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RECIPE FOR A Happy New Year



TAKE twelve fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancour, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past — have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad — don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well-selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole love *ad libitum* and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a spring of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

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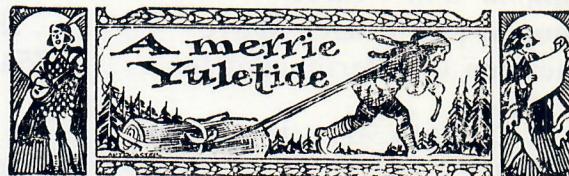
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THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The pupils of the Dewitt school are going to give a program at the Dewitt Community church, Dec. 19, at 8 o'clock. The name of the play to be given is "When Santa Forgot the Smiths." It is a play consisting of music, acting, and talking. The characters are:

Thomas White	Father
Eleanor Smalley	Mother
Virginia Surratt	Grandmother
Virginia Brainerd	Sue
Francis White	Tommy
Roberta Moon	Maid (Mary)
John Ruest	Mr. Smith
Ida Ryckman	Mrs. Smith
Eugene Rivett, Mary Ryckman, Fay Ellen Cutler, Helen Beth Moon, Levis Sibley	Smith Children
Bertha Tolksdorf	Tabby Cat
Rowella Schultz	Neighbor Cat
Max Ellwanger	Santa Claus
Robert Hammond	Messenger Boy
Intermediate Pupils	Smile Children

The pupils of the intermediate room will also sing in the chorus.

Everybody be sure and come. See how poor Mrs. Bennett tried to be too extravagant and nearly spoiled their Christmas. Then came the poor, but happy Smith's to teach the Bennett's the real meaning of Christmas.

Mrs. Booth has charge of the musical part, while Miss Wandschneider is directing the acting. Miss Jones has promised to take care of the costuming of the different characters.

P. T. A.

The P. T. A. was held at the Dewitt High school, Tuesday evening, December 10. The theme of the evening was, "The Use of Leisure Time." Ruth Marzke, a student of the ninth grade, gave a talk on, "The Student's Use of Leisure Time"; the principal talked on, "The Teachers' Use of Leisure Time," and a parent talked on, "The Worthy Use of Leisure Time Among Boys and Girls." The Girls' Glee club sang two songs entitled, "When A Maid Comes Knocking" and "Barcarolle."



THE NEW YEAR

This month brings to a close this year of 1929. Some are undoubtedly glad to see it over while others, are regretting its close. We start 1930 with a clean slate. All the cares, hardships, and disappointments of the past year are wiped away. Let us direct our attention to the future and forget the past. Let the past bury its dead and the future take care of itself. On January first, let us wake with a new sense of freedom, forgetting the hurts we have known, and even forget the joys that have been ours during 1929. A past is a past and everyone has one, tho' some are colored with brighter and darker scenes than others. What a joyous feeling to think we can begin over again with a clean, shining slate. We can make this year what we will.

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The following is a new column which will be continued in "The Looking Glass" hereafter. No student receives a place on the honor roll, unless that person has received A's, in at least one-half of his or her subjects and no C's in any subject.—The Editor.



High School

Leah Forward
Rhoda Reynolds
Ruth Marzke
Gertrude Voisinet

Grammar Room

Thomas White
Virginia Surratt
Ford Schavey
Frankie Rose
Francis White

Intermediate Room

Howard Courtland
Virginia Neve

Shirley Schavey

Jean Balluff
Levis Sibley
Bertha Tolksdorf
June Stampfly

Primary Room

Marjorie Brooks
Donovan Ellwanger
Doris Henning
Keith Leonard
Richard Marsh
Ruth White
John Wordruff

HEALTH HINTS FOR MORONS

If you want to gain in weight, eat candy.

If everything you eat seems to go to your stomach, have it looked into.

If you see spots in your eyes, or on your clothing, see an optometrist or a clothes cleaner, as the case may be.

If you have no appetite this is probably due to something you "et." Or it may be your teeth. In either case it is well to have some X-ray photos taken. Better get a dozen while you are about it, so you can give some to your friends.

Whatever you are doing, don't do it.

If you puff when you run upstairs, or when you smoke, it is a sign that you are growing older. See a doctor and have it stopped.

Have a thorough physical examination by your family physician regularly after every pay-day—and follow his advice. Or if you prefer, you can consult a doctor.

If you are seized with sudden fits at regular

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A BIG CHANGE IN THE DEWITT SCHOOL

The DeWitt school officials have decided on a change that will relieve the school of some of its crowdedness. Miss Leach will take her kindergarten, first grade and second grade to a room in the DeWitt Hotel, which will be fully equipped, by the school board, so that the pupils may have a better chance to work. A new teacher will take care of the third and fourth grades, in what is now the primary room. Miss Jones in her room will teach the fifth and sixth grades, and Miss Handschneider, the seventh and eighth grades in her room. There will be no change in the high school room. Music and Art will be carried on the same as it is now.

This change will be in effect by the beginning of next semester.

SEAL SALE

The selling of the Christmas seals this year was a project of the ninth grade civics class. Each student had about six in their care, and each child had about thirty seals to sell.

The seals were nearly all sold two weeks before Christmas, which shows the younger children's interest in their work.

This money is used to help build Sanitariums and to equip them, also to help the tuberculosis patients who can't afford to pay for sanitarium care.

VILLAGE NEWS

The Intermediate classes of the Community Sunday school had a Christmas party at the home of Maxine Balluff, Thursday evening, Dec. 5. Supper was served at six o'clock. After the supper was served gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warner of this village are moving to Lansing.

A Christmas party was given at the home of Jean McKinney in Owosso. Each member of the Senior class of the Community Sunday school took a gift to be sent to the Oklahoma Indians.

Mr. Wahl, a former resident of this village, passed
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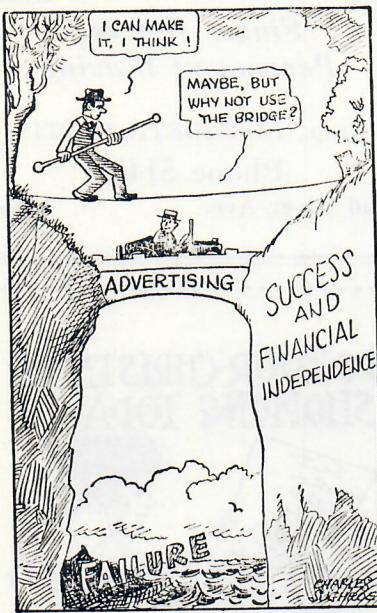
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GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

It has been estimated that approximately one billion dollars are annually taken out of the pockets of the American public by unscrupulous swindlers and promoters of wildcat schemes. They trade on that firmly ingrained delusion so common to thousands of citizens, that it is possible to get something for nothing or next to nothing.

Aesop's time-honored fable of the dog who lost its bone in an effort to snap at the shadow seems to have lost its application or to have been allowed to drop into obscurity. There are people who are chasing shadows and losing sight of their substance.

Day by day new schemes are being devised for extracting hard cash from the bank accounts of the frugal-minded who wish to better themselves. When will the people learn that honest industry is the surest road to independence? Getting something for nothing is against all natural laws and against the promptings of common sense.

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The human body has 7,000,000 tiny mouths scattered over its twenty feet of skin surface, which are benefited by a water rub daily.

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For the first time in a number of years, the level of Lake Michigan rose last year. It has been gradually receding.

Have a Smile

"What is wind, Karl?"

"Wind, teacher, is air in a hurry."

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Patrick: "Use the word 'boycott' in a sentence."

Patricia: "It rained that night and the boycott an awful cold."

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Autoist: "Where do you get auto parts around here?"

Native: "At the railroad crossing."

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Mother (reprimanding): "Now don't let me tell you again, Jimmy."

Jimmy: "I'm afraid I can't stop you."

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She: "Would you put yourself out for me?"

He: "Of course I would."

She: "I wish you would, then, because it's late."

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Lady (to man in telephone booth): "Look here, you've been in there half an hour and haven't said a word."

Man: "I've been talking to my wife."

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Lawyer: "Was the deceased in the habit of talking to himself when alone?"

Patrick Mahoney: "I can't tell ye that, sor. I never was wid him when he was alone."

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Teacher: "What is an engineer, Tommy?"

Tommy: "A man that works an engine."

Teacher: "That's right, Jimmy, what is pioneer?"

Jimmy: "A woman that works a piano."

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Judge: "It seems to me that I have seen you before."

Prisoner: "You have, your honor; I taught your daughter singing lessons."

Judge: "Thirty years."

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The master was holding a lesson on modern inventions.

"Now, James," he said, "can you tell me one thing of importance which did not exist 50 years ago?"

"Me," was James' surprising reply.

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"Doctor, if there is anything the matter with me don't frighten me half to death by giving it a long, scientific name. Just tell me what it is in plain English."

"Well, sir, to be frank, you are lazy."

"Thank you, doctor. Now tell me the scientific name for it. I've got to report to the missus."

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"When did the robbery occur?" asked the cross-examining barrister.

"I think—" began the witness.

"We don't care what you think—we want to know what you know," said the barrister.

"Well, I may as well get out of the box, then," said the witness. "I can't talk without thinking. I'm not a lawyer."

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The students of the high school room drew names for Christmas and will exchange the gifts Friday the twentieth. The students are supposed to exchange humorous gifts.

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School will be closed for the Christmas vacation from December 20 for two weeks. On account of two weeks Christmas vacation, there will be no spring vacation.

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The students of the Biology class have been studying the two greatest classes of animals, namely vertebrates and invertebrates. Some of the pupils have been highly indignant to think the author classed man with the monkeys and apes. It was also found that man was worth just 74c, chemically.

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GRAMMAR ROOM

Gayle Davis recently entered the eighth grade. He came from the Starr school.

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The seventh and eighth grades had a spelling contest. The eighth grade won so the seventh grade is giving them a Christmas party.

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Raymond Kussmaul has been absent for several days because of illness.

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The percentage of attendance for the month is 96.5 per cent.

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INTERMEDIATE ROOM

There are two new pupils in the Intermediate room, Ersel and Beth Davis. The enrollment is 50 now.

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Those neither tardy nor absent for the last school month are:

Howard Courtland	Eloise Strong
Bessie Helfrich	Junior Hiatt
Virginia Neve	Russell Janz
Mary Reed	Earl Klaver
John Schultz	Helen Kraas
Gaylord Klaver	Edna Ribby
Thelma Welton	Eugene Rivetto
Fay Ellyn Cutler	Norena Rassou
Donald Forward	Rowella Schultz
Bobby Hammond	Levis Sibley
Donald Norris	June Stampfly
A. B. Peltier	Lillian Stanton
Mary Ryckman	Charles Surratt
Bobby Schultz	Bertha Talksdorf
Percentage of attendance	96.9 per cent.

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The Intermediate Room has organized a Health Court. King Vitamin is represented by William Schavey and Queen Sunshine by Jean Balluff.

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PRIMARY ROOM

The boys and girls are enjoying primary band practice several mornings a week.

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This room has a very festive appearance due to the red ruffles on the curtains, bells and other Christmas decorations made by the children. The sand table also has a Christmas scene in it.

Miss Mattie Smith, Mrs. Mark Norris and Mrs. Bert Florian visited us last week.

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The children have heard the story of the "First Christmas" and what it means to them. They also heard the poem "The Night Before Christmas."

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Quite a number have been absent during the past week because of colds. All of the pupils in this room are looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus. Everyone hopes they are on his good list.

HEALTH HINTS FOR MORONS

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intervals, take a glass of hot water a couple of hours before they come on.

If nothing seems to agree with you—not even your wife (or husband, as the case may be)—you probably need more fresh air or something.

If you are troubled with cold feet, make your sleeping partner wear goloshes.

VILLAGE NEWS

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away Saturday evening. The funeral services were held Monday.

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Fifteen boys of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist church gave an entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 5, at the Community church.

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