

**Black Mountain High School  
AS WE SEE OURSELVES**

By Ann Sawyer

"Happy New Year"! What is in these three words that people wish to each other at the stroke of midnight, December 31? What magic does this phrase possess that makes people feel very sure of themselves and of the year which is dawning.

In these three little words are many numerous thoughts and wishes of prosperity, good will and peace to every person on earth. It seems to tell us all that we have a brand new book of 365 pages in life to write. The plot of our story is our own to compose, and whether our new book has a happy ending is our own problem.

Perhaps what I am trying to express is best told in this poem by Kathleen Wheeler:

**A New Leaf**  
He came to my desk with quivering lip  
The lesson was done.  
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,  
"I have spoiled this one."  
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave him a new one all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes, smiled,  
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—  
The old year was done.  
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?"  
I have spoiled this one."  
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart he smiled,  
"Do better, now, my child."

Yes, God gave us this new year and the will to write it in our life's book. In the realm of personal character, men are always wanting to start again. When you begin again this year, live each day as if it were your last, and live it as you would want Christ to have you to do.

Perhaps in making your resolutions this year, you might add these to your list:

- (1) "Thoughtfulness makes friends and thoughtfulness makes them."
- (2) "To make new friendships and strengthen old ones."
- (3) "They do not love that do not show their love."
- (4) "To God, thy country, and friends be true."
- (5) "Three lovely things life gives to me—  
Whatever else fate sends my heart is filled with gratitude.  
For trees and books and friends."
- (6) "The thing that makes your day bright is the thoughtful things you've done for others."

dious notes of "Happy Birthday." Yes, Mr. Shuford, our beloved principal and friend, was celebrating his birthday along with the students. Although his day was not until Christmas day, we all wished him a very "Happy Birthday," and many returns of the coming year.

**Thank You!**  
The dime board, sponsored by the Tea and Topic club, proved to be an enlightening phase in the enjoyment of many folks' Christmas. Their happiness and thankfulness was a result of so many of you giving freely and in a kind spirit to the cheer fund. The members of the Beta club who helped with the fund wish to thank each and everyone of you who helped by giving your dimes and dollars to make some one else happy. However, we are sure that the ones who gave felt their hearts lightened too.

**Senior News**  
The senior class has been very busy these past weeks. Although the time may seem to be a long time away, graduation plans must be made early.

For preparation, they have measured for their caps and gowns, ordered invitations and cards, and have had the pleasure of hearing several representatives from various colleges. Mr. Smith, former principal of Sylva High school, came to the class from Western North Carolina Teachers' College, and Dr. Weatherford, resident of Blue Ridge, and Dr. Kryder, represented Berea college. Those gentlemen did not relay to the group the fine points of attending their respective colleges, but rather, stressed the importance of attending college, no matter which one you chose. A gentleman from Montreat College for Girls spoke to the Miss Seniors concerning their future in education.

Although many of the Seniors can hardly wait until that important day when they will leave all their school days behind, I feel that all of them are glad that they still have a few months left in which they can enjoy the friendship and comradeship of their classmates.

**Teachers' Meeting**  
The county-wide teachers' meeting will be held in the court house in Asheville, Saturday, January 17th. Mrs. Martha Perley, English teacher in our school, will be in charge of devotions for the meeting.

Participating in the devotions will be: Betty Austin, John Cockran, Eleanor Justus, and John Buckner.

We know that these pupils will represent our school in a nice way, and that they will leave a good impression of our other students.

**Careers**  
Mrs. Nesbitt, home economics teacher, has submitted this week Corene Nelson's theme on Careers. As you remember, before Christmas two themes were printed in this column, and we are continuing that again.

Next week we hope to have one concerning the Armed Forces.

**General Business and Office Work.**  
By Corene Nelson.  
The Secretary  
Office worker hold a great responsibility, and it is a wide field. The secretary is usually asked to form a number of different tasks and, particularly, to assume much more responsibility than does the stenographer. Although some secretaries do not take dictation at all but rather give dictation to a stenographer. An average secretary is expected to take dictation and to transcribe the notes into well-planned, mailable letters or usable transcripts of other types. A secretary is also expected to meet callers, answer the telephone, attend to mail, send telegrams, make appointments, remind him, her employer of appointments and things that he should do.

Above all, a secretary should be very "personable" type of an individual; one who is loyal, trustworthy, dependable, and refined; one who is at all times tactful, who uses good judgment, and who will remember to do—and do well—the many tasks she must perform. She should use good English, be well-poised, be in good health, and possess many of the other personal qualities that tend to make for success in the business office.

Training of a secretary, she should first of all have a thorough training in shorthand, typing and fundamentals of English.

Those who hope to be a successful secretary should possess a well-developed vocabulary and should read widely. Doing this will help them to become interesting conversationalists who can discuss sensibly everyday topics with their employer, co-workers, and callers. It will also help her to understand and transcribe correctly the many types of dictation that they may be given.

A knowledge of business and things pertaining to the business is also quite essential to the secretary. Some of the information may be obtained from letters and office conversations. Much valuable knowledge can also be derived from reading trade journals and other publications that particularly pertain to the type of business involved from attending meetings where business problems are discussed, and from talking with successful business men and women. I think I am going to enjoy being a secretary.

**Beta Club Initiation**  
In the pale green lights of the Christmas decoration, the Beta club of Black Mountain High school held its annual candle light induction service on December 20, 1952.

Miss Anna Marie Molloy, president, conducted the meeting. She welcomed the parents, teachers, new members and the former members of the club that had returned for a visit. She also explained the purpose of the Beta club. The new members were pinned and repeated the pledge of the club. Then the program proceeded with speeches by Betty Austin, Ann Sawyer, Peggy Williams, and Shirley Mull. The Beta club presented Mrs. Perley, our sponsor, with a gift, and then the business part of the meeting was adjourned and everyone enjoyed a semi-formal dance, with delicious cookies, and punch for refreshment.

We were glad to have these former members with us: Dick Ramsey, Rita Gasperson, Harold Brown, Thelma Brooks, Tommy Spence, Donnie Woods, Dillian Gaskins, Elaine Allison, Barbara Justus, Norma Justus, Joe Foster, Stuart Byron, and Sherwood Mull. We hope that they enjoyed themselves.

The new members are: Clara Propst, Dot Taylor, Emily Hawkins, Judy Capps, Billie Jo Goforth, Eleanor Justus, Barbara Nesbitt, John Corkran, Dale Wrenn, William Price, Paul Wright, Scotty Greer, John Williams, Joyce Justus, Pat Valeen Cooper and the old members are: Celeste McCall, Ann Sawyer, Sara Martin, Betty Austin, Steve Kaplan, Nancy Dougherty, Rose Candler, David Corkran, Peggy Williams, Thelma Payne, Anna Marie Molloy, Shirley Mull, Yvonne Nanney, Madge Wilhide, and Eva Smith.

Also the members of the club brought gifts to go in a care basket for a needy family.

The club house was beautifully decorated with silver and white snow flakes, greenery, green lights and a beautiful tree.

**The Best Beginning.**  
"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.' So I went forth and finding the hand of God, trod safely into the night."  
Kings Broadcast, Christmas 1939.

In beginning this new year, we face many problems before us. But if we put our trust in God, we will find that they will be solved more easily.

At the end of 1952, you are in control. You must do something with the gift of 1953; you cannot decline it. You cannot do anything about the year that is gone. But in fellowship with Christ, you can make of 1953 "the year of a new beginning for you and yours." Make it a "Happy New Year."

**Blessed**  
We pray for strength that we may achieve;  
We are made weak that we may obey.  
We pray for wealth that we may do greater things;  
We are given infirmity that we may do better things.  
We pray for riches that we may be happy;  
We are given poverty that we may be wise.  
We pray for power that we may have the praise of me.  
We are given infirmity that we may feel the need of God.

**BEE TREE NEWS**

By Mrs. C. M. Howie

We certainly had rain all day Friday and Friday night. Long Branch was really over flowing its banks.

We are proud to learn that Rodman Sawyer has been discharged from the VA hospital. And also his wife is able to be up again.

Wayne Howie and Junior Pruet left last Tuesday evening around 4 o'clock for Detroit, Mich. He is going to work up there for a while. Mrs. Bulah Howie and little son, Ronnie, visited Mrs. Allen Crabtree one day last week.

Murray Howie is much improved and able to be up and about again. Mrs. W. C. Burnette is also much better for the past week.

Mrs. Thomas Hall was very sick again for the past week. Mrs. Mabel Stevens was much worse again the past week. She has been very sick since November and not able to be up. She is the daughter of Mrs. Audrey Pruet of Bee Tree road.

Aunt Carrie Shope has been very sick all the past week and under the care of Dr. J. M. Buckner.

Julius Lavender of Crooked Creek in McDowell county visited his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Kings Broadcast, Christmas 1939.

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and Mrs. Lawrence Howie Sunday at their home on the Long Branch road.

The Rev. Talmadge, missionary from Montreat, visited the Bee Tree Baptist church Sunday morning. We were pleased to have him.

Miss Irene Kilby and two other nurses from Victoria hospital, were dinner guests of her father and mother, the J. S. Kilbys, at their home on the Long Branch road Sunday. They also attended church services Sunday morning.

There is being a telephone line erected up the Long Branch to the Mongrove place.

Mrs. Peggy Brank and little Sue, visited Mrs. Dorothy Morgan last Friday.

Pet. James M. Howie's wife of Camp Gordon, Ga., stopped over for a few minutes at his parents home, the C. M. Howies, last Friday morning. She was en route to visit her father, Jess Bradley in Knoxville, Tenn.

Clifford Brooks was able to be out at church Sunday morning, the first time since Christmas. He has had virus pneumonia. We are glad to know he is able to be out again.

**CLUB HEARS REVIEW OF ROBERT TAYLOR BOOK**  
The Tea and Topic club met Monday night, Jan. 12, at the home of Mrs. Richard Oulaian with 10 members present. Mrs. Otty Leeman was responsible for the program which was a review of "W. C. Fields, His Follies and Fortunes," by Robert Lewis Taylor.

Refreshments were served by the hostess during the social hour. Those present were, Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. R. T. Greene, W. H. Holman, Jr., Mrs. A. Perley, Mrs. John Ramsay, Roy Taylor, Mrs. A. F. Tyson, Mrs. W. W. White, and Mrs. Woodcock.

**MISS C. MOLES HAS PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE**  
The Business Woman's circle of the Presbyterian church met Monday night, Jan. 5, in the home of Mrs. Charles Stepp with John Love as assistant hostess. Mrs. John O'Connor, chairman, in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Clarabel Moles, Bible teacher of the school, gave the Bible study "How Does Your Religion Show in Your Home?" taken from Colossians.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses to Miss Tippy Wallace, Miss Lily Woods, Mrs. Wade, Mrs. C. D. Thomas, Betty Hipps, Miss Moles, Miss Lian Russell, Mrs. Ashby Moore, Mrs. Leon Williams, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Liam Hinkle and Mrs. W. W. White.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 97 WORKING ON BADGE**  
The regular meeting of Girl Scout Troop 97 was held in the former Baptist parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13. Some of the girls made book covers. Everyone is working hard to earn her second class badge.

**EVERYDAY is a good day to SHOP HERE**

**Duke's HOME MADE MAYONNAISE**  
33c

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SLICED  
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Firm White	CABBAGE . . . 2 lbs.	11c
Golden Rip	BANANAS . . . 2 lbs.	27c

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Pet or Carnation <b>MILK</b> 2 TALL CANS <b>29c</b>	Campbell's Condensed <b>Tomato Soup</b> 2 10 1/2-Oz. Cans <b>25c</b>
Valleydale Pure Kettle-Rendered <b>LARD</b> 8 LB. BCKT. <b>\$1.10</b>	Second Cup <b>Coffee</b> . . . Lb. <b>77c</b>
	Clo-White <b>Bleach</b> . . . Qt. <b>15c</b>
	Ritz-New, Richer, Crisper <b>Crackers</b> . . . Large Box <b>35c</b>
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