

A Rule to Usher in to You: A Very Happy New Year!

As an old year gives way to a new year, many of us look to this occasion as an opportunity to make new resolutions, to cast off negative thoughts and practices, to acquire and apply good ones.

Thousands and thousands of words can be written on this subject. But for brevity on this all-important occasion, here are the words of an unknown author who so eloquently and so completely handled the subject in this manner:

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet.
I asked and paused. He answered soft

and low:
"God's will to know."
"Will knowledge then, suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died
The answer came: "Nay, but remember, too,
"God's will to do."
Once more I asked: "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer softly fell:
"Yes, this one thing, all other things above—
God's will to love."

Free World Must Beat Iron Curtain Rulers

In the endless conflicts, military and economic, between this nation and the communist world, science and the scientists are all-important factors. Physics, chemistry, medicine, the higher mathematics, engineering of many diverse types—these are potent weapons in the struggle for advantage.

U.S. achievements in scientific fields are legendary. Our scientists, and those of friendly Western powers, have done the unbelievable almost as a matter of routine. Our educational plant knows no superior so far as the sciences are concerned.

Yet a shortage of qualified men has developed in some basic lines, such as chemistry. And that development is seriously troubling those who best understand the need for ever-greater scientific discovery and achievement—not only in the interest of progress but of survival.

IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, an article on Soviet Science which appeared in a recent issue of Foreign Affairs is of significance. Written by John Turkevich, professor of chemistry at Princeton, it briefly traces the history of Russian science since it began under Peter the Great.

At first, the scientists had to be imported from the West, Russia having none of her own. Then, over the years, Russia developed native scientists, though few were outstanding. However, Dr. Turkevich writes, the 20th century opened with a good deal of promise, and up until World War I, the Revolution, and the Civil War, marked progress was made.

These bloody events set the clock back on Russian science. But the Communist

UN Must Be Watched Closely

Again let us emphasize our belief in the need for an international agency, around whose table representatives of the nations can sit to try and settle many problems that affect one another. . . . With the hope that such an agency can help to prevent war.

We have such an agency in the United Nations, even though its members do not all agree to help in the prevention of war.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Lawmakers in New Zealand have to handle their own correspondence, most of them using the two-fingered hunt and peck typing system. If the U.S. Congress adopted the same system, can't you see how much less Congressional correspondence there would be at the taxpayers' expense? Might even help to keep the P. O. out of the red.

It is reported that Detroit's public school children during this year will use up, wear out or destroy more than a million dollars worth of textbooks. Nothing is said about the number of spit balls involved in these statistics, either.

For the first time in its long history India has just given its women the right

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regime soon saw the need for a resurgence of scientific education and training, in order to advance the social and economic goals of the state.

DR. TURKEVICH STATES, "In the Marxist thinking, the control of the state cannot be separated from the control of economic production. . . . To its adherents, Marxism is a total philosophy and as such includes a philosophy of science."

Today science is a highly organized arm of the Soviet government. The President of the Academy of Sciences has a rank equivalent to that of a major cabinet minister. The top Soviet scientist is given many benefits—high pay, a country home, an automobile. Soviet scientific publications are excellent, and what goes on in other nations is carefully observed, studied, and reported.

Every effort is given to recruiting the brightest young men and women into scientific work, and the state meets the bills. The party and the government, to quote Dr. Turkevich again, "are doing their utmost to build up a large pool of highly trained scientific and technical personnel."

THIS DOESN'T MEAN that all is well with Soviet science and scientists. Ideological considerations have sometimes been used to channel scientific thinking and experiment, with ludicrous results. But it is obvious that Soviet scientific progress has been notable, and that nothing is being spared in the drive to attain leadership. The job of this country and the West, obviously, is to keep the lead in the scientific race.

But when such an agency interests itself in a wide variety of domestic and international affairs, and by its attitude would endeavor to set up a One-World Government, then we heartily oppose those features of it.

For there are those who would seek to destroy the U.S. national sovereignty with the One-World plan . . . and how would you like that?

to obtain a divorce. Slowly, but surely, equal rights is wending its way around our globe.

There was a time when any citizen of the United States, traveling in a foreign country, was respected and not harmed. How times change! In or out of uniform, Americans no longer are respected in certain Iron State lands. (Wonder what Teddy Roosevelt thinks about this change.)

In providing the nation with postage stamps, the federal government uses a wide variety of designs and colors. Why can't Uncle Sam at least use a variety of color on his paper currency . . . it wouldn't last any longer but would offer a color novelty while in one's possession.

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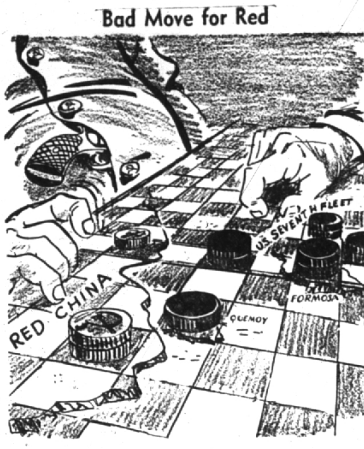
Three very important events

So They Say . . .

Earl L. Butz, assistant Secretary of Agriculture:
"The Eisenhower Administration hopes to get the Government out of the food business."

Dr. Paul C. Empe, executive director, Lutheran Council:
"Our whole national problem is that we are trying to get at things by doing good works. God cannot be bribed."

Tony Curtis, movie actor, elected Mayor of Universal City, Cal.:
"I'll keep the Dior look off this lot."



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

We're playing it smart again. We once more are sticking to the one New Year resolution we know we can keep—we have resolved to make no resolutions!

In the past, like most folks, we faithfully made long lists of resolutions, all aimed at improving us. We have sworn never again would we let little things annoy us and make us cranky. Within a week something as trivial as a broken shoelace has come along and another good intention became a paving block along a certain highway to a certain place.

WE'VE RESOLVED to be utterly frank! Some dear friend would meet us, wearing a hat that resembled nothing so much as a tree can in a hurricane. We have admired said hat, and crossed off another credit to our record.

We've resolved that, no matter what food was set before us, we'd eat it. Invariably the first hostess we landed with passed us oysters and/or mushrooms and bloozy. We'd had it again.

This went on for years and years. Between Christmas and that fateful January 1 we looked at ourselves under an ainked microscope and found lots of room for improvement.

WE LISTED these and many resolutions to control and curb those things we decided were the desirable. Being willing wasn't quite enough to get us over the hump and the resolutions fell by the wayside—sloughing off little pieces of our so-called self esteem as they tumbled.

After a long enough time of this, one gets to feeling very inferior and begins to doubt one's own strength and integrity. Enough of it and one begins to

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
December 30, 1904
"Married Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks to Ward Parks, at the house of the bride's mother, in Southfield one day last week in the presence of 50 guests. The ceremony was performed by their pastor, Rev. L. Clark, after which all sat down to a bountiful repast. Mr. and Mrs. Parks were the recipients of numerous costly and lovely presents and the well wishes of their numerous friends."

"It is said that a Birmingham reporter became so used to getting things free by saying 'I am a newspaper reporter' that he dismissed the man carrying the collection box in which the other day with the wave of his hand and his mystic words."

W. I. Dier and family ate Christmas dinner with his brother at the Armada Hotel, of which his brother is proprietor. There are eight brothers and sisters in the Dier family and they were all present with one exception.

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55 YEARS AGO
December 28, 1903
Oscar Martin, barber living at 1312 South Woodward avenue, was named grand prize winner in the Goodwill Merchants' campaign which came to an end last Friday afternoon. Martin won \$100 in trade certificates.

John I. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Church, 927 Rates, was one of the six senior men awarded honorary band keys last Friday at Deauw-University, Greencastle, Ind.

Pride of the Girl Scouts and the Lions club, took as the new scout cabin in Springdale park, built by the club. It is of half log and is neatly finished inside and out. Most of the necessary cash has been or is being raised by the Girls, with the men furnishing the labor.



"It does a man no good to sit up and take notice—if he keeps on sitting!"

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Don't expect Birmingham to have a citizens' advisory group to watch over the police and fire departments.

Already in a committee meeting. City commissioners tentatively have reviewed the advisability of setting up such a committee. Their conclusion: they believe it wouldn't work. They were reminded of a similar proposal tried out back in the early 1930's, which didn't work out.

A long life is important only if it has been a good life.

Harvard University President Nathan M. Pusey recently declared the nation's schools emphasize educational methods at the expense of intellect. He shares this opinion with many other of the nation's leading educators, such as President A. Whitney Griswold of Yale.

What these educators meant is that schools pay too much attention to the form of education, and not enough to the content. Teachers' colleges are emphasizing methods too much, they say, at the expense of subject matter. Teachers spend too much time learning the "how" of their profession—in courses such as psychology of education—instead of the "what".

THE ONE, IN FACT, is indistinguishable from the other. A teacher steeped in the classics who is unable to reach his pupils is as ineffective as one who knows how to teach but has nothing to teach. It may well be that in recent years educators have stressed technique too much, at the expense of the subject. If this is true, they undoubtedly did so to correct an earlier lack of balance.

Teachers should be guided by Pusey's advice that they "should be encouraged in all their experience to grow as persons."

rather than to become educational technicians." In other words teachers should be neither all scholar nor all educator. A fine balance, keeping method and subject matter even, is needed.

A politician is a guy who can give you 10 good reasons why he made the mistake which he refuses to admit making.

It is well for employees on every level to realize that their economic welfare is tied to that of their employers and that anything they can do to promote the employers' business will directly or indirectly benefit them.

Too often firms which spend huge sums on public relations programs designed to present themselves to the public in the best possible light see their efforts dissipated by discourtesy on the part of employees. A rude bus driver, an impolite waiter, an impatient clerk, an unsmiling receptionist, can undo the work of the best public relations expert.

A smile, a kind word, a helpful suggestion can build business. A firm may be made up of thousands of people, may have millions of dollars worth of property and capital. Its rating as far as customers are concerned, however, often is dependent on the personality and ability of a secretary who answers a phone.

Courtesy costs nothing, it makes living easier and more pleasing. The employee, or the self employed, no matter how hard he works, is giving less than his best if he forgets the need for courtesy in dealing with people.

The average American believes in only four seasons: Baseball, vacation, football and Christmas.

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