

News and Views from Blowing Rock School

(Written by the Students) The Senior Class play, "He Was a Gay Senorita," will be given in the school auditorium, Saturday evening, March 23, 8 o'clock. It is a farce comedy in three acts and has twelve characters. Not only are the situations in this well-constructed play above your wildest imagination, but the dialogue is sparkling and startling. The characters are well selected, and excellent work is being done on the whole play. You can't afford to miss this comedy. We promise you an evening of splendid entertainment. Special music will be given between acts. The play is directed by Mrs. Howard Gragg and Mr. Paul Birmingham.

**SOPHOMORE PARTY** The ninth grade gave a party last Thursday night, March 7th, at the Town Hall. There was a general good time and late in the evening refreshments were served. Those present were the tenth grade, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gragg, Mrs. Gene Story and a few of the high school students from other grades.

**GIRLS' BASKET BALL** The Blowing Rock girls' basket ball season closed with a bang. The past term has been enjoyed very much, and we are sorry that our basket ball games are over for the year. The result of the season follows: Cove Creek 4, Blowing Rock 4; Newland 10, Blowing Rock 14; Betnel 12, Blowing Rock 9; Cranberry 7, Blowing Rock 12; Todd 12, Blowing Rock 14; Newland 19, Blowing Rock 18; Boone 6, Blowing Rock 61; Jefferson 16, Blowing Rock 13; Todd 12, Blowing Rock 15; Jefferson 14, Blowing Rock 14; Cove Creek 22, Blowing Rock 2; Crossroad 29, Blowing Rock 23. The total scores for the year are: Frances Pitts 74, Pearl Elrod 48, and Aliverta Greene 97.

**LEGEND OF LOVER'S LEAP** All who have looked upon the splendor of John's River Valley, as seen from Lover's Leap near the town of Blowing Rock have felt the haunting spirit which is always near. The beautiful scene is of hazy blue mountains and valleys, sleeping peacefully beneath the rest of the world, and holding forever the blessed bones of a boy and a girl. Long ago when Indians alone inhabited America, they settled near the rock called Lover's Leap a tribe of Iroquois Indians. The Cherokees were farther back, but it happened that these two tribes were hostile and immediately the Cherokees, on the war-path, scalped many of the Iroquois and carried their wives away. In the Iroquois camp there was a young brave, "Big Rock," who was the Chief's son. In the Cherokee camp the chief's beautiful daughter was making preparations to marry Squanto, a brave her father had chosen for her husband. Tahita did not love Squanto, so she was very unhappy. Tahita met Big Rock one day while at her favorite hideaway, then called "Sunshine and Thunder Rock." After this they met often at the rock and fell deeply in love. Big Rock told Tahita that he would ask her father for her hand in marriage, and tell his own father of his choice. Tahita agreed. Her father was very angry and told her lover to never again enter the Cherokee camp. Big Rock left after signaling Tahita to meet him at the "Sunshine and Thunder Rock." Big Rock told his father of Tahita and begged him to consider his wishes and happiness. The chief was enraged that his son should choose a girl from the Cherokee tribe. He charged Big Rock never to meet Tahita again or he would be sent from the camp. So Tahita and Big Rock met and talked of the cruelness of both fathers. Suddenly Tahita sprang to her feet with a happy light in her eyes. "If he cannot be together in life, we can be together in death," she cried. So, locked in each others arms, they went to the Happy Hunting Ground in the peaceful Johns River Valley. They found happiness in the world beyond, so the legend goes, and so ended the life of Tahita and Big Rock and the legend of Lover's Leap.

**BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday, March 17, 1935 Sunday School at 9:45 with classes for ages; 11:00 a. m., worship and sermon, subject, "The Peril of an Empty Life"; 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union; 7:30 union services at Methodist Church. Dr. J. C. Owens of the United Dry Forces in Raleigh will be the speaker. His subject will be "Prohibition and Temperance." One of the most faithful Sunday School classes we have is the T. E. L. taught by Miss Nancy Lewis. You can depend on them. Among the sick that we know about this week are: Mrs. Dr. Hodges, Mrs. Len Cook, Mrs. Wyke, Mr. Frank Miller and Mrs. Dallas Cottrell. Others confined to their beds on account of sickness are Mr. Murray Critcher, Miss Marian Beach and Mr. Ben Council, who was carried to a Charlotte hospital Tuesday morning. All of these should be remembered in our prayers. The following friends were kind enough to have the pastor and his family out to dinner during the past week: Mrs. Whitehead and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eggers. New members coming into our church are Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greene. J. C. CANIPE, Pastor.

**THRILLING MYSTERY STORY** The unusual exploits of the French police are told by H. Ashton-Wolfe, noted criminalologist, in another of his stories of baffling mysteries. One of many features in the American Weekly, issue of March 17, the big magazine which comes regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. Buy your copy from your favorite news-dealer or newsboy.

A Brief History of the Greene Family in Northwest Carolina

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Greene family history, the first installment of which follows, was written in the year 1901 by the late Rev. George Greene, missionary to China, and was once published in pamphlet form. There is such a large family connection in Watauga county that we believe in presenting the interesting story we are rendering a worth-while service.

By G. W. GREENE Some centuries ago there lived in one of the middle counties of Southern England a man named Bokton. This was not his surname, for surnames were not then common. But there were others of the same name and sometimes confusion resulted. As he lived near the village green, for the sake of distinction he was called Boxton de Green, that is, Bokton of the green. The name was afterwards applied to his children also, and so came to be a family name. In process of time French phrases became less popular, the "de" was dropped, and the name was simply Green. Sometimes an additional "e" is used and the name is spelled "Greene," but this is a matter of personal preference, and the name is the same with either spelling.

Some of the descendants of this first man with the name Green were quite prominent in England. Sir Henry Green was Lord Chief Justice. The mother of Catherine, one of the ill-fated wives of Henry VIII, was Maud Green. Sir William Green and his son, Sir Michael Green, were knighted the same day by King James I, about the beginning of the seventeenth century. These all belonged to Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire.

But there were others, perhaps, of the same family in Wiltshire. From this county, about 1635, John Greene came to the colony of Massachusetts. But he was a Quaker and Quakers were not welcome in the colony of Massachusetts. Hence he soon left Massachusetts, and joined Roger Williams in Rhode Island. He and his descendants were quite prominent in the affairs of the colony, and in later years his descendants have filled a prominent place in the State of Rhode Island. The most prominent of all was General Nathaniel Greene, confessedly second only to Washington among the generals of the Revolution. He was of the fifth generation from this first John Greene.

**Name Established in New Jersey** Early in the eighteenth century one branch of the family left Rhode Island and settled near Brooklyn. They did not tarry here long, but soon passed

on to New Jersey. Here the family is very large and many have occupied prominent positions. There have been Judges, Governors, Professors in Princeton, and theologians, as well as men prominent in business. Brigadier-General F. V. Greene, who was lately with General Merritt at Manila, in the New Jersey Greenes. On his return from Manila, a few days ago, he was promoted to be Major-General. From New Jersey the Greenes have moved westward and are now very numerous in Pennsylvania and New York.

About the middle of the last century a colony moved from New Jersey and settled in Rowan County, North Carolina. This "Jersey Settlement" is now a part of Davidson County and lies near the Yadkin River, opposite Salisbury. In this colony was Jeremiah Greene, with a large family of sons and daughters. Later generations often pronounced the name Jeremy, but in the old records it is always written Jeremiah. H. E. McCullough, of England, has secured grants to large tracts of land in North Carolina, tract No. 9 containing 12,500 acres, including much of the land of the Jersey settlement. Jeremiah Greene bought 541 acres of this tract. This land is described as lying "on the waters of the Atkin or Pee Dee," on Poits' Creek. This creek passes near the village of Linwood, within a mile of Jersey Church, and empties into the Yadkin, not far away. The land was bought in 1762. Some years later when this tract of land was divided between his two sons, Richard and Isaac, the new deeds were not registered, but the names of the new owners were written on the margin of the page where the old deed was registered.

Jeremiah Greene seems to have spent the rest of his days in Davidson, and probably died about the end of the century. His son Isaac also probably remained in the Jersey Settlement and is the ancestor of those of the name now living in Davidson. Stephen Greene, who was probably a younger son of Jeremiah Greene, in 1784 settled in the Forks of the Yadkin, and has left in Davie County a large and honorable progeny. **Jeremiah Comes to Watauga** Soon after the war of the Revolution three sons and two daughters of Jeremiah Greene left the Jersey Settlement and moved to Watauga, which was then a part of W.B.Kes. These three brothers were Richard, Jeremiah and John. They were all then married, had large families, children grown and married, and probably

some grandchildren. Their sisters also were married, Joanna to Landrine Eggers, and Sarah to a man named Wilson.

The land to which these emigrants came was a goodly land. The County of Watauga lies on a high table land, between the Blue Ridge on the east and the Stone Mountain on the west. It was then virgin forest. Daniel Boone had passed through the county, and for a time occupied a cabin near the site of Boone, some stones of which can still be seen, but he had not even made a clearing, before he moved farther westward. The mountains and the valleys, the swamps and the plateaus were covered with gigantic oaks, chestnuts, pines and other trees, some specimens of which still remain. What a task to clear these forests! What a wealth of timber was wasted in preparing these lands for cultivation! They cut down the great trees, cut them into suitable lengths, rolled them into heaps, and burned them!

The soil is still wonderfully fertile, and it is probable that at the time of which we write there was beneath the trees a tangled network of the richest peavines covering the whole face of the earth. Herds of cattle, sheep and hogs, together with forest fires, have destroyed all this rich verdure. (CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

**CARD OF THANKS** We wish to thank our many friends who have been so faithful, loving and kind to us during the sickness and death of a dear wife and mother, of a son and brother during the last thirty days. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you in your trying hours. A. G. STORY, CARL STORY.

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