

**Former Pastor of Boone Colored Church Held for Murder in Caldwell Co.**

Lenoir.—Walter Horton, 52-year-old negro preacher, was placed in the Caldwell County jail at 11:50 o'clock Sunday morning (Dec. 6) on a charge of shooting and killing Betty Floyd, his mother-in-law, about 8 o'clock on the night previous.

Shortly after Horton was jailed he agreed to see newspaper men. He told the whole story in language that only a colored preacher could use. In a deep, resonant voice, sometimes rising and falling in oratory, he kept the little audience of reporters and officers entranced as he related the details of one of the most gruesome murders in the history of the county, with himself as the murderer.

On September 26, 1906, he married Nancy Ellen Floyd, he began, his voice at first trembling and then gaining strength as he proceeded. He "pastored" for five years, in Randolph County, in Stokes, in Forsyth and in Boone, and later in the Laytown section. They had six children, four of whom are now living.

From the very beginning, he said, his mother-in-law caused trouble between him and his wife.

"She tore up my family," he droned, and his voice rose; "she took my baby and wouldn't let me see him, she made my wife leave me, she caused my boys to turn against me and cut me, she took my children's money and wouldn't let me have any after I had worked 25 years to raise them—she kept my baby." The baby is a 12-year-old boy. He repeatedly asked the officers if he might see his baby.

So on Saturday night right after dark he got a 12-gauge single barrel shotgun and a Fulton army rifle and went to the home of his mother-in-law in Freedman. There he hid near the back door and said he must have waited about 25 minutes. Presently his mother-in-law came out of the house carrying a pot of water.

"Then did you kill her?" one of the reporters asked him, breaking the solemnity of his story.

Horton's eyes swelled with tears and his chin trembled.

"Yes, sir," he replied.

**DISCOVERED—RUM IN NAVY DEPARTMENT'S LUNCH ROOM.**—The Navy Department's lunch room, it is being whispered, is harboring a quantity of "rum."

The "rum" is in fruit cakes that have been placed on sale for the holiday season. They are said to have been soaked about six months in the "illicit" beverage.

About six months ago prohibition agents, exploring the Massachusetts coast, discovered a cargo of liquor cached on what was reported to be Secretary Adams' estate.

Asked if there could be any possible connection between the lunch-room "rum" and the Massachusetts rum, the secretary smiled broadly and "alleged" he did not miss the good opportunity afforded by the discovery.

**TODD NEWS**

Miss Theodosia Watson of the A. S. T. C. faculty, Boone, spent the week-end with her sister, Miss Fawn Watson, of the local school faculty. The Writers Club members are very much interested in gathering materials for Miss Watson's nature study classes in the college. A number of interesting things have been secured by the different club members. Clifford Wineberger has brought a large hornets' nest, a "black-jacket's" nest, a goldfinch's nest, and several other birds' nests which have not yet been identified. Blaine Wineberger has brought two unusually well-built specimens of the gnat-catcher and vireo nests. Roy Lewis has secured a fine specimen of the goldfinch's nest. Miss Blanche Wall has located three humming bird nests in the shrubbery at her home, which she can bring. Several other club members have brought other more common nests, and some which have not yet been identified.

Miss Laura Miller's grades have been making a special study of birds all the fall. They, too, are greatly interested in Miss Watson's College Nature Study classes, and in securing materials for them. They have a splendid collection of nests, including several rather rare specimens.

Mr. Wash Miller's residence and almost the whole contents were destroyed by fire Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Edwards has been seriously ill for several days.

Mr. Ira Wagner, of Ashe, is spending some time with relatives and friends in Ashe and Watauga Counties.

Mrs. C. F. Wright and two children, Ruth and Peggy, are visiting friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Howell spent the week-end in Mooresville.

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**New Plan Would Allow States to Define Liquor**

Washington.—A new, "easier" way to amend the dry laws to provide beer in states that want it was proposed to Congress Friday while the house heard a personal "testimonial" that beer of 3-2 per cent. alcoholic content is not harmful or intoxicating.

A new and solemn young LaFollette congressman from Wisconsin, Thomas R. Amie, introduced the new dry law proposal. It would allow the states instead of the federal government to define intoxicating liquor.

The Federal Government under the Volstead Act now limits alcoholic content to one-half of one per cent. Amie argues that even a prohibitionist could vote to let his State define the limit.

A former brewer, Representative William E. Hull, Republican, of Illinois, who has recently devoted most of his attention to promoting inland waterways, testified before the House that four pints of beer, even before breakfast, did not intoxicate him. He added that he wasn't a drinking man.

Hull conducted his personal experiment this year in Stockholm, Sweden. The beer contained three per cent. alcohol by weight.

**STONES HELP PUPILS TO LEARN OF FAMOUS MEN**

Paris.—The stick and stone method of teaching history has proved so successful, according to Professor A. J. Hanna, of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., that he has been making a tour of Europe in an effort to accumulate "data" for his students.

The American professor says that his college is making a collection of stones gathered from the birthplaces of famous men and women, who have contributed to the world's progress. On each stone is carved the name and birthplace of the person represented. The stone is then placed with appropriate ceremonies in the "Path of Fame" in the center of the college campus.

While in Paris, Professor Hanna hopes to acquire a stone representing Gaspard de Coligny, who, as head of the Huguenot party in France, conceived the idea of a colony in Florida and who sponsored the three expeditions that resulted in the settlement of Fort Caroline, on the St. John's River, near Jacksonville.

A stone already secured by the historian from Dieppe, represents Jean Ribaut, the great French admiral of the sixteenth century. Admiral Ribaut planted in Florida the first Protestant colony in North America,

anteceding by 58 years the more famous landing of the English Pilgrims at Plymouth, Mass., according to the instructor. This southern stone pedagogy was originated by Hamilton Holt, president of Rollins College, in an effort to increase the interest in what students had begun to consider a "dry" subject.

**HOLMES SERVES 29 YEARS**

Washington.—Oliver Wendell Holmes recently completed 29 years of service as a member of the Supreme Court.

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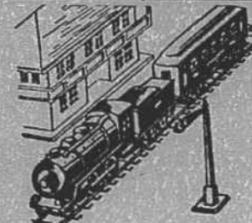
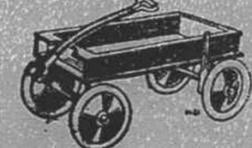
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- BALD MOUNTAIN**—December 17th, at Graham's Store.
- STONY FORK**—Dec. 18; Cook's Store a. m.; Depot p. m.
- ELK**—December 19, Triplett's Store a. m.
- BLUE RIDGE**—Dec. 21, Storie's Store.
- BLOWING ROCK**—December 22, Hols-houser's Store.
- WATAUGA**—Dec. 23; Collins' Store a. m.; Shulls Mills p. m.
- WATAUGA**—December 24, a. m. at Val-le Crucis.
- SHAWNEEHAW**—December 26, a. m. at Tester's Store.
- LAUREL CREEK**—Dec. 28; Hagaman's Store a. m.; A. M. Ward's Store p. m.
- BEAVER DAM**—Dec. 29; Perry's Store a. m.; Hagaman's Store p. m.
- COVE CREEK**—Dec. 30; Zionville a. m.; Mabel p. m.
- COVE CREEK**—Dec. 31; Silverstone a. m. Sherwood's Store p. m.
- BOONE**—Any time at my office.

I do hope that every one will do their best to pay on this round. There is no penalty now, but a penalty of 1 per cent. will be added after Feb. 1, 1932.

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