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## Your Better Self

There was a wit in the crowd who observed that if all New Year resolutions were laid end to end, it would bring out an awful lot of lying!

The remarks point up what is often declared a great fallacy of the "new leaf" trend that brings so many of us around to setting up a list of revolutionary things we will do to make the immediate future better than the immediate past.

With such a procedure, there might be much to criticize, especially since so many good resolutions hardly last out the day, let alone the twelve months of a new year.

Yet, value attaches to the process—even in the cases where a resolution brings only a declaration of intention, with no other sign of conformation. The matter of self-analysis—like confession—is good for the soul.

Who among this newspaper's family of readers can say, unabashed, he has no habits that could be the basis of a New Year's resolution? Who, anywhere in the world, but can recognize habits of thought or action that fall short of the ideals which, in his heart, are part of his better self?

As ideals are of value for the guidance they give to saner, more ambitious thoughts, so self-analysis has value as a means of checking just how far daily, habit-forming living has strayed from the idealistic course that should be charted.

How true! We are so far from a perfect, human race.

When we but consider some of our national characteristics, and our individual contributions to these characteristics, we can find a long list of things worthy for resolutions.

In the conduct of our daily life, with the people we meet, how often do we let petty prejudices affect us? How many times has a good intention gained only a minimum momentum because it encountered the obstacle of a pre-conceived opinion which limited its scope? And how many times would real, Christian charity have made great difference in personal and even business dealings?

Of course, those instances are purely personal and affecting, one might say, but an intimate circle of situations. Yet, they are not personal, for they conform to a pattern which has too much recurrence across the land.

Yielding to petty prejudices is personally serious transgression, for, like a stone tossed into a pool, the outward ripples far outrun the initial splash. And with a habit of discriminating against others accepted as a personal standard, the deeper, more sinister discriminations are likewise accepted.

There are many ways of worship, many ecclesiastical sects. So often, one sect will be so concerned with its own teachings, it, perhaps unwittingly, encourages intolerance towards another. And in practically every other phase of life, there are instances of short sighted intolences and discriminations which are practiced on the basis of differences in race, creed, color or nationality.

What weakens one, weakens all. Conversely, as we strengthen ourselves we strengthen the whole fabric of the existence about us. Don't be afraid of stringent self-analysis! Don't sell New Year Resolutions short.

Let them speak for your better self.

—W. K.

## Toward Bigger Things

Next Monday, January 6, 1948, voters of Beaverton will be called upon to participate in an act of government which might well be the beginning of a new era.

On that day, as the Enterprise has previously pointed out, annexation of the Kaiser Community Homes Pinehurst addition becomes the issue of importance to Beaverton's progress. It is an opportunity of immediate development, yet also points to greater expectations for the future.

Full participation by eligible electors is hoped for. Full participation, meaning that a sizeable majority of voters show concern of the city's welfare and casts a vote of its own conviction on the matter, will go a long way in defining a community spirit which will be more and more important in the days ahead.

The ENTERPRISE feels strongly that the business of a city is the concern of every citizen within its city limits. When issues of importance come up, they deserve careful consideration and action by the city's electors.

So, in the great American tradition, we urge and implore all voters to appreciate the future possibilities of the Pinehurst annexation and then go to the polls on January 6 and cast a vote, in accordance to their convictions.

Let's all take a step toward bigger and better things! —W.K.

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## CUE BALL

THE ONE ... THAT PICKS 'EM OFF

Some of us start the New Year with a resolution—and so does Bobby Volk, Portland middleweight who resolves to be the Pacific Northwest middleweight champ.

Not all of us have to really prove our resolutions so soon after the new leaf turning as does Bobby Volk, on the evening of January 1, 1948, Volk's resolutions runs heading into a major test from Jack "Ginger" Snapp, of Klamath Falls.

Volk, by knocking Lincoln in his last appearance, was highly impressive. If he can only show a substantial jaw against the onslaughts of Snapp, he may end the evening with his resolution intact.

Volk's contention that he is as much the Pacific Northwest middleweight champ as any one need not be construed as slighting, in any way, the potentialities of the well-built Snapp. Snapp might not show the same style of rhythm which distinguishes his January 1 opponent. But he has plenty of possibilities.

For a fight fan, this bout will be a slam-bang start for a walloping New Year.

The amazing thing about Jack Kramer's ruined debut in Madison Square Garden, when Bobby Riggs took his professional measure 6-2, 10-8, 4-6 and 6-4, was that more than 16,000 fans disregarded New York's worst snowstorm since 1888 to kick in over \$55,000 for the privilege of watching which might go to prove

why an athlete's appearance in Madison Square Garden compares favorably to one in Carnegie Hall by stars of another category.

Of course, the same pattern followed on Dec. 29, at Pittsburgh, when Riggs continued spilling the Kramer again. A substantial crowd strengthened indications that the one night stops through the hinterlands will produce a bumper crop of cabbage—U. S. mint variety.

Prize fight moguls of Portland promise, at the start of the New Year, to inaugurate the use of referees as judges, in what is declared to be an improvement of shows offered in Portland Civic Auditorium.

If the promoters really want to inaugurate a scheme, believed original with the Cue Ball, they might try the following suggestion:

At the conclusion of each fight chalk a recap of the judges voting, per round, to which fight fans could compare their own, privately tallied scores. At first there would be wide divergence, no doubt. But, as the fight season went on, fans would sharpen up on their judging with the resulting appreciation of the judges' work.

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Such is the case of former lightweight champ Bob Montgomery, who announces his retirement from the left-hook circuit because he can't seem to hit the stride necessary for a scheduled rematch with Ike Williams, February 20, for the lightweight crown.

Williams tipped Montgomery from his throne last August by a K. O. In his try for a comeback to former condition, Montgomery seems to have lost the touch. So, rather than show for a flopper, he followed the advice of his manager and shook the resin off his shoe-soles.

He promises to keep up with pugilistic developments . . . but is exceedingly wise in knowing his limitations.

—W. K.

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God wants you for his own but being righteous, he will not side with your sin. ONE—He gave Christ to die for you. TWO

—He raised up Christ from death and the grave to be your strength for clean ways and new days. THREE—Resurrection glory is sure.

All is in effect when you believe God, that the blood of Christ Jesus, his Only-Born Son has blotted out all your sins. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

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