Kerr Scott, as we trust the latter will see to it that this all-important farm-to-market road is completed during his administration.

And repeating the sentiments of the people of both Carolina and Tennessee, we say, "it is truly great news, and Governor Cherry shall always be remembered for his forethought of allocating this fund for such an important highway, which will mean the fuller development of this entire area."

The Solemnity Of Christmas

The Christmas of 1948 carried with it more the real meaning of Christmas than any of recent years. There seemed to be a dignity, a solemnity, about the season that reached into the hearts of all.

No one seemed to be able to explain why this was the case, nor did they try. The overhanging clouds of war discord may have had its effect; or the realization of how blessed we were in this world's riches may have penetrated our consciousness.

In no way was the happiness and pleasures of the holiday season lessened but always underneath was the current of reverence and impressiveness. Perhaps that was the reason it was one of the very best we have ever known.

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

W. D. Smith is named county agent for the next 18 months.

Old court house clock is erected at fire station and is again tolling time to the community.

Floyd Rippetoe, Jr., and Lachlan Hyatt narrowly escape injury when their Ford roadster plunges off embankment near Enka.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin McInnes are hosts of delightful Christmas party.

10 YEARS AGO

Roger Babson predicts business in the new year will be probably better than any year since 1929.

Slight damage is done to Chamber of Commerce office when fire breaks out in discarded flue.

Bolling Hall of New Orleans is spending a few days in town.

New Year's football games hold nation's interest in sports. Duke has good chance to win from California in Rose Bowl.

5 YEARS AGO

Business of community will not take a vacation from work on New Year's Day, Post office will close.

Waynesville schools open after three-day delay due to sickness and weather condition.

Miss Martha Wyche gives buffet supper in honor of Mrs. Hugh Palmer, a recent bride.

Mrs. Aaron Prevost spends week end in Washington, D. C. with her husband who is stationed there with the U. S. Navy.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Do you expect to make any New Year's Resolutions?

Mrs. E. C. Wagenfeld: "Yes. We are starting a New Year and it's a good idea to make resolutions if we try to abide by them."

Mrs. M. G. Stamey: "No. I don't try to make them. I try to do the best I can every day and New Year's is just another day."

Mrs. Jeff Reeves: "No. Because I know I'd break them."

Mrs. H. W. Burnette: "I know there is no use to make them because I would surely break them."

Rev. M. R. Williamson: "I usually do and I think I'll make one or two this year."

J. B. Siler: "If I did I would break them, so I won't make any."

Mrs. T. N. Howell: "No. They are so very seldom kept. I don't see any point in making them."

Letters To The Editor

MORE ABOUT YAMS

Editor The Mountaineer:

Mr. Frank Jeter, our Agricultural Editor, has referred to me what appears to be an editorial which appeared in your issue of November 9, 1948. You may recall that the title was "In Defense of Yams".

When the "Yam" Festival held at Tabor City was announced in the press, I received a call from the Associated Press asking me whether or not there was a difference between the "yam" and the sweet potato. I explained to the A.P. representative that there was a difference and gave him the information he requested. So far as I am concerned, the question I answered was purely academic. There is quite a difference between the yam and the sweet potato as you outlined in your editorial. However, the sweet potato has long been called the yam and can continue to be so far as I am concerned. This is also a common term used in connection with the sweet potato in Louisiana and other sections of the South. The fact remains, however, that they are in no way related.

While your people do not grow the Muscadine grape in western Carolina, you may be interested in another common error. Most people in eastern North Carolina refer to all Muscadine grapes as "Scuppernongs". The Scuppernong is the most popular variety of the Muscadine family and, for this reason, all grapes of this type have been called Scuppernong. The fact that James, Thomas, Mish, Flowers, Burgaw, Wallace, and others are all varieties of the Muscadine family just as the Scuppernong is a variety of this large family is fre-

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Because of his physical handicap, Johnny cannot go to school like his playmates. But the chances are that in many places the school may be brought to Johnny and others like him.

Many states already have directors and supervisors of education for the physically handicapped, and many state laws have been passed in recent years providing for the education of these children wherever they may be—in homes, hospitals, convalescent homes or special schools.

A recent survey by the U. S. Office of Education indicated that home instruction was being provided to some of the children in each of 34 states, although in some states only a few children are enrolled. At the time the statistics were collected approximately 10,400 children were reported to be receiving this service.

Dr. Romaine P. Mackie, specialist in education of the physically handicapped at the Office of Education, believes that these figures fall far short of the actual number receiving home instruction. She also says that the service is not available to many "hundreds, perhaps thousands, of other children who will remain in their homes, illiterate and deprived of all other advantages that schools offer boys and girls."

Among the home-bound youngsters who are unable to go to school, it seems the leading causes of disability are rheumatic fever, orthopedic conditions such as infantile paralysis, and chronic medical conditions.

Wherever school systems have a division of special education, the home teacher is usually attached to that staff. She goes from home to home instructing children and wherever possible tries to make them feel that they are a part of the regular school system. Dr. Mackie told me one of the chief values of the home instruction program is a social one. While the child is recovering from illness it is comforting to him to know that he is progressing along with children his own age.

The program also provides the child with something constructive to think about. Thus, according to many doctors, it actually furthers his physical recovery. The home teacher is in a strategic position to help both the child and the parents to develop and maintain good attitudes toward his handicap.

"Certainly the child who already has a handicap should not be deprived of his opportunity for schooling," Dr. Mackie says. Interested communities may secure information on the subject of home schooling by writing to the U. S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C.

MODERN HITCH POST

GOSHEN, Ind. (U.P.) — Truck gardener Noah Frauhigher doesn't believe in letting modern contraptions change his way of living. When Frauhigher comes to town these days, he drops a nickel in one of Goshen's new parking meters and hitches his mules to it.

PEARLS OF GREAT PRICE

MIRROR OF YOUR MIND

By LAWRENCE GOULD, Consulting Psychologist

Will frustration end when you get married?

Answer: No. If it did, there would probably be no divorces. Marriage does not even mean the end of sexual frustration except for mature and well-adjusted people. For the mating impulse is as much a matter of emotion as of "physical desire" and if your emotions are disturbed by inner conflicts, physical release alone won't satisfy them. To escape frustration, you not only must find the right wife or husband; you must yourself have outgrown your childish fears and inhibitions enough to be able to enjoy your marriage.

Is admitting ignorance a sign of weakness?

Answer: Quite the contrary, says William M. Cruikshank in the Journal of Clinical Psychology. In a test of normal and "retarded" children, the former were willing to admit they did not know the answers to test questions, while the latter group were afraid to confess their ignorance and gave answers that were superficial when they were not nonsense. For the dull child is both less self-critical and more eager to keep his self-esteem. The man on the street is right—if you claim to know all the answers, you are probably a "phoney".

Are most lazy people mentally or physically ill?

Answer: A physical illness may be due to an unconscious effort to get out of having to work, and a person who is not ill physically may pretend to be for the same reason. But a person whose normal desire to get more and more out of life is not strong enough to drive him to work for it probably has some sort of emotional disturbance. He may have a morbid, and perhaps unconscious fear of being cheated out of what he works for, or he may be childishly unwilling to give up the thrill of feeling that someone loves him enough to support him.

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Rambling 'Round

—Bits Of Human Interest News Picked Up By Members Of The Mountaineer Staff—

Get your broom. Let's sweep up the tinsel, wrappings and dead needles off the Christmas tree. Pack away those Christmas presents that you want to keep for a little while before using, and get yourself adjusted to the New Year that lies just ahead. It was a wonderful day, wasn't it, but we bet you sighed a deep sigh of relief when you could sit down and say "That's the last package".

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Well, let's see. There are just . . . plenty of time for shopping before Christmas.

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We saw something mighty sweet during the holidays. A young man who had been in service for four years returned home to spend his first Christmas. He found the house overflowing with guests so he came to the hotel and reserved a room. About nine, back he came with two adorable youngsters . . . his brother and sister. More company at home than he came to see. Either single or married, the last year are of those things that bring back to us the true meaning of Christmas.

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All the broken resolutions we made to end would fill the entire space between this and Christmas.

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We believe that time changes only shall mean [illegible] and social [illegible] seems to mean. If it is [illegible] tradition and for a [illegible] way, despite the [illegible] we are somewhat like the [illegible] are seven a qua [illegible] Depression [illegible] meal.

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Mr. and Mrs. Newton Ferguson announce the birth of a HAPPY NEW YEAR January the first. Waynesville.

Capital Letters

ALL RIGHT NOW—During the gubernatorial campaign last spring, the followers of Kerr Scott poohpoohed candidate Charles M. Johnson's plan for a $100,000 bond issue for the building and improving of North Carolina's roads "while the state continues to pile up a huge surplus."

Now Kerr Scott says we may need an increase in the gas tax of from three to five cents per gallon. He also points out that it will likely be necessary to vote a bond issue of $200,000.

Late in the campaign Charles Johnson discussed the possibility of increasing the number of men on the State Highway and Public Works Commission to 20 men. The Scott supporters yelled at this, saying it was just an attempt to provide more political jobs.

Last week Scott discussed the possibility of raising the number of men on the highway commission to 30.

Around and around the mulberry bush so early in the morning. Also, it made the children laugh and play to see a lamb at school.

STAFF—It now looks as if the main staff of the House in the Legislature will be about the same this time as in 1947. Of course, Kerr Craig Romoney will be [illegible] er. In the Senate there will be many new faces, although [illegible] who handle the machinery—the exception of the man [illegible] side, Pat Taylor [illegible] officer is convinced to keep the good men and true in [illegible] keel. He can't do better [illegible] respect, however, that L. Y. Ballentine and W. P. Horton.

The State Senate as a [illegible] relatively easy [illegible] On the other side, [illegible] storms are [illegible] quently shook.

If you plan to visit the [illegible] lature you will have more [illegible] the House side but it is [illegible] that the representatives more accurately portray the wishes [illegible] people than the Senators.

IN CONTROL—This time, State Senate is likely to use [illegible] of its potential powers than [illegible] been forced to in recent years. [illegible] strength of the Senate is [illegible] In fact, a half-dozen influential men in that body can play a more important role in shaping State's destiny and policies during the next four years than [illegible] governor.

You frequently hear talk [illegible] days of the double [illegible]

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Inside WASHINGTON
MARCH OF EVENTS

Plane Makers Suffering Old Reconversion Pains | **Fireworks Over Nominee Senate Labor Chairman**

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The aircraft industry has just completed a secret survey which reveals that reconversion to an emergency or semi-war basis is encountering difficulties.

Companies which build warplanes were queried as to progress in meeting the government's request that they reverse the reconversion field again and get ready to build fighting craft on 24 hours notice.

Replies were almost unanimous. The companies are having difficulty in getting materials, labor and talented design engineers.

Senator Elbert Thomas

They say subcontractors are loath to abandon lucrative peacetime affairs to start doing business again with the government, where profits are limited.

The huge wartime labor force has dispersed into civilian industry and likes the big pay. Engineers, ditto.

Added to this is the fact that the complexities of aircraft developed in the last decade make the lightning-fast warplanes of today 10 times as difficult to design and produce as World War II types.

The industry, on a "bicycle shop" basis in 1945, was suddenly called upon to become a 40 billion dollar proposition. Then, on V-J day, came the inevitable, almost-complete liquidation. Now, less than three years later, the plane builders are faced with the old problems all over again.

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● **SENATE LABOR CHAIRMAN**—A fight is shaping up for the Senate labor committee chairmanship in the new Congress.

It probably will go to Utah's veteran Elbert Thomas. However, there may be some fireworks first. Some labor unionists already are exerting pressure to get the chairmanship for Senator James E. Murray (D), Montana, who is regarded as a bit further "left" than Thomas on labor issues.

Murray advocates hinge their claim on the fact that Murray was the former labor chairman. That was because a situation arose in which Thomas could be either labor or military affairs chairman and chose the latter.

However, no such situation exists at present, and Thomas has seniority on the labor committee.

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● **ROUGH RIDING FOR AIR FORCE**—Air power advocates are preparing a defense against likely cuts in the size of the Air Force during the 81st Congress. While it is popularly assumed that the United States has a 70-group force, actually it has but 55.

Two or more of these may have to go if the 81st Congress stays within President Truman's projected 15 billion dollar ceiling on the national defense budget.

The 80th Congress gathered wide publicity by its 70-group Air Force bill. However, it actually appropriated funds only for the first year of a long range program to that end. But Mr Truman and Defense Secretary James Forrestal—realists on the subject of airpower—fear that overemphasis on Air might get the armed services out of balance.

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● **JACKSON GHOST**—President Truman stirred recollections of his favorite historical hero, Andrew Jackson, by moving across the street into Blair House for the [illegible] year or more it will take to renovate the White House.

The house is named for Francis P. Blair, whom President Jackson brought from Kentucky in 1831 to be editor of the administration newspaper, *The Globe*.

It was at Blair House that Jackson was reputed to have made the statement that he had three regrets concerning his administration: that he had been unable to "shoot Clay, hang Calhoun and annex Texas."

Blair House Memories Of Jackson