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What strange madness is it that induces otherwise normal people to make mighty resolutions on the FIRST day of the year? No good can come of it. The second or third day, yes; the first, never! The brain befuddled by a week's hectic feasting, drinking, and jollification is in no mood to parry with firm resolve or high purpose; the bleary eye cannot trace the fine line of clear thought; the listless aftermath of gluttony shudders at the very idea of self-betterment. Yet in this witless state folk will propound such fervent vows as would make the angels weep.

(Speaking for myself; such was my indisposition on New Year's morning that I'd cheerfully have sworn allegiance to Colonel Nasser himself for a spot of peace and quiet!)

No, the opening day of the year is not for resolutions; rather is it a day of recuperation - a day of aspirins, bicarbonate of soda, and cold showers.

Another thing, people encumber themselves with too many resolutions. I made only one, and I made it yesterday with the frightful after-effects of the Festive Season well behind me. Quite firmly and with no regrets I said: No more parties - especially those conceived on the flimsiest of pretexts just before closing time in the Canteen.

These parties are unique in their conception; there is no long, careful preparation, no planned organisation. Any event, no matter how insignificant, can propel with bewildering speed six or seven apparently sound-minded men scurrying up to the bar and ordering a dozen bottles apiece. These parties flourish somewhere or other almost every night, and nothing short of a broken leg can excuse non-attendance.

However, thank heaven, for me this is all in the past. I am adamant in my decision! No more late nights; no more coated tongue in the mornings; no more people telling me to go to a blood-donor institution and have my eyes drained. In future wild horses couldn't ...

I must stop now. The gang have just come in with three dozen right off the ice. It appears one of the boys has just remembered he had 2/6d. each way on Captain Cuttle when it won the Derby in 1922.

Ah, well!

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"To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little, and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not to be embittered, to keep a few friends,

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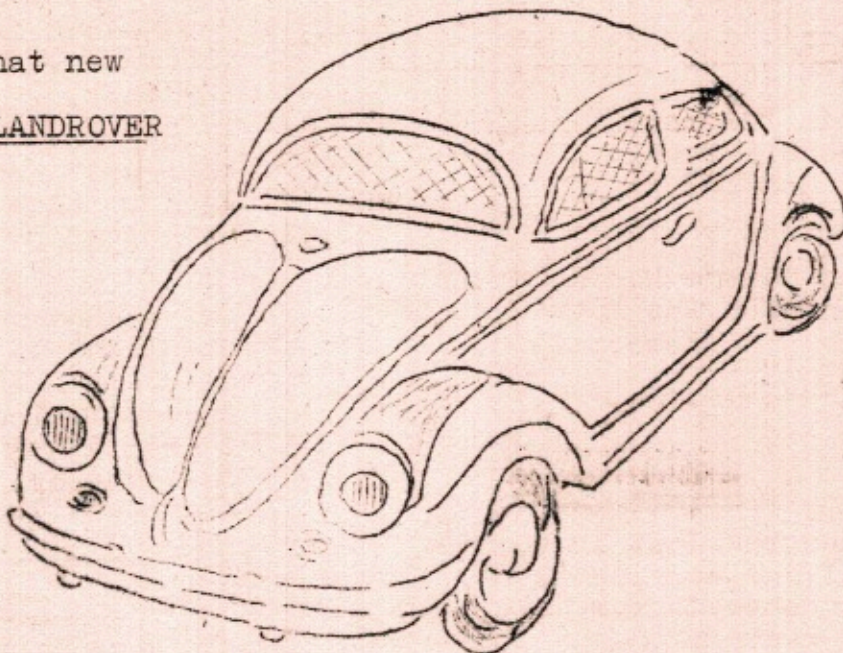
but these without capitulation; above all, on the same condition, to keep friends with himself: here is a task for all a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

- R. L. STEVENSON.

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MIGRANT HAS INVENTED A NEW BRICK.

An English migrant has patented a brick which he says may change the technique of the whole building industry.

The migrant who 3½ years ago was a £9 a week bricklayer, now owns his own brick-making company at Loxton, South Australia.

He is Mr. George B. Johnson, who came to South Australia from Woodford Green, Essex.

George's new brick does not require a layer of cement between each row, and has four reinforcing rods instead of two.

"Anyone can put a home together in his spare time even if he has had no experience," he said.

The bricks are stacked on top of each other and made into a solid wall by filling the hollow centre with cement.

If the foundations sink, the wall remains where it is, allowing the owner to prop the foundations up again.

Since he has started his own company, George has sold his new bricks to local district councils.

He claims his walls can be built six times faster than normal.

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FREE ENTERPRISE.

People often speak of "free enterprise" as a system with which they contrast other systems such as "socialism" or "communism".

Free enterprise is not really a system at all. Unlike socialism or communism, no one ever sat down and thought it up and said: "Here is a way of running production and distribution".

In its main essentials free enterprise just grew. Nobody invented it. And it grew like it did out of experience and because it reflected deep-rooted human motives and objectives. In other words it has its roots in human nature. It is not a cut-and-dried way of doing things. It is changing all the time.

FACTS, Aug-Sept. 1956.

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GREAT SALT LAKE.

Great Salt Lake in Utah has a salt content almost six times greater than that of the oceans and no fish can live in such water. The only animal life found in the lake consists of tiny brine shrimps.

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BELTANA NEWSLETTER.

Hello, Leigh Creek!

By now you will have recovered from your Christmas and New Year celebrations, and possibly have begun to think of what 1957 holds in store for us. No doubt there will be some unhappinesses in our lives but let us hope that these will be far outweighed by happiness and that 1957 will be a prosperous and peaceful year for us all.

Excitement is running high (as well as temperatures) in Beltana with the approaching marriage of Janice Nicholls to Howard White, and it is understood that the ceremony is to be conducted by the Bishop of Willochra. A well-attended Kitchen Evening was held on a recent Saturday night and by the many thoughtful gifts Janice will have a well equipped kitchen.

While on the subject of the Nicholls family, you may have noticed that Mr. Lance Nicholls our well-known publican, has been having some success in Adelaide with his two horses, Ellerdale and Ray Mist.

The Beltana Racing Club has decided to conduct its Autumn Meeting on March 9th, so will you please note this date in your diaries.

Our last meeting has apparently aroused much interest in horses in the district and many of the local boys are proud owners of budding 'Rising Fast'!!! Consequently we feel that this meeting will be a great success.

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BILL KNUCKEY .. L.C. 22.

Our Blinman correspondent is away on leave but is expected home some time this week.

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Hear George Nak counting the days until his transfer some time in April...

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A passing kingfisher told us that John Brownson is leaving the Electricity Trust at Port Lincoln and taking up private building..

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See Mack Gillies limping to the doctor with a badly poisoned foot.

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Last two days have been pleasant, but prior to that if it wasn't hot it was dusty and hot.

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Saw the Jackson family when they were visiting with the Kilsbys over Christmas. All looked well.

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Mrs. Keith Hirsch tells us that she had a Christmas card from the Bob Bonds, who are at Elizabeth.

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The swimming-pool did a roaring trade last Sunday afternoon..

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Bill Spence did a last-minute green paint-job on his car before embarking on leave.

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On the sick-list ... Mrs. Brazel of Lyndhurst is in the hospital suffering from pneumonia, as is Mr. Nick Kambuts of Leigh Creek. Sister Pam Bowers has been ill and has been taken to Adelaide.

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36,261 tons of coal were mined at Leigh Creek during December, of which 35,064 tons were sent to Port Augusta and Adelaide.

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Dave Miller, Clarrie Hooper and Clive Wells all seem to have been bitten by the Gliding bug...

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Driving up to the house to deliver the family's seventh baby, the doctor almost ran over a duck. "Is that your duck out there?" he asked.

"It's ours, but it ain't no duck. It's a stork with his legs wore down."

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Marriage is not necessarily finding the right person; it's being the right person..

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