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STRANGE RELIGION!

THAT fellow who flogged the sixyear-old kid pretty near to death last week was tried in Judge Suddreth's court Tuesday, was fined a hundred smackers and the cost, given a six-months suspended sen-tence and asked to kindly refrain from his fiendish cruelty for years and years and years. The strange part of the whole affair is this: it developed in court that the defendant is some sort of a minister . . . a close student of the Scriptures, a hard worker, and believes, it appears, that ne is following the trachings of Chris-

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" is a sort of private matto for the aforementioned flogger, and he says these words are a part of the Scriptures. Excuse our ignorance, and in the meantime please tell us . . . are they, or "ain't they?

COY WILLIAMS, D. D.? MBITION and determination

these virtues can certainly be claimed by Coy Williams, col-ored. Everybody in Boone is acquaint-ted that he had taken care of fne ed with Coy. Bootblack, bell-hop, chauffeur, roustabout, teacher, preach-child and hadn't used any Red Cross er . . . this negro has just plodded flour in his ration. er . . this negro has just produced The case aponsed unusual interest along year after year, saving a part of his carnings, studying a whole lot, and making preparations to hook those two simple little letters, "D. D." to his name. And now the degree is to along the preparation of the same apon and the same and the same apon a s in sight just three years away prohibition laws, were Some time ago a Tennessee college and placed under a fo conferred a bachelor's degree on Coy pended road sentence. A case against W thing bigger, for something better, a course in theology, and "Doctor," if your please. Coy is now temphine -arts or something it was . . . but that didn't haif satisfy this ambitious you please. Coy is now teaching at the negro school in Boone during the week, is a trial member of the North Caroline Colored Methodist Confer-ence, and by virtue of this authority ence, and by virtue of this authority is flaying the devil from the pulpits of two or three Caldwell County churches every Sunday. He's going to an Atlanta theological seminary next year, and by the summer of 1936, if his luck holds, he will be carnest: he just knows he'll make the grade. This matter of getting a col-lege education after a man passes thirty is something that most white folks are afraid to tackle. ... but Coy doesn't seem to mind. ... but Coy prepared to carry on his Master's

BEATTY IS FINED FOR MISTREATING CHILD; NO DENIAL

\$100 and Costs Must Be Paid by Farmer Who Admits that Punihsment Was Too Severe; Suspended Sentenec of Six Months in Jail Passed. Few Other Cases Disposed of by Recorder at Busy Session Tuesday

Fred Beatty, citizen of the Ruther-wood community, was fined \$100 and tianity ... even when he is laying the costs for the action, and placed the plat across the back of a poor little orphan boy. Can you imagine that? It's hard to believe that a man er's Court Tuesday, for the unmercican spend hours poring over the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, which scintillate with promises of mercy and compassion . and then

merey and compassion and then Beatty was arrested on aonoay eve-cut off a dogwood sprout to "settle the argument" with a defenseless child. It's hard to believe that a man ent of public welfare, and which can get down on his knees, direct his prayers to the Almighty, and plead for mercy, when he, hinself, accords not one whit of mercy to those in his not one whit of mercy to those in his care. But that's just what this fellow has been doing, according to those who know him . . . praying, preach-ing, studying the Bible, and whipping his youngsters with long, keen, cruel sprouts. Another of those paradoxi-cal things that is calculated to make care state in the case, swore sault with a deadly weapon, Beatty was rearrested on Wednesday and placed in jail, where he remained, in default of a \$500 bond, intil released by the court. State's witnesses, who included

che scratch his head and wrinkle his brow. Mra. Brantley Duncan, teacher at the Rutherwood School, Smith Hagaman State's witnesses, who included and Deputy Hill Hagaman, testified as to the bruised and lacerated condi-

tion of the six-year-old boy's body after the chastisement with a dogwood sprout, while Attorney Holshouser, appearing for the defense, offered good men as witnesses to the character of the defendant. The defendant himself later made a statement to the court, indicating his sor rew at going too far with the lash, admitted the whipping was too severe, and took the blame. He proved that he was a hard-working man, had

and placed under a four-months sus

JURORS CHOSEN A case against Wingate Hamby,

Mrs. Sarah Greene Dies At Home on Stony Fork

Mrs. Sarah Greene, 77 years of age died at her home in the Stony Fork community on Monday, August 7th, following an illness of several weeks.

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1933



Above is pictured the headquarters of General Hugh S. Johnson's army which is waging war on depression under the banner of the Blue Eagle. The National Recovery Administrator and his staff of co-administrators posed for this photo on the steps of the Department of Commerce Building at Washington. Front row (left to right): Dr. William Cumberland, W. W. Picard, S. A. Rosenblatt, General Johnson, Miss Frances Robinson, E. T. McGrady and Maccolm Muir. Second row, Gen. C. C. Williams, John W. Power, Robert Strauss, Edgar P. Knapp, John Hancock, Dudley Cates and Robert Lea. Bac: E. H. Howard, H. N. Slater, Robt. Stevens and C. E. Parsons.

Way Clears For Opening Of Watauga **Bank; Hood Issues Depositors' Notice**

With the publication today in The Democrat of the plan of reorgani-zatic- of the Watauga County Bank as required by the new state banking laws, the opening of the local financial institution in the near future is practically assured. Thirty days must clapse, however, from the date of the advertisement in order that depositors may offer any objection they may have. Few, if any objections, however, are expected, since more than ninety per cent of the money deposited has been previously signed to the articles of reorganization. When the thirty days shall have elapsed, it is said, Commissioner Hood would not expect to use more than two weeks in the actual opening, which in some instances has been effectd in about half the time.

The plan under which the bank will open is the same as first proposed, with the exception of certain minor changes made by Mr. positors and to meet the randre-

FOR FALL COURT

ments of the banking acts. The principal change was to require that the savings and time deposits left in the bank must be paid pro rata, as fast as the bank is in a position to redeem the same. Under the agreement, the depositors shall pay into the capital fund of the reorganization 33 1-3 per cent. of the total amount due them for both time and demand deposits as of March 4, 1933, while the stockholders shall surrender the eid capit is stock of \$50,000 together with an surplus and undivided profits, and pay into the reorganization an the there are an of the abount not less than \$25,000. The dotailed statement to the depositors published lists deposits at \$308,147.37, and amount due other creditors at \$94,054.76, is signed by Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood, and a copy has been filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County, Objections to the carrying out of the pinn, it is stated, must be filed

The officials of the Watauga Bank have worked diligently getting the reorganization articles ready to submit. They now have the approval of the Commissioner of Banks, of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and of the cor-responding bapks, Wachovia Baak and Trust Company and the Hamfiton National Bank. All who have made a study of the proposal agree that it is the fairest and best plan possible for the stockholders, depositors and the people of Watauga County in general that can be worked out.

When reorganized as required by Commissioner Hood, there can be no question but that the bank will be in a strong position and able to weather any storm that might come

Nearly all the depositors and stockholders have agreed to the plan. It is not believed that any one will think it a good move to object after they have carefully studied the proposition.

The work of setting up township

organizations is being completed as rapidly as possible by holding meet-

ings in each township, and the elec-tion of a township chairman, vice-

chairman and a township committee

composed of at least twelve mem

W. F. Miller, T. E. Bingham To

ter South.



\$1.50 PER YEAR

C. H. Robertson Forwards Name ut R. L. Clay to Washington as Dep-uty Collector. Will Likely Be Sworn in Soon. Former Railway Agent Has Been Active in Affairs of the Party and Is Leading Citizen.

R. L. Clay of Boone has been named as deputy collector of internal rev-enue by Collector Charles H. Robertson, according to a press-time dis-patch The Democrat received from its Raleigh correspondent. The appointment has been forwarded to Washington and no doubt the local man will be sworn into office within the next few days.

Mr. Clay, who until recently was station agent for the Linville River Railway and who is engaged in other business enterprises, has been a leading figure in the ranks of the Democratic party for many years, is well and favorably knownthroughout this section of the State, and his friends congratulate him upon the successful culmination of his campaign for the office, which represents the first ma-jor patronage to come to this section under the Roosevelt administration.

At the same time Walter A. Mic-kle, Winston-Salem, Zeb H. Rush, Asheboro, and Rufus M. Jones, of Patterson, were appointed as depu-ties for the collection of processing taxes. Mrs. T. Palmer Jerman was sworn in Wednesday as assistant collector of revenue for the North Carolina district, and Raymond P. Earn-hart, Lexingtou, was sworn in Mon-day as chief of the field staff Ray-mond Christian, Wilmington, Nate Parker, Elizabeth City, and S. E. Var-ner, Whitian Manager, J. J. ner, Whittier, were sworn in Tuesday at deputy collectors. Other appointments besides Mr. Clay are Jasper S. Atkinson, Elkin; R. T. Bennett, of Wadesboro, and Vivian J. Brawley of Charlotte

Irish Potatoes Are Being Sold Rapidly

Irish potatoes are now being marketed in considerable quantities and Smithey's Store, the only local dealr to go into the buying of spuds on in in daine a land office building. Saturday alone this concern brought near 85,000 pounds or about 1,400 bushels, and still they come. The price offered ranges from one dollar per pushel for number ones to 40 cents for twos, a hundred per cent, increase over last year. The principal part of the crop, however, is not being marketed at the present time. Many of the larger farmers are selling only as many as necessary and holding on to the remainder for the higher price which they think is com-

Program Announced for Three Forks Association

Lead Dry Forces; To Wage An Mixed Term to Convene Septembe 15th, With Judge Wilson Warlick Presiding, No More Than Fifteen Criminal Cases to Be Tried. At a recent meeting the Watauga ley Greene, Mrs. Lee Swift, C. C. unit of the United Dry Forces was Triplett, A. N. Thomas and Mrs. Walorganized. This meeting was organ-

Aggressive Campaign Locally

The regular fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene on Monday, September 18th, for one week ized by electing Attorney T. E. Bing-ham as chairman and Clerk of the and it is set for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Judge Wilson Court A. E. South, sec'y. The purpose of the meeting was stated in a short speech by Mr. M. R. Hilford, State organizer with the United Dry Forces. This meeting decided to wage an ac-tive and aggressive dry campaign in

