## Ring Out The Old, Etc.

IT's the day of the summing up, and of the forward took. Parewell to 1946, hall open the down and the white beard as the hobble out of sight last midnight; there was a look of apprehension in the mew bably eyes as the hobble with sight midnight; there was a look of apprehension in the mew bably eyes as the horns sounded their blaring welcome.

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The first full year of peace was not very peaceful, Allies became enemies; the dream of world government became a mightmare of power politics; it became clear that the post-war world won't differ much from the pre-war world. These twelve months were marked by a feeling that another opportunity, purchased with that another opportunity, purchased w blood, is slipping, or has slipped, away.

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It was a strange year on the home front—a year of great prosperity in which no-body was really prosperous. Everybody who wanted one had a job, and the pay was good. By and large every man earned more dollars than he had ever made before. But the dollars didn't seem to buy the thinss every man wanted—a house, an automobile, a refrigerator. There were no breadlines, no hunger, no starving children (not in the United States at least, and during this year the national conscience froze over and the hollow eyes looking across the Sean no longer bothered us. But there was a strange feeling of depression about prosperous 1946, and it became sharper as the business indices soared to new highs.

1946 was the year of the great rebellion, the year the people arose in their wrath to smite down their sovernment, to throw off price controls, to put an end to planning. The long view disappeared in a flood of Republican ballots; the short view became high fashion in government and in

business; nobody, it seemed, cared to look past today's fast dollar. But there was no real pleasure in the great victory; even the victors were haunted by the feeling that they had only substituted nothing for something, and maybe nothing isn't enough any more.

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There isn't much anybody can say of 1946 except, humbly, thank God it's over. And of 1947 well, there's a monstrous frony in it, but it can be said of 1947 that it could be a better year, a much better year, if things set worse. There are signation to the same of the same of the same in the sam

mink and oread and potatoes.

Collapsing markets to "stabilize" prices, so touch of upemployment to sober the labor unions, a sudden end to free and easy credit—all these are indicated by the signs and portents on this New Year's Day. There was a time when men feared these things and fought to prevent them; now they are the harbingers of normalcy, and welcome.

In its way 1947 may be even stranger than 1946. But we hope, and believe, it will be a happler year for all hands.

#### Stampede Through A Loophole

THE layers who instituted the tirst portal-to-portal pay case on behalf of the union workers at the Mount Clemens potery Compared to feel a little like Frankenster least they have publicly power that comething more than a billion dollars worth of similar suits have been field. The Congress, they fear, can and will after the Fair Labor Standards Act so as to invalidate the current Supreme Court interpretation of !!.

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In the Mount Clemens case workers were required to be on the job some seventeen minutes before they actually punched, the time clock, a period during which they got themselves and their tools ready for work. "Time spent in these activities," the majority opinion held, "must be accorded appropriate compensation." This seems fair enough, but the effect of this narrow legalism is to make virtually every employer in the country liable for a vast rebate in overtime pay accrued over a five-year period when neither unions nor management so interpreted the act.

Justices Burton and Farthy ter. In their dissenting opinion, made the point that the effect of the majority decision is to estab-

Ish a new, inflexible definition of the term "work-week" which Congress did not intend when the act was passed. The 40-hour week, they argue, is a basis of pay but it is not arbitrary and final; if employees and employers have worked out to their mutual satisfaction an arrangement which requires an employee's presence in the plant 41 hours a week it is not the function of the court to upber it with legal hairsplitting. These matters, Justice Burton worde, "are appropriate for consideration in collective bargaining," and it is safe to assume that they have, in most instances, been subjected to it.

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#### View Through A Telescope

THE intrusion of applied science into the realm of pure science has been marked of late, and the reaction of the pure sciencia tits is not always favorable. Time was when the astronomer, physicist, or mathematicals had no reason to be on speaking terms with the engineers of the properties of the pro

dozen fronts.

Harlow Shapley, the Harvard atronomer, who is unusually articulate for a pure scientist, has become a sort of spokesman for the heavy thinkers, and Dr. Shapley is not happy. He himself was called upon during the war years to translate his stargazing into useful military information, and did so with notable success. He and his assistants, who had been watching the skies only in the interest of understanding the universe, were presented with a full quota of urgent and immediate military problems. Among other tasks, they have been set to measuring the paths of meteorites to determine the density and temperature of the stratesphere, not in order to add to the total of man's limited knowledge of the world he inhabits, but to assist in the design of rockets.

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Dr. Shapley's bitterness spilled over the ther day in the observation that "civilizaer day in the observation that "civiliza-is endangered by strong physics and its enclology." As long as the pure scien-s were engaged in trying to unlock the ets of life nobody paid much attention them; now that it has been demon-ted that they also know some of the ests of death they have become heroes tas of death: they have become heroes bill and private funds are thrust upon a not they are urged to build bigger better laboratores and damn the cost. stimulus of scientific research go would exploit it for destructive pur-s Dr. Shapley sees as the greatest at of the future. With heavy irony he ests that in order to guarantee surviv-ah had better outline genile—destroy-st an early age all those who show of being bouched by it.

There is a great deal more to this than an astron om e's natural reseminent against the generals who keep peering over his shoulder while he works in his observatory. Dr. Shapley is one of the few hundred men in this country who fully understand the implications of the atomic bomb. (He rates it, by the way, below the threat of pandemic super-plague.) He knows that the fantastic world of super-science has burst out of the confines of the Sunday supplement and is rapidly attaining reality.

"Peace or destruction," says Harlow Shapley, and every first-rate scientist in this country schoes his warning. Can we write this off as an emenation from the ivory tower, and dismiss the scientists as over-educated, impractical prophets of doom? We can tget rid of the chilly feeling that the most practical men on earth at this reading are those who gaze through their telescopes and microscopes and write we should have learned at Hitoshimia, can be translated into wholesale death.

X-ray pictures show two springs inside a young man in the west, and the question is whether to operate or go out for the broad jump.

One cannot too bitterly denounce any canard that the man Bilbo accepted Confederate money in kickbacks from con-

A western medical adviser is asked how to deal with the habit of drinking 15 bot-tles of pop daily. Sounds like a case for non-alcoholics anonymous.

A permanent starch, newly invented by chemists for the collars of men's shirts, should eventually supersede the guillotine in July.

Conservativas who have inherited infla-tion, in Washington, may look as funny at first as Deacon Branch Rickey when he took over the Brooklyns.



'Happy New Year!'

People's Platform

## A State-Wide Referendum?

Editors, The News:

A s a daily reader of your paper, am requesting that you please publish in the following resolution from the Franklin Heights Bapits Church Cour church to a man and woman are opposed to every appearance of the evils of beverage alcoholt, we are taking this opportunity, with your constitute regulater publicity, our stand on the whole matter, to regulate publicity, our stand on the whole matter, we deeply depote the fact amounted by more your connecting else as to force it into the wet journalism in our state.

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carried on by untold millions of wealth along with keen deceptive propagands.

Be it resolved:

Be not be sovereign people of our state an opportunity this year of 1947, to cast a ballot on a state-wise referendum on the whole alcoholic beverage (liquor, beer and wine) question.

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#### Southern Accent

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What we call the Southern accent is not so much
the pronunciation of certain words or the use of certain pirases as it is the intonation patterns of the
sentences. Intonation of speech melody is a difficult
thing to describe; it means the infliction upward and
downward from a key pitch or, more simply, variatings in pitch and voice quality. — Southern away
thing but, a drawl. But it is always identifiable as
Southern. Whatever else it is, then, the Southern accent is first of all made up of subtle variations in
inflection patterns.

#### Mistake Of The Year

Marquis Childs

ginning.

Little things sometimes show what it had meant. On one of those Christmas neckties a last-minute shopper had left a price tag that said 55. But the equally carless merchant had left in the inner fold of the tie another price tag. The concealed one said "OPA price \$3.50."

OFTY PLATEAU

That is plast about the score and not alone in luxury items, such as high-priced neckties, but in but the price at the polit on No. 5. During the campaign Senator Tark, who more than any other individuals by that same buyers' resistance, the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is all is aloty plasted by the price level is along the price and the price along the price at the politic plant is price at the

Finally. Congress assed a phony OPA act. The President vetoed in one of his most foreful messages. There was however, very little fight left in his licentants on Capitol Hill. They acceded to a "revisee" bill which was almost as much of a fraud as the one first adopted.

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After the 18 per cent pay raise in industry, price control had been difficult enough with a fairly good law. With a bad law it was impossible. That became obvious in the first few weeks as the film-flam of "decontrol" led to zoomling prices.

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#### Samuel Grafton

## The Neglected Issue

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#### RETURNS MISREAD

# Drew Pearson's : Resolutions Suggested For Certain People

WASHINGTON

THE Washington Merry-Go-Round today suggests the foiltowing New Year's resolutions for certain peoplewho could use them. Tesolve to become President of all the
pool of the people-from Misoury and Arkansas.

Tesolve to count to 3,500,000 before
starting a strike.

Housing Administrator Frank Creedon—I firmly resolve
to put veteran's housing ahead of burleque shows.

Patrick J. Hurley—To post a "dead end" sign along the
Santa Fe Trail.

Santa Fe Trail.

Harold Stassen—To be comforted by the fact that the OOP didn't want Wilkle, either.

Governor Dewey of New York—Til '48, patience and

Obernor Levey or Warren of California—Ditto.
Governor Bricker of Ohio—Ditto.
Senator Tait of Ohio—Ditto.
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John Snyder—To pay more attention to running the
Treasury Department and less stiention to running the
Harry Truman.
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anonymits. Senator De Ball-To give serious thought to getting off the fence.

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