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Thousands of Dollars in Prizes for The Press Readers

Cole Trial at Rockingham Selecting Twelve Jurors

From Special Veniri of 200 Union County Men the 12 Will Be Chosen.

Late news indicates that a jury was chosen yesterday, and that trial is now under way.

Wm. B. Cole, wealthy cotton mill man of Rockingham, is facing the court today under a true bill of indictment from a Richmond county grand jury for the killing of W. W. Ormond.

Court convened Monday, when the first motion was to call for a special veniri from another county. Judge T. B. Fabyer ordered that a special veniri of 200 be selected from Union county. The sheriff of Union, with associated deputies, were active throughout Tuesday, and the jury men reported at opening of court yesterday morning. Each venireman must look after his own entertainment until chosen as one of the 12, since Rockingham is taxed to its limit to furnish the necessary accommodations for the large crowd in attendance.

Selection of a jury from Union made it necessary to secure attorneys from that county familiar with the men from whom the selection of the trial jury is to be made. The defense secured John C. Sikes and Vann & Milliken, and the prosecution employed W. B. Love. This adds materially to the already brilliant array of counsel for both sides, and the armament of legal warfare is keyed to its utmost capacity.

Yesterday was consumed in the selection of a jury. This in itself was not the usual dull affair, and the state's side, presided over by Solicitor Don Phillips and his associates, moved carefully as in a game of chess when each man was passed upon. The defense is guarding every point for its client, who has offered the plea of not guilty to the charges. Thus a game has been playing for hours, and the tenacity of a heavily fought moment was written upon the brow of each principal in the game. Mr. Cole is said to have maintained his equanimity in a remarkable way. He seemed eager to have the trial on and over, and the next ten days will be required to complete the strain and start the sequel of sentence under a verdict of guilty or liberation under a not guilty verdict.

Miss Elizabeth Cole is the second prominent figure. Her relations with Bill Ormond will be gone into with all the merciless abandon which characterizes a trial of this kind. She has been pictured as a virtuous young woman whose honor can not be assailed. Yet the character of evidence which seeks to give provocation to Mr. Cole for the deed he committed drives into certain alleged statements and letters of Ormond, and under the allegations it becomes apparent that the girl in the case can not sit passively by. It is believed that she will give her father benefit of any confession she has bearing upon the case favorable to him, and in a way she becomes a central figure.

Some little outbreak has been manifested, since reports have been flying in the little city of a big trial. Jim Lockhart, attorney for the defense, denied with some severity statements that the attorneys for the defense had been tampering with state's witnesses. The trial proper will probably begin today. This follows the completion of the jury, and best estimates indicate that all of Wednesday and probably a part of today will have been taken in this work. It is said that Rockingham is a seething mass of humanity. It is taxing the little city to its utmost to take care of the crowds; but it is stated that Rockingham really enjoys being brought into the lime-light.

NEARING KILLING AT TROY.

Col. A. Sellers made a trip to Troy Monday. He says that there was a near killing there of a colored man, Tom Roberson, by a service station man, Mr. Heath Miller. It seems that Roberson was picking at the child of the latter, and Miller sought to place the negro under arrest. They got into a quarrel, when the negro struck at Miller. The latter then struck the negro in the face, the negro falling and hitting the curb stone. His skull was badly crushed, and at this writing it is not known just how seriously the fellow is hurt. (Later: The negro died yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. Mr. Miller may have to answer to charge of murder.)

303 Miles an Hour



Lieut. Alfred Williams, U. S. Navy flier, who in an unofficial test at New York last week flew a 20-foot Curtiss racer at a speed of 303.5 miles per hour, the fastest speed ever attained by man.

A State Inspector Visits Prison Camp

State Inspector L. G. Whitley, of Raleigh, was in Albemarle yesterday. He is connected with the State Welfare department, and his business here is to examine into and verify certain reports that have been made by minor officials and certain complaints that have gone up from this county. These reports relate more or less to the chain gang, or prison camp. It is part of the state's careful procedure in these examinations to have the matter thoroughly sifted. Mr. Whitley is examining all charges and assembling facts on both sides. At this time no index can be given as to his findings, but as charges relate back as far as 1918, it may be seen that some of the good members of prejudice against our prison camp life remain yet alive. County authorities invite a turning on of the light, and say they have nothing to conceal.

STATE'S DISBURSEMENTS EXCEED RECEIPTS DURING AUG. STATEMENT SHOWS

Raleigh, Sept. 26.—Expenditures from the general fund of the state for the month of July amounted to \$854,538.77, while receipts totaled \$779,966.41, according to the monthly financial statement issued today by Governor McLean. Although disbursements exceeded receipts for the month by \$47,149.92, the general fund account retains a cash balance by reason of a surplus of \$76,572.36 left over from July, when receipts exceeded disbursements to that extent. Receipts for both July and August, the first two months of the current fiscal year totaled \$1,890,983.43, while disbursements amounted to \$1,770,660.99. Since July 1, the state has received for the special funds the amount of \$21,053,730.69 and expended \$15,861,349.67. The special fund account represents receipts from bond sales or short term notes and expenditures for highway construction, building, and the like. The total state debt now amounts to \$118,641,531, divided as follows: General fund notes, \$29,205,000; highway bonds, \$60,000,000; special school building bonds, \$5,000,000; general fund notes, \$9,435,531; highway notes, \$10,000,000; special school building notes, \$5,000,000.

Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, upon his return to Washington from Europe says the American farmer, with all his troubles, is better off than the farmers of Europe.

Woman's Club Signs For Winter Lyceum

Four-Number Course Featuring Splendid Attractions Engaged.

The Woman's club of Albemarle is sponsor for a Lyceum course—"Events of the Season," four attractive numbers to be staged between October and January.

Mrs. M. J. Harris speaks for the Woman's club as follows:

For a number of years past a few public spirited men have sponsored a Lyceum course each winter. Most of the attractions were good, but because of lack of co-operation these men grew tired giving not only their time but money as well to this cause. Last year we had no Lyceum except at the mill school.

Realizing the necessity of giving to our young people clean and wholesome, as well as attractive entertainment, the Woman's club decided to put on a Lyceum or "Events of the Season" this winter. There will be four "Events", each one a splendid attraction.

The opening number is a play—"The Climax." It is a masterpiece of comedy and music and is the most popular play written for four characters. It has thrilled New York and Chicago and received with great enthusiasm all over the country. Other attractions will be announced later.

The Woman's club numbers more than 100 members, and each member is responsible for two adult or four children's tickets, as well as helping to sell those out side the club. The town has been divided and committees will deliver tickets to club members about October 1. It is desired that all club members shall be ready to pay for tickets when delivered, and if they can not use them themselves, it is up to them to sell them.

All school children will be able to get a season ticket for \$1.00. Adult season ticket for \$2.00.

With our splendid new auditorium and its equipment and number of people interested there is no reason why the Woman's club should not only easily raise money for the Lyceum company, but also realize a good sum for the club work. It all depends on co-operation, each woman doing her part and then some. Please be ready to pay for your tickets when the committee visits you.

28 Auction Markets To Open October 1

Tobacco in Central and Old Belt Will Start Moving to Warehouses On That Date.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 26.—The 18 auction tobacco markets of the central and old belt, scheduled to open October 1, are as follows:

Winston-Salem, Danville, Va., Apex, Aberdeen, Brookneal, Va., Burlington, Carthage, Chase City, Va., Clarksville, Va., Durham, Elkin, Henderson, Kenbridge, Va., Lawrenceville, Va., Madison, Martinsville, Va., Mehane, Mount Airy, Oxford, Reidsville, Rocky Mount, Va., Roxboro, Sanford, South Boston, Va., Stoneville, South Hill, Va., Varina and Warrenton.

The farmers of the old belt, as a rule, do not rush their tobacco as is done in the east on the opening day, but in that the crops are rather advanced this year fairly heavy.

NEGRO WOMAN AND HER CHILD BURN TO DEATH AT CARTHAGE

Carthage, Sept. 27.—A negro woman and her child were burned to death here Friday night when the Carthage laundry plant was destroyed. They were asleep in the second floor of the building and when the blaze was discovered the structure was so far gone that efforts of the fire company to save the lives of those inside were futile. The laundry plant was worth about \$8,000.

NEGRO CAPTURED AT NORWOOD WANTED FOR MURDER, RANDH

Edd Harris was captured in Norwood Saturday by Policeman Smith and brought here for safekeeping. He was acting suspiciously, and this led to his arrest. Randolph authorities were called up over the phone, and it developed that Harris was trying to evade arrest for having killed a negro on the highway some miles out from Asheboro, a few weeks ago, and to which he confesses. He alleges that he killed the fellow in self-defense, and his allegations are supposed to be supported by the facts. Sheriff Cranford, Deputy Jenkins, and Policeman Brookshire, of Asheboro, were here Monday and took Harris back with them.

Albemarle Has New Cold Storage Plant

Arthur Johnson In Charge—American Cafe Takes Over Central Market Stand.

The Albemarle Cold Storage has opened for business at the plant of the Albemarle Coal and Ice company, with Mr. J. Arthur Johnson in charge. They will do a wholesale business, handling local and shipped products.

Mr. Johnson was joint owner with Mr. W. P. Horton of Central Meat Market, and recently they sold the market to Mr. W. L. Boucan, of Maxton. The latter does not have lease on the building, but is given until December 31 to vacate. Mrs. Annie Hearne is owner of the building, and has leased it to Mr. Floyd Teeter, proprietor of the American Cafe, who now controls lease on the entire building.

Mr. Teeter proposes to install an entirely new market, with modern fixtures. He hopes to have this ready shortly after January 1.

Lions Had Interesting Session Last Meeting

Troy Lions and Col. Fries Added to Program.

The largest gathering of Lions yet assembled in Albemarle was that of last Thursday evening. Dr. Hall was toastmaster, and he gave no attention to the clock, and a two-hour program melted into the feelings of one hour.

Col. Fries made an interesting talk. He told of railroads and thirteen years of splendid progress of the section along the Southbound. The railroads are doing a great work for the industrial development of their sections, and it was pleasing to hear Col. Fries say that the Southbound had survived the shock of governmental operation through the war period.

Dr. Hall gave a special speech of welcome over the return of our beloved president Dr. C. M. Lantz, who was so near to the call of death. The club gave its president a rousing ovation upon his recovery and return.

Troy had a full delegation of Lions over. Mayor Grant is president of the Troy club, and he had a representative crowd of business men and enthusiasts with him.

Profs. Siford and Hall of the city school made short talks, and it is apparent that athletics, with football in the lead, call for the attention of the men of Albemarle this year, and their presence.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS HERE FRIDAY, WADESBORO VS. A. H. S.

The football season will be officially opened here tomorrow at 4 p. m. when the Wadesboro high school will clash with the locals. This will be the first game played here on the local grounds, so a large crowd is expected to be out to witness the game. Little is known of the strength of the visitors, but it can be said that the local boys will give them a good scrap. They have been holding long workouts each day now and are expecting to get revenge from the past Friday's game.

Come out to the field at the new high school tomorrow and let's help the boys defeat the visitors.

YOUTH IS SENTENCED TO ATTEND CHURCH

High Point, Sept. 26.—For the first time in the history of High Point's police court, a defendant has been sentenced to attend church. Convicted here today on a charge of larceny, Pines Hancock, 16-year-old boy, had judgment suspended by Judge Donald C. MacRae upon condition that he attend the Rev. George Stephens revival three times each week so long as it is in progress here. The suspended sentence also carried the stipulation that he attend Sunday school regularly each Sunday and that he report to the court every Saturday to show good behavior for a period of 12 months.

Friends of Stanly county are hoping that the day is not far distant when there will be a new court house in the county seat. Now and then some one voices their suggestion of remodeling the old court house. Do not do it; to do this would be a mistake. Get a suitable lot and upon it build a court house in keeping with the progressive city and county. It is none of our business, of course, but we do not wish to see our good neighbors make any such mistake as to try to remodel the building they now use.—Salisbury J. ust.

Merchants Complete Their Organization

C. E. Parks Made Permanent President—Constitution and By-Laws Adopted.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the merchants of Albemarle was held in the Moose hall Tuesday evening. The hall was crowded, and signed membership cards to the number of 81 were reported.

Mr. Charles E. Parks, of the Bell-Parks company, was made permanent chairman, and was elected president of the organization. J. E. Ewing is vice president. Executive committee and board of directors: Grover E. Harward, T. F. Underwood, L. J. Skalmers, D. M. Morrow, M. H. Morton, T. F. Bancroft, and W. F. Snuggs. The election of a secretary and treasurer falls upon the executive committee, who met last evening to consider applications and prospects for the position.

The secretary will be an all-time employee, who will devote his entire attention to the work of Albemarle Merchants' association. It is known to those who are in touch with the situation that it has been due to the active and untiring work of Col. A. Sellers in working up sentiment and securing membership pledges that the association has been able to organize with so large a membership.

The purpose of the organization is one of promotion of the best interests of Albemarle and its upbuilding. Constitution and by-laws have been adopted, and these set forth the purposes and workings of the organization. One feature will be the protection of its members from bad customers. All bad accounts are listed with the secretary and efforts made to collect them without pressure. But once a name gets on the black list, every member of the association is warned against the party.

It looks as if the organization has gotten down to the ground works of honest effort, and that it is to be a live and functioning one.

Teachers' Meeting Extension Work

The first county-wide teachers' meeting will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, October 10. At that time teachers and principals will secure their material for the school year and begin planning their work.

Extension work from the University will also open at that time. Prof. B. A. Stevens will conduct this work again this year and will spend both Friday and Saturday in this county. Friday evening at 7:15 Prof. Stevens will offer the course "Fundamentals of Education," (an introduction to Educational Psychology). On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock he will offer the course "Social Policy and Education," and at 11 o'clock, "Methods of Instruction and in the Fundamental Subjects." These courses all carry college or graduate credit from the University of North Carolina in addition to certificate credit for all state certificates. The tuition fee will be \$10 for each course. Any other persons not teaching this year who desire to take this college work may feel at liberty to do so. In fact, many have requested the Friday evening class in order that they might be able to take this work. The teachers of Stanly county last year did the equivalent of about four college degrees during the year in extension work. This work not only offers the teachers an opportunity to build their certificate to a higher rating, but also enables the teachers to do better service in county work, and I hope that every teacher and any other who desires will take advantage of it.—Charles A. Reap, County Superintendent.

BADIN ROAD MUST WAIT FOR A SOAKING RAIN

The road to Badin will not be in shape for receiving the volume of oil and gravel before a downpour of rain sufficient to get the surface well soaked is had. In other words, the weather man is holding the project up for the time. Just as soon as this occurs, we are informed the contractor will begin at once the work of filling the surface between Albemarle and Badin. The delay is regretted; but the contractor says it would be money thrown away to attempt the work at this time.

Albemarle Girl Wins Prize

Miss Bess Osborne won first prize last week in the fashion and fabric contest at the Made-in-Carolinas exposition. Miss Osborne designed and made the dress, it was bought from Ehrig's department store in Charlotte and was made of blue changeable taffeta.

ALLURING LIST OF PRIZES TO BE GIVEN BY THE ALBEMARLE PRESS IN THE "SALESMANSHIP CLUB"

Greatest Prize Event in Local History Includes Two 1926 Model Automobiles—Will Last Just Five Weeks and Energetic Stanly County Citizens Are Invited to Compete—Plan of Campaign Is New and Attractive and Assumes Handsome Remuneration To All Who Take Part—Campaign Will Be Short, Snappy and Interesting.

Will Broadway Held For Trial At Court

Preliminary Hearing Monday Before Judge Ingram—Court Overrules Motion To Dismiss.

Will Broadway was arraigned before Judge R. R. Ingram, in the recorder's court Monday for preliminary hearing on two charges of secret assault with intent to kill.

The case was fully outlined in The Press of 17th, and no new developments have taken place. On the night of the 15th, it is alleged, Broadway came to Albemarle from his home at Thomasville, placed a dynamite under the room where his mother was sleeping, with an intent to kill his mother; his 4-weeks old niece Sara McLester was seriously injured by the explosion which followed. He is held under two indictments.

Lloyd Yountz, hardware merchant of Thomasville, testified that Broadway purchased dynamite and fuse from him on Monday before the accident. Cross-examination revealed other life purchases.

Dick Lisk, of Albemarle, says he saw defendant in Albemarle on night of the trouble, and saw him leaving towards Salisbury driving at a 40-mile rate.

Thomasville and Albemarle officers testified as to arrest and incidents leading thereto. Motion to dismiss was overruled. Bond was fixed at \$10,000. In default, prisoner was remanded to jail for trial at November term of court.

Attorney Kizer, of Thomasville, appeared for the defendant. I. R. Burleson, Esq., is assisting in the prosecution. The law firm Brown & Sikes are being retained by the defendant.

The defense is not clearly outlined, but it is apparent that he will attempt to establish an alibi.

WILL HOLD FUNERAL INSTEAD OF PARTY

Salisbury, Sept. 24.—Frank Miller, a farmer of Linwood, Davidson county, was to be the central figure at a big barbecue birthday dinner tomorrow when his nine children and other relatives gathered to celebrate his 51st birthday. Instead of a barbecue, the relatives and friends will gather to bury Mr. Miller, at Jersey church, for he died today after a few days' illness with bronchial pneumonia. The widow and nine children survive. A son, G. W. Miller, and a daughter, Mrs. C. G. Sowers, live in Salisbury.

RICHFIELD AND CLAIRMONT SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

The Richfield and Clairmont schools will open on Monday, October 12. These schools are expecting to have a seven months' term this year. Teachers in Richfield school are as follows: H. J. Fleming, principal; Miss Verna Mae Lazenby, Miss Ruth Norwood, Miss Ruth Ritchie, Miss Vivian Mischenheimer, Miss William Tucker.

The teachers in Clairmont school are: E. E. Morgan, principal; Mrs. Fay Richard Skidmore, Miss Lala Russell, Miss Carrie Burleson, Miss Annie Watson, Miss Myrtle Hilton.

The Norwood colored school will open Monday, October 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Harris Township Sunday School convention will be held in the Baptist church at New London on Sunday afternoon, October 11, beginning at 2 o'clock. An interesting program is being prepared. All Sunday schools in Harris township will please take notice and have a large delegation present at this meeting. A teachers and officers are especially urged to attend.

Early Start Is Best. In every man's life there is one big moment when he makes a decision (Continued on page 12.)