

SCHOOL NEWS

By The Mountaineer Staff

Resolutions Are Just Made To Break

"What's your most important New Year's resolution?" asked the roving reporter, as he approached the students roaming around school.

Pat Goforth says, "Why make 'em?" I'll just break 'em."

Margaret Lewis is going to sit up and pay attention in history class.

Ken Roberts resolves to pay more attention, not to history, but to girls.

Pat Freeman plans to wear "no smear" lipstick, and she wants to forget the boys if possible.

Gail Allen is going to quit playing penny poker.

Maxine Miller is "gonna quit fudging fags" while Clyde Morrow quits giving them to the bums.

Jane Ormand's hope is to get an "A" on conduct.

Ollie Harris says that he's not going to shoot any more firecrackers at ball games.

Janice Allen had N. C. (no comment)

Betty Connor Williams resolves never to marry again, and she's going to treat her husband better.

Patty Patton said that she and Etha Hawkins are going to quit breaking hearts. (huh!)

Judy Yarbrow promises to stop chewing tobacco.

Lols Ann Spake is never going to slip into another Drive-In.

Pat McDaniel says that she will tell no more jokes to Edna Biddy, and Edna promises not to listen even if Pat does tell them.

Bud Rhea will be home by three o'clock each morning.

Betty Joyce Smith has made up her mind not to be an old maid.

Edna Champion won't talk hateful to Mrs. Page anymore.

Franklin Platt plans to just sit back and watch the figures?

Mary Alice McDaniel will have her homework done before first period.

Joyce Dixon says that she is going to quit telling jokes during class.

Barbara Hill is going to church more often.

Jack Owens claims that firecrackers are too expensive and not worth their trouble. So he's resolved to stop shooting them.

Shirley McIntosh promises to study algebra harder.

Jo Ann Hill wants to settle down to one boy.

Sam McCarter resolves never to be another Democrat.

Rannie Arnette is going to remember to throw all beer cans and all lipsticked cigarettes out of his car before taking it home.

Gene Patterson plans to stop borrowing money and find a job.

Don Falls wants to pay his back debts.

Louise Gladden resolves to try her best to refrain from giggling in Miss Logan's Sixth Period English class.

Mary Owens is going to kick a certain boy where it will do the most good — if he doesn't quit making wisecracks about her.

Richard George plans to retire in '53.

James Abernathy is going to quit playing pool and stay home at night and do his homework.

Norma Panther wants to pull her shorthand grades up so that she won't be afraid to go home.

Douglas Davis takes life just as it comes.

Shirley Greene is going to have more fun on the school bus.

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Jest 'Fore Christmas

Eugene Field

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will, Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call be Bill!

Mighty glad I ain't a girl — ruther be a boy,

Without them sashes, curls, an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy!

Love to chawnk green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake —

Hate to take the castor-ale they give for belly-ache!

'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me,

But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yellor dog named Sport, sic him on the cat;

First thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at!

Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide,

'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!

But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross,

He reaches at us with his whip, an' larrups up his hoss,

An' then I laff an' holler, "Oh, ye never teched me!"

But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Gran'ma says she hopes that when I git to be a man,

I'll be a missioner like her oldest brother, Dan,

As was et up by the cannibals that live in Ceylon's Isle,

Where every prospect pleases, an' only man is vile!

But gran'ma she has never been to see a Wild West show,

Nor read the life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know

That Buff'lo Bill an' cowboys is good enough for me!

Except jest 'fore Christmas, when I'm as good as I kin be!

And then old Sport he hangs around, so solemn-like an' still,

His eyes, they seem a-sayin': "What's the matter, little Bill?"

The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what's become

Of them two enemies of hern that used to make things hum!

But I am so perlitte an' tend so earnestly to biz,

That mother says to father: "How improved our Willie is!"

But father, havin' been a boy hisself, suspicious me

When, jest 'fore Christmas, I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candles, cakes an' toys,

Was made, they say, for proper kids an' not for naughty boys;

So wash yer face an' bresh yer hair, an' mind yer P's and Q's,

And don't bust out yer pantaloons, and don't wear out yer shoes;

Say "Yessum" to the ladies, and "Yessur" to the men,

An' when they's company, don't pass yer plate for pie again;

But, thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,

Jest 'fore Christmas be, as good as yer kin be!

Dear Santa Claus,

It's nearly Christmas time again, Time to remind you of all my friends,

There are son // girls in my room, They're wanting something pretty soon,

Please bring to, Grace, Pat and Jean,

Some sort of very pretty ring, For Elizabeth, Nez, Hazel and Irene,

I think they'd like some face cream, Bring to Martha, Judy, Frances and Patsy,

A dress that is made of satin, Please bring Kay, Paula, and Shirley,

Some sort of something, but not too early, Our pretty little girl named Barbara,

Told me she would like to see Pearl Harbor, Well here I am, my name is Ruth,

I guess all I want is a new front tooth, Now for the boys since,

They just have to have some toys, For the two named Tony,

I guess they'll do with a pony, For the three named Bill,

They would like to have a whip-orwill, For a few who try to act so dumb,

You can bring a little red drum, Some boys like, Eugene, Vernon, and Gerald,

I guess if they could, would like

Christmas Rose Enhances Yule's Festival Mood

AMERICANS usually decorate their homes at Christmas time with holly, evergreens, or hot-house plants. Recently, however, they have found a new friend in the Christmas-rose. Nurserymen say this plant's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years.

The Christmas-rose is not really a rose at all but belongs to the crowfoot family. It is a small plant no more than a foot high when mature. Nevertheless, it can put forth seven or eight small white roselike blooms tinged with pink.

Called by botanists Helleborus niger or black hellebore, it gets this name from its black stalks. The Christmas-rose is no freak, no super-precocious flower or early-blooming plant. This legitimate child of winter flowers naturally in December or January. It withstands snow and low temperatures, demanding only some sort of shelter from the snow.

Helleborus niger does not propagate well in the United States. Hence, most of the tiny plants are imported from Belgium and the Netherlands. They develop best only in the western part of those countries where they thrive in soil peculiar to the region.

The ancient Romans knew about the Christmas-rose and eagerly sought it for medicinal use. They believed that eating the roots would "clear the brain, cure stupidity and relieve insanity."

"Let him sail to Anticyra," said the poet, Horace, of an ill friend. Anticyra was a Greek town where the black Hellebore flourished.

The Helleborus family is indigenous to southern Europe and the Mediterranean regions. The Christmas-rose variety came originally from Austria.

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And, Dear Santa, if you're able, For our teacher, Miss Gussie, a cake and Clark Gable.

I guess that will get them all, So, until the next time I call — Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours truly, Ruth Falls

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GARDEN TIME
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During the dormant season we should examine our shrubs and fruit trees closely to see if they are infested with scale insects. If you do not know what scale insects look like, call in your County Agent or some horticultural friend who is familiar with them. If your trees are infested with Scale it is important that you do something about it.

Scale insects are very small sucking insects that attach themselves to the twigs, leaves, and branches of shrubs and trees and proceed to suck the life out of them. As soon as they are attached to the twig they construct a tough scale covering over themselves for protection. That is why they are called Scale insects. The scales are usually white or gray in color.

In order to kill the insects it is necessary to use a spray material that will penetrate the scale covering. Such a spray would be too strong to use during the growing season because it would also damage the plants. Therefore, we must spray for scale insects during the dormant season when the plants are not growing and deciduous trees are free of leaves. The miscible oils, such as volick and scalecide and lime-sulphur solutions are effective in controlling Scale insects when used according to the manufacturers' directions. Oil sprays should not be used in freezing weather. Because of its fungicidal action especially on peach trees it is preferred to use Lime-Sulphur spray late in the dormant season.

Also at this time of the year we may find a number of spindle shaped cocoons or "bags" hanging on the twigs of our narrow-leaved evergreens. Many of these "bags" contain eggs of the bagworm which will hatch out into caterpillars in early summer. These caterpillars will eat the foliage of the evergreens and will protect themselves by spinning new bags in which they live while they feed. Later in the summer

they will change to adults and the females will lay eggs in their cocoons. For control of bagworms all cocoons on the trees or shrubs during the winter season should be picked off and destroyed. During the summer the caterpillars may be killed with a DDT spray or an arsenical spray.

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