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This is the end of a year, as men tell time, and it is a time to reappraise what we have done, and what we plan to do.

It has been, we think, a good year for Brookings. Our community has grown through the past year, and the growth has been solid and substantial. There are new businesses here that mean much to this city, and there are new people who are making our community a richer place in which to live.

And, now—what will we do with 1954?

Well, it can be a valuable year, 1954 can. A year in which to consolidate our gains, and to establish new goals for which to strive. It may well be that the end of 1954 may see us with a few more of those things which we desire for Brookings and Harbor.

We all have great hopes for this area in which we live, and we sometimes chafe at what seems to be the slow pace at which we realize them. Yet we are realizing them, faster than most places have realized theirs.

We expect too much, usually. We incorporate our city, and we expect the problems of streets and municipal affairs to rearrange themselves, just like that. We want a harbor and a highway, and we grow weary because they do not materialize overnight. We need so many things that we feel a deep frustration at the things which we do not have.

But every day, and every month, and every year, bring us closer to the things we need and want. . . as long as we keep striving for them. And 1954 will be no exception. It will bring into fulfillment some of the things that were planned for in years past. . . and it will lay the groundwork for things to come in other years.

We need new schools — and 1954 will see the fruition of schools that were planned in 1953. We need better streets, and we need them badly — and in 1954 we may have the City Charter that will allow our municipal government to assume the responsibilities of financing them. We need better transportation, and this year will see it grow closer to us. We need new people and new businesses—and they will come, just as they have come in the past.

We are building here, in southwest Oregon, a community which can be unexcelled. But we must build well, and that is always a slow process. The things we need will come, as we prepare for them. . . but not until we do.

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**FOR  
WHAT  
IT'S  
WORTH**  
By  
**CLIFFORD P.  
ROWE**

I am not making any New Year's resolutions this holiday season. Never having made any before, I can see no reason for starting now. However, I have decided to do a little mental housecleaning.

Just as my wife, early in the spring, opens all the windows allowing the clean, fresh air to rush in while she cleans and polishes the house from stem to stern, so I am going to do much the same thing only I am going to work on my mind. I am going to try mucking out some of the dislikes and prejudices which I have accumulated over the years, in the hope of providing elbow room for some worthwhile thinking.

Fibber McGee's closet, which erupts an avalanche of trivia when the door is opened, is a piker when compared with the minds of many of us which have become so jammed with peevish and hates that little room is left for the circulation of the fresh air of new ideas or growth of new friendships.

First on my emancipation list will be cooked vegetables. Since I can remember, I have never liked vegetables except in the raw state. My wife has pleaded, prayed and persecuted, but all to no avail. I just did not like the cooked vegetables. Of course, I had never tasted them, but I was confident that I wouldn't like them and that was sufficient argument. Just think of the new experiences in tasting awaiting me.

Next in line will be human beings. I have too long a list of people whom I don't like. I don't know why I don't, but somewhere, sometime, somehow they must have done something of which I did not approve, or they hurt my feelings, or perhaps failed to flatter my ego. Since I have forgotten why I don't like them, I see little sense in clogging my mind with the inventory.

Maybe I won't have much more success than those who make resolutions. But if I can acquire a liking for just one vegetable or add one good friend, I will be in a much more enviable condition than I am today with my attic cluttered up with the dirt and cobwebs of years passed.

Nations and races might try the same formula.

**TO GRANTS PASS**

Mrs. W. C. Brooks drove to Grants Pass Monday to spend the week. Mr. Brooks planned to leave here today or tomorrow and return with her Sunday.

**EVANS TO MEDFORD**

Connie and Perce Evans drove to Medford to spend Christmas.

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**MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN  
TO BE OPENED SATURDAY**

Governor Paul Patterson this week sounded the rallying cry for one of the most significant fundraising campaigns in Oregon's history — the annual March of Dimes which opens Saturday and continues through January 31.

"I commend this campaign to my fellow citizens of Oregon in declaring January to be March of Dimes month in the state," Governor Patterson said in a statement received here this afternoon from Salem. "This designation is made in the earnest hope that history will record that 1954 was the year that saw the tide in the polio fight change from defense to attack."

He explained that the next 12 months could mark the turning point in the drive against the crippling disease because the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is embarking on a large testing program of a trial vaccine.

"This program may someday spare our children the dread effects of polio," Governor Patterson said. He declared that the National Foundation also is preparing to provide for an expanded program of mass gamma globulin inoculations in 1954. The purpose, he said, is to give every possible protection while the nation awaits the results of the vaccine tests which start February 8.

At the same time, according to the governor, patient aid, professional education and scientific research must go on unabated — all of which means that the National Foundation's 1954 needs will approximate \$75,000,000.

In Portland, meanwhile, State March of Dimes Chairman John J. Gurian estimated that Oregon's share would amount to 50 percent more than the record \$645,000 raised in the state last January. He said it was probable that 30,000 volunteers would take part in the 1954 Oregon March of Dimes, including the Mothers' March January 28.

Mrs. Frederic W. Young of Portland, the Foundation's state

director of women's activities, added "it is highly likely" that an Oregon county will be included in the nationwide vaccine trials.

**VISITING IN GRANTS PASS**

Miss Patty Jo Gragg went to Grants Pass Monday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dale Smith. The Graggs plan to go over on New Years and bring her home.



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