



WHY MARYSVILLE HAD TO PACK AND LEAVE—Aerial view of Marysville, Calif., (center) shows city surrounded by flood waters of the Feather River (left) and the Yuba River (right). At lower left is part of Yuba City which flooded when the levee broke after this picture was made. Larger bridge at left is one across which most of the 10,000 Marysville residents were evacuated.



RECEDING FLOOD WATERS EXPOSE DEVASTATION.—Torn from its foundation by the powerful flood waters of the Feather and Yuba rivers, this home in Yuba City, Calif., was deposited on a high railroad embankment two blocks away. The owner found the inside of the home a shambles. The damage throughout the northern California flood area is roughly estimated at \$50,000,000 and 33 are known dead.

Drought-Resistant Range Grass Sought

Austin, Tex. —(U.P.)—University of Texas scientists are on the trail of a drought-resistant rangeland grass able to grow in underdeveloped soil on limestone hills. A recent report by Drs. Walter V. Brown and W. Gordon Whaley said the University of Texas' plant research institute is making definite progress in a search for new grasses and legumes specifically adapted to southwestern ranges. Plants of side-oats grama—one of the important southwestern forage grasses—show promise of producing a strain that grows well in winter or even the year around.

Researchers say they hope to develop a drought-resistant hairy grama that will grow in the underdeveloped soils blanketing limestone hills. Other studies indicate good possibilities for evolving a bristle-grass that remains green well into the Texas summer.

Country Club Caught In Web of Own Joke

Shenandoah, Ia. —(U.P.)—The Country Club, as a practical joker, announced that a clothes drier would be presented as a door prize at a dance.

The prize winner was duly selected and announced, and promptly presented with a clothes line.

However, the protests from patrons was such that a collection was taken and the winner received a real clothes drier.

Bartender Offers Rules for Staying Sober On New Year's Eve

By JOHN BONING President of the Bartenders School Inc.

Written for United Press New York—(U.P.)—A hangover? I've never had one in my life. And let me tell you, I like to celebrate New Year's Eve just like the next guy.

I've been tending bar for 45 years and as I see it, the reason most drinkers wind up with New Year's Day hangover is that their approach is if I may use the word, cock-eyed. They don't know how to prepare for the big occasion, what to drink or even how to drink. Some drinkers are even foolish enough to take their cars out with them. Actually, preparing for New Year's Eve is pretty simple. The first rule is to get some rest before you go out—you have the whole evening ahead of you, so try to take a nap for an hour or two before you start any celebrating.

Have a Good Meal What you eat for dinner is pretty important, too. Treat yourself to a good, heavy meal—steak is probably the best, with all the trimmings. The more you fill your stomach up with good nourishing food, the better able your stomach will be to absorb the alcohol you pour down yourself.

Next, there's the drinking. As far as I'm concerned, I like to drink champagne. The second best, I think, is Scotch and water. But any good whiskey with plain water should keep you from getting sick.

There are three good rules to remember in drinking. One, stay away from sweet mixes. Two, stay away from sweet, complicated drinks. And third, don't

mix your drinks—that's a certain way to wind up sick. Eat while you are drinking, it slows down the guzzling. As a matter of fact, if you guzzle just for the sake of getting loaded on New Year's Eve you're foolish—not only because it'll make you ill, but because you're not showing much appreciation for good liquor.

Dancing Helps Dancing is a good idea, too, while you're celebrating. It helps you burn off the alcohol, and like eating, slows down the guzzling.

Knowing when to stop is one of the most important rules to observe. There's no hard and fast rule for this—some people should stop after two drinks, some can polish off a dozen drinks without showing it.

But there are some danger signs. If you're the silent type who suddenly starts talking a lot, it's time to stop. If you're a talker and suddenly go silent, it's time to stop.

I've seen all kinds of drunks in my years of tending bar—there are the singers and the table-hoppers, there are the bottle throwers and the arguers, and there are the kissing bugs. All of them are people who just don't know when to stop. And many of them frequently wind up with one red eye and one black eye on New Year's Day.

Eat Again Before Sleep Before you turn in for the night, or the morning, it's a pretty good idea to eat again. I like milk with stale bread—just crumble some bread or rolls about two weeks old in a milk bowl. Or if you like, try a good substantial sandwich with coffee or milk.

If despite all this, you wind up with a hangover, try this for a cure: A glass of half milk and half cream with a couple of raw eggs beaten into it. Or try eating as much ice cream as you can. But stay away from a "hair of the dog"—that's a little like pouring gasoline on a bonfire.

Follow these rules and it really will be a happy New Year—not only for you, but for bartenders like me.

A modern jet fighter plane is said to contain enough electric wiring to complete the circuits and service for 38 six-room modern houses.

Home Food Freezer Don't Save Much Money

Kingston, R.I.—(U.P.)—A consumer education specialist says the home food freezer may be a hold equipment, but it isn't helpful, desirable piece of household to save the owner much money.

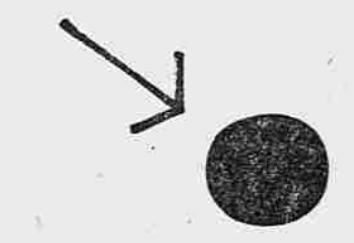
Writing in Rhode Island Agriculture, a quarterly published by the University of Rhode Island, James D. Bromley, a faculty member, said there are several expenses which must be added to the cost of the freezer. He listed these as including depreciation (10 years, estimated life), interest on investment, possible repairs and electricity.

Bromley estimated it would cost about 19 cents a pound in operating costs to run a 14-cubic foot freezer stocked twice a year.

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