Why Make Resolutions . . . Then Break 'Em?

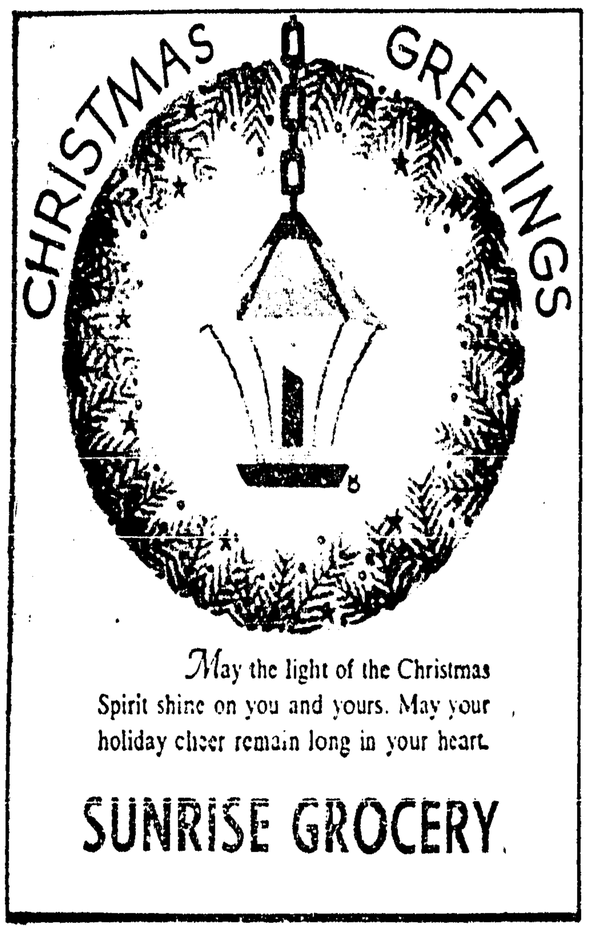
Let's face it—there are no easy New Year resolutions.

With each new year, man makes all kinds of promises to himself and to others. And, each year these same promises and resolutions fall by the wayside even before the NEW wears off the meaning year.

There is no easy resolution, for no resolution is worth the making unless it corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.

The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1955, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep.

With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a high ideal, no other resolutions will be required.



May the light of the Christmas Spirit shine on you and yours. May your holiday cheer remain long in your heart.
SUNRISE GROCERY

Joyous Greetings
May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song.
SWEET SIXTEEN
LIMITED

The Season's Greetings
We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.
Gordon's HARDWARE

New Years, Superstition Hand in Hand

Mankind has always been superstitious about New Years.

In olden times families sought a glimpse into the future by the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky, as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was hired to be the first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year occurred often climbed upon the roof on New Year's eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

We moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

French New Year Day of Gaiety

January 1, la jour de la bonne annee, is the day par excellence in France.

It is the day of gift-giving and of ringing doorbells. Besides friends who come to present gifts tradespeople are accustomed to call to offer compliments of the day and receive, in turn, small sums of money.

The atmosphere is full of joy and gaiety and hospitality. Gifts are proudly displayed and callers come and go amid many compliments and the toasting of everyone's health.

Jour de l'An has its serious side, too. Many families visit the graves of departed members, since this day is considered an appropriate time to remember the dead as well as the living.

The churches generally are crowded on New Year's Eve which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester.

Happy New Year to Ring Out In Many Tongues Next Week

"Happy New Year!"

As the year 1955 rolls westward from the International date line, these words will ring out in many languages.

Should you be in gay Paree, the greeting you'd hear would be "Bonne Annee!" Down in sunny Italy, they say "Buon Capo d'Anno!" which doesn't sound too different. In Spain, it's "Feliz Ano Nuevo!"

If you have relatives or friends in Germany, they may write, "Ein Glueckliches Neus Jahr." If so, they wish you a Happy New Year. The Swedish and Norse greetings are different from the ones above, although they are almost the same. The Swedes say, "Got Nytt Ar," and the Norse "Godt Nytt Aar."

Any way you hear it, though, it seems the same. The three words mean not only Happy New Year, but imply best wishes for all the days ahead.

NO HURRY

PUCKLECHURCH, England (—Residents of this Gloucestershire village have protested to county authorities because they haven't yet got the sewer that was first asked for in 1892.

HISTORIC ROOMS

Christ's College at Cambridge preserves the rooms once occupied by its foundress, Mary Beaufort, mother of Henry VII.

CROWDS CELEBRATE

KINGSTON, Jamaica (Reuters)—Crowds in carnival mood lined the streets of Kingston Monday to watch a two-mile-long procession full of color and pageantry, which marked the climax of the city's tricentenary celebrations.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

DARK LADY

The "dark lady" of Shakespeare sonnets may have been Mary Fitton, a maid-of-honor at the first Queen Elizabeth's court.

JAPANESE VISITOR

CHALK RIVER, Ont. (—Ichiro Hatoyama, in charge of the budget for Japan's atomic energy activities, spent a day studying the administrative set-up at the atomic energy plant here. Mr. Hatoyama, 37, is the son of Japan's prime minister.

OTTAWA (—Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin of the Supreme Court of Canada has returned from Caracas, Venezuela, where he attended a ceremony marking the centenary of the promulgation of the civil code in the South American country. Mr. Justice Hugo Black represented the U.S.

Greetings
Our sincerest wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas with all its joys and pleasures.
MACEY'S

That very special time o' year is here again . . . so, to all our friends and patrons—we want to say: may Santa shower you with everything your hearts desire.
VICTORY CAFE
AND STAFF

Christmas Greetings
May the joyous tidings of Christmas be aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.
EATON'S of CANADA