

BLOWING ROCK BREEZES

The Band Boys announce an entertainment to be given by them about the 3rd week in March, consisting of a 'genooine' minstrel show with burnt-cork music to "beat the band," stump speeches, side-splitting jokes, in fact all the features belonging to a modern, up-to-date successful show by local talent who, though amateurs resemble professionals, the show to be produced in the home town of Blowing Rock and repeated at Boone, the repetition enhancing the value of the entertainment rather than detracting therefrom as the stage fright "frightened away" upon the first performance of the play, the players will have gotten up sufficient courage to exhibit before so august an audience as will fill the town hall (the court room) at the metropolis of the county and, without doubt, the Blowing Rock Dramatic Club will have many invitations from elsewhere, the object of the show this month being to aid in buying new uniforms.

Rev. Edgar Tufts, of the Presbyterian church, acceptably filled his appointments here last Sunday, preaching in the morning in the Baptist church from the text, "What think ye of Christ?" and at night in the Reading Room from the text, "Be of good cheer," both services evidencing much thoughtful study, Mr. Tufts, at both services making a plea for the new Orphanage at Banner Elk and at night taking up an offering for that noble work.

The school taught by Miss Edith Hayes at Skyland is not, as your correspondent stated last week, a subscription school, but an extension of the public school, Miss Elsie Weedon teaching a select school, Mr. John S. Williams a subscription school, the last mentioned to be turned back to the public school, during March and then closed for the season.

Mr. George B. Hartley, brother of our townsmen, Messrs Wade and Granville Hartley, has been heard from after a silence of nearly six years and an absence of 13, Hartley Captain of the 20th Company of the 8th Regiment, National Guards of New York, the armory where Captain Hartley has his office on the corner of 94th St. and Park Avenue, New York City.

The sick ones are rapidly improving, thanks to good medical attention, efficient nursing, fine weather and the cheery faces of visitors, no others need call.

As the sun "moves" northward the spring birds appear and letters from letters from cottage owners glow with expectations of a delightful summer on the mountain.

Among the recent visitors from down country were Messrs. Messick of Hickory "Coot" Holder of Lenoir, Gattis of Knoxville, El. Robbins of Pineola and Jenkins and Hemphill of North Wilkesboro, the last named gentleman here in the interest of the estate of the late Dr. C. J. Parlier.

Our head plumber, George E. Coffey has been engaged to do considerable plumbing at Banner Elk preparatory to the opening of the school there on April 15.

The Boy Scouts under the direction of Scout Master LeRoy Hollinger, are to resume their weekly meetings in the Randall Memorial Building where the "rites of order" will be conducted before the big fire of the Exchange Room, some of our most promising young boys belonging to this great organization which has for its National President Ernest Seton Thompson, the famous writer of nature stories, and for the patroness of the lo-

St. Iude Items.

Sarah, little daughter of John and Mrs. Matilda Thomas Dyer, now of Mountain City, Tenn., formerly of this settlement, is recovering from a sudden and severe attack of pneumonia, Sarah's many friends along the river will be rejoiced to know, Mrs. Mary Hopkins Thomas having returned from the bedside of her favorite grand daughter.

Miss Wilma Thomas, daughter of James W. Thomas, is living at Williamston and not Wilmington as your correspondent noted last time, her sister, Miss Alberta at Rocky Mount, N. C. Mrs. James is slowly mending after an illness from which at one time it seemed doubtful that she could recover, her son William, late superintendent of Live stock at the Valle Crucis Industrial Farm, moving near the old home, having rented of Wm. F. Winkler, on the old G. N. Evans estate on Watauga River.

Mr. Andrew Hicks has rented the Warren place, back of the palisades, opposite the James W. Thomas homestead, a good locality for wheat, they say. It is gratifying to see the old places built up and land cleared for cultivation, the river country especially on a boom, farmers owning river bottoms having at their feet a real bonanza, and many of our mountain people are assured of the fact that notwithstanding the cry about "hard times" there is a good living for the man who rents land and a better one for the man who owns it.

Mr. Joe Ward, son of the late lamented Simon Ward, Esq., owner of some of the finest bottom land near mouth of Cove Creek reports that he has yet un-gathered, 300 bushels of corn, of good quality, the farmers of Cove Creek valley among the most prosperous in the county, prosperous because progressive.

Mrs. David Warren whose serious illness has been reported is recovering, much to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Redad, District Visitor and church worker is quite unwell, her good work suspended in consequence, but her friends hope that she will ere long be "up and about" as her work, unique in this part of the country, is calculated to prove of inestimable value in the betterment of county life in general.

cal camp here, Mrs. Wm. M. Stringfellow who organized the Scouts of Blowing Rock and who, during the season of 1914 had the boys to meet at her beautiful home on the shores of Chetola Lake.

The Camp Fire Girls under the supervision of the Misses Boughner of St. Louis and owning a beautiful summer home on Beacon Hill, disbanded for the winter but will reorganize when their patronesses return for the season.

The Library Association will meet for reorganization in the near future, a sort and classify the books of Lend-a-Hand Library and help make it a more worthy memorial of its founder the late Mary Nelson Carter, who many years ago with her husband, Dr. Carter came here from Philadelphia primarily for health's sake but eventually locating and devoting their lives to the welfare physical, mental and moral of the people hereabout, endeavoring themselves to the mountain people, "Elija's mantle" falling upon the son Warren Carter, Esq., a successful business man of the Quaker City who owns the charming old house on New Years Creek and delights to come with his interesting family for a few weeks in summer. Mr. Carter interested in the development of our town and at home a consecrated worker among the men of his acquaintance there, by his personality drawing about him a goodly number of many men, the kind the Master "loved."

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Leonard Mitchell, late of the county of Watauga and State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against said estate to present to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before Feb. 22, 1915, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate are requested to make immediate payment. This Feb. 22, 1915.
J. W. MOORE, Administrator.

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Second Grand Prize, \$8 Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen.
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Seals for grand prizes will be opened in the presence of three witnesses. All draws must be paid for when taken. Perfectly reliable and competent judges pronounce this piano one of the finest and most durable instruments on the market. Every one knows the Waterman pen and all should know the value of a five dollar manicure set. But remember, there is a minor premium with every draw. In some instances this minor is worth as much or more than the cost of the draw. The numbers you select will represent the amounts to be paid for the draws, no. 86 will cost you 86 cents, etc. Select numbers by mail, sending amounts of draws in stamps or money order.

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Tax Notice.

I will be at the following places on the dates named for the purpose of receiving taxes for the year 1914 which are due. As there will be two collectors in the field at the same time this notice is made rather in duplicate, or, rather two calls on the same day:

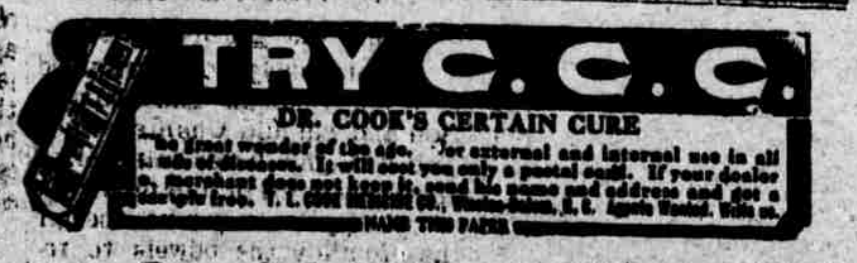
Place	Date	Year
Boone, court house,	March,	1, 1915.
Blue Ridge, G L Story's Store	"	2, 1915.
Blowing Rock, Holshouser's Store	"	3, 1915.
Watauga, Kealey forenoon,	"	4, 1915.
Watauga, Valle Crucis, afternoon,	"	4, 1915.
Shaw-ehaw, Baird's Store,	"	5, 1915.
Laurel Creek, John Ward's Store,	"	6, 1915.
Beaver Dam, Sweet Water,	"	8, 1915.
Boone, Court House,	"	1, 1915.
Elk, L. M. Hodges's Store,	"	2, 1915.
Stony Fork, Hendrix Store, Forenoon	"	3, 1915.
Stony Fork, Virgil, afternoon,	"	3, 1915.
Bald Mountain, To. Id.	"	4, 1915.
Meat Camp, W. H. Norris forenoon,	"	5, 1915.
Meat Camp, C C Ragans stor. afternoon	"	5, 1915.
Nyrth Fork, W N Thomas Store,	"	6, 1915.
Cove Creek, L Greer's forenoon,	"	8, 1915.
Cove Creek, Mast's afternoon,	"	8, 1915.

I am making this round more than I promised, just for the convenience of the people, and I am expecting the tax-s. On all who have not paid after this call I will have to add costs if they do not pay immediately. This is no scare crow, I mean to do this, for I must have the taxes.

E. R. Eggers, Ex-Sheriff.

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