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Father Time, New Year Babe Linked To Greek Mythology

[illegible] December [illegible] and, in cartoonists' [illegible] of a haggard old man and the appearance of a chubby infant wearing a diaper marked 1963. The personifications of the New Year Babe and Father Time, traditionally armed with a scythe and an hourglass, are as familiar as those of Santa Claus. Yet these fitting symbols for the end of one cycle and the birth of another have roots in Greek mythology.

[illegible] survives as a [illegible] Greek god Cronus, [illegible] the universe, the National Geographic Society says. Cronus's face was creased with the lines of innumerable years, and he carried a long, curving blade.

Savage Appetite

Like many of mythology's earthy gods, Cronus was not altogether without defects of character. Having been warned that one of his children would depose him, Cronus coped with the problem by swallowing each at birth. His wife Rhea naturally wished to discourage the practice. She hid their son Zeus after his birth, and presented Cronus with a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The trick worked. Zeus lived to dethrone his father, settle on Mount Olympus, and rule as chief god of the Greek pantheon.

Later, Cronus's name was confused with the word chronos, meaning "time." But the hourglass has found a permanent place in the hand of the white-haired gentleman with the scythe.

Ancient Romans identified Saturn, their god of agriculture, with Cronus. Like his Greek counterpart, Saturn carried a scythe.

Rome celebrated Saturnalia, a solstice ceremony of the year's turning, from December 17 to 23. In many ways, the festival resembled present-day New Year celebrations. All work stopped: Schools closed, courts handed down no sentences, revelers gamboled in masquerade, and gifts of waxen fruits, candles, and dolls were exchanged.

Even today, exchange of presents lingers as a New Year custom. The Roman word for good-luck gifts - strenae - survives in four d'etrennes, France's popular expression for New Year's Day.

Symbol of Rebirth

The New Year Babe may be as old as Father Time. An infant was paraded as a symbol of rebirth in pagan Greece's festival of the nature god Dionysus. The image of a baby also was featured in Greece's Eleusinian Mysteries, the important religious rites that signified the annual decay and renewal of vegetation.

In more recent times, farmers of West Prussia staged the symbolic birth of a child in harvest fields. A German folk song of the 14th century depicts the New Year Babe in its present form.

The widespread recognition of January 1 as the start of the new year is a purely arbitrary custom stemming from ancient Rome. It was the time when consuls and other officials took office. Thus Julius Ceasar designated that date as the first day of the Roman year when he adopted the Julian calendar.

"A Woman's Corner"

By Ruth Turnage
Home Service Representative
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If you have trouble getting started on these cold winter mornings, chances are you are not eating the right kind of breakfast. Or perhaps you are substituting a coffee break for a good breakfast.

Compare your body to a machine. It won't operate at peak efficiency without adequate amounts of the right fuel. A recent study by nutritionists revealed that workers did significantly more work when they ate an adequate breakfast.

Why not add another New Year's resolution to your list now - 'Better breakfast for my family in '63." Send your family off in the best possible condition to start their new day.

Just what makes up a good breakfast to get you and the family going? It should contain: citrus fruit or juice, meat and or egg, cereal and milk and or toast and milk.

Citrus fruit or juice is a source of vitamin C which is needed for healthy gums and for building resistance to infection. High quality protein is found in meat and is the first essential to building strong, healthy and vigorous bodies.

Here's a motto that is well worth keeping in mind in cool weather and the whole year through - "Better Breakfasts Build Better Bodies."

CORN MEAL WAFFLES make a delightful breakfast treat. Here's the recipe: 1 cup enriched self-rising flour (sifted), 1 cup enriched selfrising corn meal, 2 T. sugar, 2 eggs, separated, ½ cup melted shortening or oil, 1 to 1½ cups milk.

METHOD:

(1) Combine flour, corn meal and sugar.
(2) Beat egg yolks slightly. Blend egg yolks, melted shortening or oil
(4) Fold stiffy beaten egg whites and 1 cup of milk.
(3) Add liquids to dry ingredients and mix lightly. Add aditional milk if heeed to form thin batter. into batter.
(5) Bake in hot waffle iron
(6) Makes 4 to 5 servings.

Changes In Your Social Security

Many workers who are of retirement age are still working full time at regular employment. It is believed that a great number of these workers have not applied for their Social Security benefits because they are still working. If you are one of these workers, you should contact your Social Security Office at your earliest convenience. It may be possible for you to work and still receive benefits for some months of the year. This will depend on the amount of your benefit and the amount of yearly earnings.

There are several reasons why a person of retirement age should contact his Social Security Office even though he is still working:

(1) A man or woman may, in some cases, continue to work full time and still be entitled to some benefits for the year.

(2) A person can establish entitlement to benefits while he is still working, and his claim can be completely processed before he retires. This can be done even though his earnings, at present, prevent him from receiving benefits. This eliminates delay in receiving benefits at the time he finally does retire.

There is often a delay in payment when people do not have the necessary proofs and other required information available when they file their application. If an application is filed in advance of actual retirement, a person will have ample time to secure the necessary proofs for completion of his claim. This would eliminate the last rush to secure the needed information which might delay your benefit check.

The Social Security Administration is unable to take any action toward preparing a person for retirement until he has filed an application, you should contact your Social Security District Office immediately. The office serving Duplin County is located at 311 E. Walnut Street in Goldsboro. For those unable to come to Golsboro, Field Representative Ed Deese will be at the Courthouse in Kenansville each Tuesday (except holidays) at 10:00 a. m. Mr. Deese, as well as the employees of the District Office, are always at your service to help you with your Social Security problems.

Vets Eligible Dental Treatment

Peacetime veterans are eligible for dental treatment under certain conditions, according to J. D. DeRamus, Manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Under a law effective August 14, 1962, peacetime veterans with service-connected by authorized any dental treatment found to be reasonably necessary for a onetime correction of the condition, provided they apply within one year after their separation from active duty.

Mr. DeRamus pointed out, however, that if the service-connected dental condition was the result of an accidental injury incurred in the line of duty, the veteran is not required to apply for dental treatment within one year from the date he was discharged from the service, and treatment for such conditions is not limited to a one-time correction..

Applications filed prior to August 14, 1962, are not valid for this treatment, Mr. DeRamus emphasized, and new applications must be submitted.

Veterans who believe they are eligible for dental treatment under the new law should contact their nearest VA regional office for assistance in applying for treatment.

Tobacco Farmers Hope To Regain 1962 Losses With 1963 Crop

Tobacco farmers hope to regain in 1963 some of the ground lost with the 1962 crop.

Next year's flue-cured and burley crop support prices should increase by about one per cent because of changes in parity prices, according to J. G. Allgood, extension farm management specialist at North Carolina State College.

A five per cent decrease in acreage has been announced for 1963.

Prices received by growers for their 1962 crop average about four cents per pound less than in the previous year. Contributing to these lower prices was a lower quality and a larger portion of united tobacco marketed.

'Government support levels for united tobacco are six cents per pound less than for tied tobacco," Allgood reminded.

Flue-cured yields were up in 1962. Acreage allotments increased 4.3 per cent and the acreage harvested in creased 33,100 over 1961, Allgood pointed out.

Production in 1962 was 81 million pounds more than 1961 and the largest crop since 1956.

The 1962-63 total supply, carry-over plus the 1962 crop, is slightly above the 1961-62 level and 2.67 times prospective disappearance.

Burley production was expected to be increased by six per cent in 1962. The total supply is about 2½ per cent more than the previous year. Acreage was up about six per cent.

Domestic use of flue-cured in 1961-62 dropped about 10 million pounds. Exports for the same period increased by 10 million pounds over the previous year.

Domestic use of burley increased nearly three per cent and exports by about 10 per cent above 1960-61.

"Domestic use of both flue-cured and burley is expected to increase two to three per cent in 1962-63 as a result of the increase in cigarette consumption," said Allgood.

"Exports in 1962-63 are expected to remain at the 1961-662 level.

But there may be a slight decrease within the next few years because of trade barriers," he added.

"Prices are expected to remain steady to slightly higher depending upon the export situation in the next three to five years."

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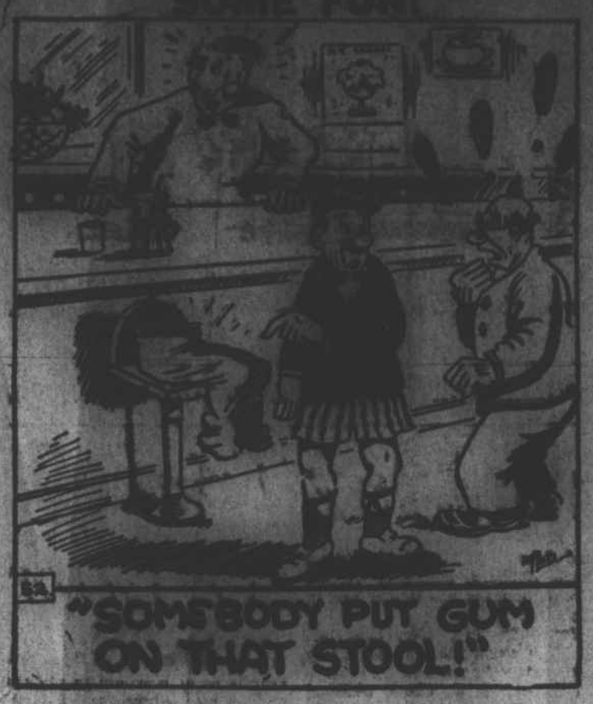

"SOMEBODY PUT GUM ON THAT STOOL!"

School And Your Child

By John Carey Education Department
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Classics For College-Bound

Age 13 is the reading jag year for many youngsters. Their hunger for print is so intent that they actually ask for suggestions. And they devour practically everything - even classics.

When such enthusiasms prevails, parents should be ready with good advice. They need to be able to pass on to their teenagers more titles than few favorites of their own, which may overly reflect parental taste.

It is fine for mother and father to let their children know what they like. But it's also wise to encourage them to sample classics on all subjects.

A good guide of 60 "outstanding books for college-bound" students has been given to me by Mrs. Fred Gragg, head of the English department of the laboratory high school on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C.

The list, compiled by the Book Selection Committee of the American Library Association and published in the NEA JOURNAL, includes books that satisfy nearly every interest.

Each book can be considered a classic- that is one which has stood the test of time for having something worthwhile to offer.

Here are some of the titles. And they're good reading not just for the "college-bound" but any intelligent person.

Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen.
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte.
Withering Heights, Emily Bronte.
The Good Earth, Pearl Buck.
The Way of All Flesh, Samuel Butler.
My Antonia, Wila Cather.
Adventures of Don Quixote, de la Mancha, Miguel de Cervantes.
Lord Jim, Joseph Conrad.
The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane.
David Copperfield, Charles Dickens.
Crime and Punishment, Fyodor Dotsoevski.
An American Tragedy, Theodore Dreiser.
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas.
The Mill on the Floss, George Eliot.
The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne.
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway.
Green Mansions, William H. Hudson
Les Miserables, Victor Hugo.
Kim, Rudyard Kipling.
Arrowsmith, Sinclair Lewis.
Of Human Bondage, W. Somerset Maugham.
Moby Dick, Herman Melville.
Complete Tales and Poems, Edgar Allan Poe.
The Yearling, Marjorie Rawlings.
All Quite on the Western Front, Enrich Maria Remarque
Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott.
Quo Vadis, Henryk Sienkiewicz.
Kidnapped, Robert Louis Stevenson
Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain.
Vanity Fair, William Thackeray,
Ethan Frome, Edith Wharton.
Bridge of San Luis Rey, Thornton Wilder.

Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch SAYS

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

On account of the fine education I got down through the years from reading handouts from all them Federal agencies, I ain't never had much need fer a dictionery. Onct in a great while I might make a miscue in my spelling, but them occasions is so rare that it don't bother me none.

And it's fer the same reason that I ain't never invested in a Encyclepediair. Any feller that studies real good all the information they put in the pamphlets from the Department of Agriculture, the Guvernment Printing Office, the U. S. Information Agency, to name a few I git regular, knows about all they is to know about anything important.

Fer instant, I received notice last week that the U. S. Information Agency has got four new booklets ready fer the taxpayers. They is intitled, 'Space Exploration,' 'Trade Explosion,' 'Mending Men's Suits,' and "Growing Ornamental Bamboo." If a feller will git his name on the proper Guvernment mailing lists, they ain't no need, Mister Editor, fer him to buy a Encyclepediar.

But it looks like I'm going to have to go over to Ed Doolittle's and look up a matter in his dictionery. Ever time I pick up the paper I see where a Guvernment "research agency" is needing more money. I figgered 'research' meant looking fer somepun, but nobody could spend that much money just looking fer somepun. I got to see if "research" ain't got more meanings.

I got to admit that a heap of this research is good. Fer instant, I was reading where a research agency discovered that empty pecan, walnut and almond shells was fine fer blasting out jet engines. They bought $30,000 worth of them shells, tried 'em out at the Mobile Air Force Base and they worked better'n anything ever tried fer cleaning jet engines. They might be some question amongst the taxpayers about $30,000 being a little high fer empty shells, but such matters is never a question with the research agencies.

But Senator Humphrey claims these research boys waste a lot of money just setting around thinking. If they figger it would be better fer a lightning bug to have headlights instead of taillights, they draw up a heap of charts and file 'em away fer future "research." Senator Humphrey says about 6 million of these charts is being filed in the Defense Department ever year, that they already got 50 million of these drawings and charts filed, and that it now takes longer fer the research department to look up and see if a certain chart has already been filed than it would to file it again. He says this looking up business is costing $200 million a year. I think, Mister Editor, I better look up this word "research."

Yours truly,
Uncle Pete

What Questions Vets Are Asking

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q-Is there a new law changing the disability rating for peacetime veterans to qualify for vocational rehabilitation?

A-One difference between the original vocational rehabilitation law and the new law is that a peacetime veteran with a disability rated less than 30 percent must have "a pronounced employment handicap" in order to qualify for vocational rehabilitation.

Q-When can I expect the regular and special dividend on my GI insurance?

A-The regular and special dividend checks will be mailed in January. VA officials expect that 75 percent of all dividend checks will be in the mail by mid-January.

Q-I understand income questionnaire forms will be mailed out earlier this year to veterans and dependents of deceased veterans receiving pensions. Does this mean they have to be returned earlier?

A-The forms should be returned to the address in the upper right hand corner as soon as possible. However, the deadline remains January 31, 1963.

The Wayside Pulpit

By E. Paul Hovey

Then Shall Prosper Thee A Way.
Deut. 28:13

This is time for beginning again. Start your improvement at home. That is the staging ground where we learn to work and play and fight.

Give your boy a bonus and do [illegible] that you will not continue to

Gumperson's Law

...(Editor's Note: "Gumperson's Law," a bit of philosophy to brighten the holidays and help you prepare for the New Year, is taken from the 1963 edition of the Engagement Book, published in November by Changing Times Magazine.)

January is a good time to think about the law of perverse opposites — or, as it is known to most laymen, Gumperson's law. It will refresh your understanding of the universe and steel you for the year ahead, a year that is not going to be any better than the last one, as you know perfectly well. Why not? Gumperson's law is still unrepealed.

For those of you who are unaware, Gumperson's law neatly explains a number of irritating events that might otherwise be put down to mere chance. It is Gumperson's law, for example, that causes blue grass to grow in the cracks of concrete sidewalks but not on your lawn.

It accounts, too, for the fact that you can throw a burnt match out the window of your car and start a forest fire while you can use two boxes of matches and a white edition of the Sunday paper without being able to start a fire under the dry logs in your fireplace.

The law, stated simply, is that the contradictory of a welcome probability will assert itself whenever such an eventuality is likely to be most frustrating. Readers familiar with these matters will perhaps recognize another version of the law: The outcome of a given desired probability will be inverse to the degree of desirability.

A brief elucidation of the law, with details on its origin and development, is presented herewith for the benefit of the lay reader.

Dr. R. F. Gumperson, internationally famous diviest, began serious work in 1938 on a phenomenon long known to scientists but up until then considered as a mere curiosity. This was the fact that the forecasting record of the weather bureau, despite its use of the most advanced equipment and highly trained personnel, was not as good as that of The Old Farmer's Almanac. After four year of research, Dr. Gumperson enunciated his now famous law and was able to make a series of pr[illegible] later confirmed by other scientific workers in the field. Some of the better known of these include the following:

That after a raise in salary you will have less money at the end of each month than you had before.

— That the girl at the race track who bets according to the color of the jockey's shirt will pick more winners than the man who has studied the past performance of every horse on the program.

— That children have more energy after a hard day of play than they do after a good night's sleep.

— That the person who buys the most raffle tickets has the least chance of winning.

— That a child can be exposed to the mumps for weeks without catching them but can catch them without exposure the day before the family goes on vacation.

— That the dishwasher will break down the evening you give a dinner party for ten people.

— That good parking places [illegible]

BIBLE FACTS OF INTEREST

BY: Ella Y. Pridge

New Year of 1963

Knowing that the life we build in the coming year will be a 'New temple: nobler than the last", we who are living a life to close to it to measure our own growth. We cannot, like the growing child, put a pencil mark on the door post to show how much we have grown in a year. Yet, we find a kind of measuring stick in Paul's definition of love, against which we may place our life and at least gain some idea of how our growth progresses.

1 Corinthians, chapter 13 (read it often during the year of 1963): "Love is patient and kind."

Love is not jealous or boastful. Love is not arrogant or rude; love does not insist on its own way; love is not irritable or resentful; love does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things, believeth all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For now, we see in a mirror dimly but then face to face, now I know in part; then I shall understand fully.

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love

(Revised Version)

Changes In Your Social Security

By: Ed Deese, Field Representative
Duplin County

The fourth calendar quarter of 1962 is drawing to a close. The Social Security District Office suggests that now is a good time for employers to think about their quarterly tax returns which they will have to file with the Internal Revenue Service by January 31, 1963. Employers should make sure that their records contain the correct social security number and name of each employee.

People often wonder and ask how the Social Security Administration can keep all of the millions of individual earnings accounts straight. We count on the men, women and machines in our Accounting Division in Baltimore, but we know that we cannot keep accurate records without the cooperation of employers and employees. We know that every employer wants to send in complete and correct quarterly returns, but there is sometimes misunderstanding about what constitutes complete and correct quarterly tax returns.

First of all the employer must have complete and accurate records. It is important for the employer to see the social security card of each worker that he hires. He should record the employee's social security number and name exactly as they are shown on the card. He should keep accurate records of the wages paid to each employee. After the end of each calendar quarter, the employer should file a complete and correct quarterly tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. This return, in order to be complete and correct, must show each employee's social security number, name, and the amount of wages paid during the quarter. If either the social security number, name or amount of wages is omitted, the employee fails to get proper credit for the earnings and may lose valuable social security benefits.

Employees have responsibilities also and should make sure that they help by presenting their social security card to each employer that they work for. It is not enough that one employer or a former employer have their correct social security number. Many workers try to remember their social security number or write it down on another card or piece of paper. Our memories often play tricks on us and anyone can make an error in writing down a number. These errors may result in the employer's incorrect or incomplete tax [illegible] and the employee involved thereby fail to get proper credit for earnings and lose valuable benefit payments.

The Social Security Office's business to help both employers and employees. If there is anything either does not understand or information that they need, they should ask about it. This can be done by telephone, letter, or calling at the District Office. The telephone number is 734-1291, and the District Office is located at 311 E. Walnut Street in Goldsboro.

Bible Materials: Mark 1:1-13.
Devotional Reading: 1 Timothy 4:9-10, 14-16.

Ready, When?

Lesson for January 6, 1963

THE same man or woman will be admired by different people for different reasons. Our Lord was no exception. What is it in Jesus that draws, as he said, "all men" to himself? It is now as it was then. Not every one would say the same. The four Gospels are not alike, and one reason they are not alike is that the four evangelists (writers of the gospels) found different aspects of Jesus' life and thought challenging and compelling. Mark, from whose short book these Bible studies for the next three months are to be taken, was drawn to Jesus on account of what he did rather than what he said. Jesus is here introduced to us as the mighty Son of God, who demonstrated his right to be Master of men by his acts of power. Jesus had a meek and gentle side; but there is not much in Mark about a meek and gentle Jesus; rather about the kind of character that would appeal to the Romans among whom the book first circulated, Jesus the Mighty One.

Not by Bigness, Not by Books

When is a man ready to go out and begin his life's work? Many young people begin too soon. They drop out of high school and get married, they are burdened with the cares of a job (or trying to find one) and a family at a time when they should still be preparing for such responsibilities. Others keep on "preparing" because they are actually afraid to go out and get into the swing and the fight of living. A person is not necessarily ready when he has read a certain number of books, a book, many books, can help tandily in preparing those who read them for active participation, but a young man may have [illegible] more than many books [illegible]

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