thru the AGES

NEW YEAR'S DAY is more generally celebrated throughout the world than any other holiday despite the fact that the new year does not begin January 1 in many countries.

Advent of the new year is hailed universally with good will, celebrations, hospitality and, in many countries, with an exchange of gifts.

Origin of the New Year's celebration is lost in antiquity. About 3,000 years before the birth of Christ the people of Babylonia kept a New Year's festival which lasted for 11 or 12 days.

In the days of the Roman Empire the year had only 10 months, beginning with March. When the months of January and February were added to the calendar, January 1 was designated as sacred to Janus who, according to mythology, had two faces. Romans believed Janus looked backward over the past year with one face and turned the other face to the future. When the Romans became Christians, the festival still was kept although it was observed as a day of prayer and fasting.

The modern trend of festivities and merrymakings to herald the new year has been in vogue for three or four hundred years. In America and throughout most of the world celebrations begin on New Year's Eve.

First to Celebrate New Year's Day

Chatham islands, New Zealand, is the first place in the world to celebrate New Year. A British colony, the islands are inhabited by 200 persons, largely shepherds.

The islands are at the nearest starting line of time, and when New Year arrives its is only 12 noon in London and 7 a. m. in New York.

As it dawns on the islands, the New Year begins its race westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles an hour. By the time New Yorkers gather to ring in the new year, the Islanders are sitting down to dinner.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remedy dry hair?

A. A hot oil shampoo is good for dry hair. Heat pure olive oil and apply to the hair and scalp thoroughly at bedtime. Bind the hair with a towel to prevent staining the bed linen, and then next morning wash with a mild, liquid shampoo. Use this treatment about once a week.

Q. How can I make string beans retain a bright color after cooking?

A. If a pinch of baking soda is added to string beans while they are cooking, it will soften them and also preserve their color.

Q. How can I prevent the thread from curling and knotting while sewing?

A. Before cutting the thread from the spool, thread the needle and make a knot at the freshly-cut end of the thread.

Q. How can I remove oil stains from carpets?

A. Cover the spot with a paste made of fuller's earth and water and let it remain for 24 hours. Scrub with benzine if the oil is from the streets.

REAL ORIGIN

January, the first month of the year, derives its name from the Roman god Janus.

Because Janus was a two-faced god, represented by the Romans as looking backward as well as forward, the idol was considered a fitting symbol for the turn of a new year. Standing firmly at the juncture of the new and the old, Janus could look back on the past year and look forward to the new.

U. S. Official

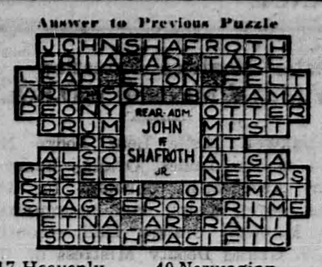
HORIZONTAL

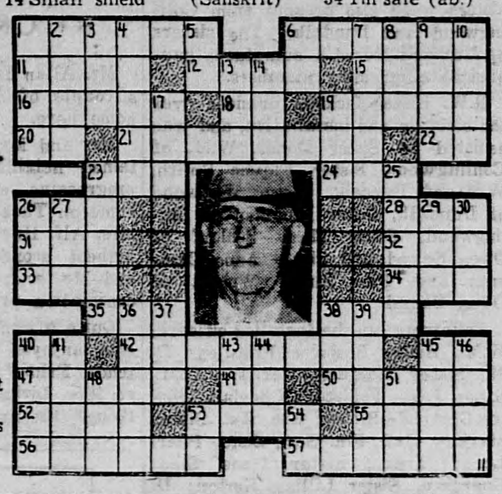
1,6 Pictured Chairman of U. S. Congressional Commerce Committee
11 Baking compartment
12 Comply
15 Roman garment
16 Electrical units
18 Symbol for actinium
19 God of stormy sea (Norse)
20 Lord Lieutenant (ab.)
21 Affected elegance
22 South Dakota (ab.)
23 Vase
24 Greek letter
26 Male
28 Rodent
31 Increase
32 English account money
33 Pronoun
34 Seine
35 Organ of hearing
38 Reward
40 Bone
42 Believer in popular government
45 Compass point
47 Thong
49 He represents ——— (ab.)
50 Minute
52 Food-fish
53 Retained
55 Cry of sorrow
56 Planetarium
57 He is a member of the U. S. ——

VERTICAL

1 Jaw
2 Elliptical
3 Hardened
4 Bury
5 Measure
6 Beside
7 Articles
8 Ship's record
9 Shield
10 Enclosure
13 Nonsense!
14 Small shield
17 Heavenly body
19 Snake
23 Unnecessary
25 Veiled ridicule
26 Month
27 Stir
29 Exist
30 Make edging
36 Maxim
37 Corded fabric
38 Dance step
39 Soul (Sanskrit)
40 Norwegian capital
41 Mix
43 Single
44 Court of Common Pleas (ab.)
45 Thin strip
46 Otherwise
48 Royal Naval Reserve (ab.)
51 Winglike part
53 Kentucky (ab.)
54 Till sale (ab.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle





CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Happy New Year, Everybody! And won't it be nice to start a brand new year with all the troubles and trials of the old year left, like a heavy pack, on the road behind us. That new pack we are taking along with us into the New Year is going to feel a little light and empty for awhile, isn't it? But it will soon fill up a bit—you'll see.

But I wonder with what? Maybe that is up to ourselves.

Supposing each one of us starts out with an empty pack and has the opportunity to fill it up with whatsoever we like—what a variety of things there will be!

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This kind of pack is so different from other baggage—it will carry sunshine or gloom; kind deeds or selfishness. And strange to say the weight of the pack depends not so much on how full it is but what it carries. Kindness and sunshine weigh far less than selfishness or gloom. No matter how much happiness we load there is always room for a little more. As for kind deeds they take up hardly any room at all—and they are so light it is never any trouble to carry them around. But, oh my—just try toting a few selfish thoughts along with you and your load is soon as heavy as lead. And worry—worry is the worst burden of all. But that is mainly because of its heavy wrappings. Take the wrappings away and let the good, clean air and sunshine get to the inside package and immediately it begins to shrink, and sometimes evaporates completely. Worry always acts that way — given the opportunity.

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Just think of the old pack you left with 1947—you will remember it wasn't the joy and the laughter, the kindness to the old folk nor the patience with the young—they were not things that made it heavy, were they? No, it was the hurt feelings that were being carried around the little petty jealousies, the determination to "get even," the discontent and unrest—it was those things that weighed so heavily all the time, don't you think so?

But, oh dear, let's forget about that old pack—it belongs to the past, doesn't it? Our concern now is with 1948, and here we are with a nice new pack—and we are not going to let it become a burden, are we? Or, if it does show any sign of overweight, we can at least have a housecleaning—turn the pack inside out, let in the sunshine, throw out the gloom, and start all over again.

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But do you know what? — I don't think we had better put in too many New Year resolutions. They do seem to clutter things up so badly. They have a nice appearance, and you don't like to be rough and throw them out, but after all what good are they when they are just shoved on one side and forgotten? They are something like a pretty girl without any worthwhile personality—nice looking but useless.

There is another thing that weighs down a pack rather badly, and that is debts. Oh my, yes, debts can get terribly heavy! The Chinese realised that long ago so what do they do? They pay everyone they owe before the old year dies and then they are all "velly, velly" happy. Maybe we can't all do that—sometimes it isn't even good business—but at least we can look after the little bills that should be paid. We might at least clear up the nuisance debts—the $1.50 owing at the grocer's, that $2.90 at the butcher's for meat sent out with the mail-man, and for the apron that Bill brought home on approval. Why add to the work of the store-keeper by having him send these little accounts out time and again. Of course we are being kind to the government. Every stamp that is bought adds to its revenue.

Well folks, that's my New Year's message—the best of luck to you, and may your pack be light the whole year through.

New Year QUOTES

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. . . . Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. . . . Unless a man be born again, he shall by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven."
—G. K. Chesterton.

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"New leaves, to be sure! Let them turn them that are ashamed of their old ones."
—Edward Payson Powell.

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"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."
—Alfred Tennyson.

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"We are bound, by every rule of justice and equity, to give the New Year credit for being a good one until he proves himself unworthy the confidence we repose in him."
—Charles Dickens.

Blue Ribbon Shorthorn—"Kelburn Banker Royal" looks placid with his blue ribbon as champion shorthorn at the International Livestock Show, Chicago. Herdsman, Percy Webb, holds the prize animal, owned by James Richardson & Sons of Winnipeg, Canada.

Boxes All Dressed Spelling Slip

Mother of a boy at Dartmouth got a telegram from him last Thursday reading, "ARRIVING FRIDAY EVENING BRINGING SEVEN FOR DINNER AND TO SPEND THE NIGHT." The poor woman gathered herself and dashed about, rounding up sufficient sheets, blankets, cots, and towels to deal with the invasion. She turned the living room into a dormitory and got in an extra maid. He son turned up on Friday, sure enough, accompanied by a pleasant, towheaded young classmate named Sven.

—The New Yorker

Safety First

Barber— "Here comes a man for a shave."

Apprentice: "Let me practice on him."

Barber— "All right, but be careful not to cut yourself."

So You're Going On A World Tour!

Most people like to plan tours of the world, even if they have no intention of ever actually taking one. So here's a quiz regarding various places on the world's surface — with a choice of locations under each. You're to try and tell the correct ones. The answers will be found, upside-down, underneath.

1. THE DOLOMITES ARE —
a. Mountains in Italy; b. a district in the Alps; d. hills in Dalmatia.

2. THE HEBRIDES ARE —
a. Islands off Scotland; b. Lakes in New Zealand; c. English hills.

3. THE CRIMEA IS —
a. A river in Turkey; b. a region in Alaska; c. a peninsula in South Russia.

4. THE GHOR IS —
a. A cave in Kentucky; b. a mountain in Tibet; c. a Dead Sea valley.

5. THE SUDAN IS —
a. A South African plain; b. region in North Africa; c. an ancient city of Egypt.

6. THE BANAT IS —
a. A farm district in Yugoslavia; b. Japanese mountain range; c. Bulgarian lake.

7. THE APPENINES ARE —
a. Islands in the Pacific; b. Grecian peninsulas; c. Mountains of Italy.

8. THE RAND IS —
a. Welsh mining district; b. hunting district in Sweden; c. African gold territory.

9. THE ANTILLES ARE —
a. Mountains in Peru; b. Mexican desert regions; c. The West Indies.

10. THE DECAN IS —
a. A river in Mesopotamia; b. hill country in Northern Alberta; c. a region in India.

THE ANSWERS.
1—B; 2—A; 3—C; 4—C; 5—B; 6—A; 7—C; 8—C; 9—C; 10—C.

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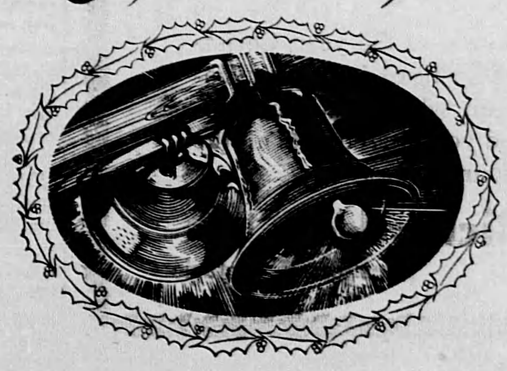

"Merry Christmas." These simple words are once again echoing and re-echoing across this land of ours . . . bringing hands and hearts together at the gladdest time of the year. The joy that belongs to Christmas is for everyone. It is a time when we develop a deeper regard for the things of true worth: the unselfishness of a neighbour . . . the offer of help from a passerby . . . the spontaneous good deed. In presenting The Dow Award from time to time to deserving persons, we like to feel that we are promoting a greater appreciation of such qualities . . . a new pride in our citizenship and in the achievements of our fellow Canadians.

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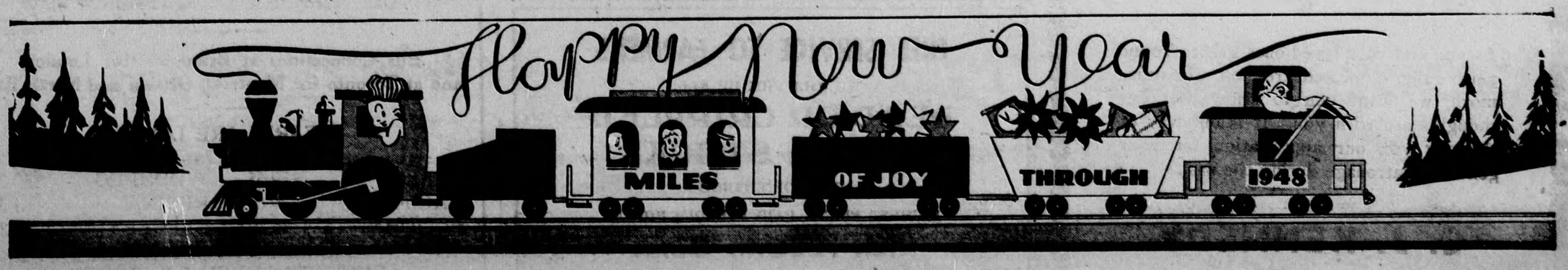
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