

TEA AND TOPIC
CLUB MAIL LETTERS

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4th, and all the Williamses are going to attend.
And some more good news for the same family is the fact that Bob Williams is back in the States. He called his wife, Kerlee, last week-end. What a swell present for his family!
And according to the listing in the Citizen-Times, Leon Williams is to arrive from India the first part of this month. They should have a wonderful reunion this holiday season.
Ray Stephens and his wife are visiting Ray's parents. Ray is out of the Navy and is going back to finish his course in Journalism at the University of Georgia.
Ralph Brown and his wife have just moved into their new home—not in Black Mountain but near. They have built out close to Tom Brown off the North Fork road.
Walter Dougherty is a new name on our mailing list. He has just entered the Navy and wants to study aviation mechanics. He should be well suited for the work. He studied under CAP and learned to fly. Best of luck, Walter.
It is nice to see Marion Godfrey back in town. He is helping out at one of the stores. Fred Brown is planning to go to State College if he can find accommodations for his wife and small son.
Bill Gudger is at home. He looked mighty happy the other day walking home with his arms just bursting with packages of

groceries. He was a cook in the Army—wonder if he's taken over at home.
Pug Morgan has been shifted to Fort Sumter, S. C. He and Bill Gudger and Whitey Mashburn were having a get together in Carter Uzzell's drug store the other day.
Evelyn Cordell has just left for the War Criminal trials in Tokyo. She is secretary to Assistant Attorney T. Lamar Caudle. Black Mountain folks really get around!
We have a discharged veteran in Black Mountain who intends to make things hot for Asheville. Don't be alarmed—we are speaking of John Bowers, a professional promoter. He and his wife live in the Phillip cottage off the Craigmont Road. Among other attractions that he is planning to bring to Asheville is Earl Carroll's Vanities—to be held this week. We certainly wish him success. We have long need such activity in this section.
Goodbye for now—once again we wish you every happiness of the season.
—Tea and Topic Club.
P. S.—To make our wishes a little more personal this time—here are the Club members:
Mrs. George Folley,
Miss Elizabeth Parker,
Mrs. Allen Perley,
Mrs. R. T. Greene,
Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Jr.
Mrs. Roy Taylor,
Mrs. Frank Grove,
Mrs. Bill Phillips,
Mrs. Otty Leemon,
Mrs. James Northcott,
Mrs. Sam Cooley,
Mrs. Bill White.

Poets Corner

I had a little pony, I called him dapple gray,
I loaned him to a lady to ride a mile away.
She rode him up the hill side, he would not turn about.
Dear me, said she, I wonder if his gasoline's run out.
Judith Carol Jackson, age 5,
Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

The Night Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas and still as could be.
Old Santa Claus sat with his hands on his knee.
Old Santa was worried and said with a frown,
My reindeers are lame, and my sleigh can't be found.

Then he happened to think, and said with much zeal,
Why can't I go in my automobile?
He went to the garage and cranked his machine
But no lights could be have for fear he'd be seen.
The police pulled him in for having no lights
And that's why he missed lots of children that night.
—Mrs. Fannie Baird,
Cromwell, Ind.

A Million Dollars Worth

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile. The smile that bubbles from the heart that loves its fellow men We'll drive away the cloud of gloom and coax the sun again. It's full of goodness, too, and many kindness blent
It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a cherry smile, It always has the same good look—it's never out of style.
It moves us on to try again when failure makes us blue;
The dimples of encouragement are good for me and you.
It pays a higher interest for it is merely lent,

It's worth a million dollars, and it doesn't cost a cent.
A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up with cheer
A hundred times before you can squeeze out a soggy tear.
It ripples out, moreover, to the heart strings that will tug,
And always leaves an echo that is nearly like a hug.
So smile away, my dearest friend we understand what by a smile is meant,
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.
—Mrs. Fannie Baird,
Cromwell, Ind.

Black Mountain Football Team Members Feted

Members of the Black Mountain high school football team were entertained by the faculty at a banquet at the school Monday night. Lt. Harry Taylor of Moore General Hospital spoke to the group on "Sportsmanship."
Pete Brittain was presented the award made to the member of the team possessing the best qualities of sportsmanship. Jane Callison, cheer leader, received the award made to the girl which the team voted had furnished the most inspiration during the season.
The team scored 101 points during the season to 19 by its opponents, winning five games, losing one and tying one.
Letters were awarded to Jack Brown, Jack Miller, Doyle Turner, Neal Holdway, Chester Wing, Ervin Willis, Scott Uzzell, Yancey Jones, Pete Brittain, Fred Pence Garland Bryon, Clarence Padgett, and Charles Reece. Oliver Reece received the manager's letter.

S. D. O'KELLY DIES HERE AT HIS HOME

S. D. O'Kelly, 70, died Wednesday afternoon at his home on Montreat road, in Black Mountain.
Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of Black Mountain, the Rev. Robert Creasman and the Rev. H. W. Baucom officiating. Burial will follow in

Bethel Church Cemetery, near Oteen. The body will be taken to the church at 10:30 a.m. Friday and will remain there until the hour of the service.
Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Donna Burnette O'Kelly; a son, Ralph O'Kelly of Owosso, Mich.; and a brother, T. L. O'Kelly of Asheville.
Harrison funeral home of Black Mountain is in charge of arrangements.

Black Mountain PTA Is Planning Special Program

The December meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Thursday at 3:15 o'clock at the grammar school auditorium. This is one week earlier than the usual meeting date due to the Christmas holidays.
Tom Walters, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, gave the devotional. Mrs. H. A. Kerlee, program chairman, presented a Christmas program. Plans were made for Christmas parties with Miss Iris Willis and the grade mothers in charge at the elementary school and Mrs. A. C. Callison and the room sponsors taking charge at the high school. These parties will be held on the day school closes for the Christmas holidays, which will be Wednesday, December 19. It is also announced that the Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor the Teen-Age canteen Friday night, Mrs. J. I. Cook is chairman of the committee.

CHURCH OF GOD HOLDING REVIVAL

The revival being held at the Church of God in Black Mountain by the Rev. O. J. Cox of Hickory is drawing quite a crowd of people each evening.
Special features of music are held each evening. The services begin each evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Dixie Chambers is the pastor of the church.
Japan is a humid land, and no section suffers from a yearly or seasonal deficiency of rainfall.

To mold Devil's Tower in northwestern Wyoming, nature poured over 400,000,000 tons of molten magma.
Opium poppies grown in Turkey are almost wholly exported for medicinal uses, principally to England.
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