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THE BIG MURDER TRIAL.

Murders are so common in this state that something out of the ordinary is required to get the interest of the general public. But down in Richmond county, at the town of Rockingham, about 100 miles south of Greensboro, W. B. Cole killed Bill Ormand a month ago and the case is being heard this week. It is so out of the ordinary that it is attracting state and nation wide publicity. Every important state daily paper has a reporter on the grounds to write the daily story and many other papers are represented by their writers.

It is supposed to take ten days and possibly two or three weeks to try the case. A dozen of the ablest lawyers in the state are employed, among them being A. L. Brooks of Greensboro. It is a special term of court to try the case and Judge T. H. Finley of Wilkesboro has been appointed by the Governor to preside.

The State is asking for a verdict of murder in the first degree. Mr. Cole is a wealthy man, a cotton mill man, reputed to be a millionaire. Certain he is wealthy and a man of very large business affairs. Bill Ormand is an ex-soldier, was gassed in service in France and stayed in the hospitals over there a long time. He came home partially deaf, injured in health and almost unfit for active duties of life. He is the son of a Methodist minister of Nashville, and one of the able ministers of his church.

When Mr. Ormand came home from France he began paying attention to the daughter of Mr. Cole. The young people became attached and the folks about expected a marriage. But Mr. Cole saw in Bill Ormand a never-dowell kind of man who was anything but a desirable life partner for his daughter. He took steps to break up the attachment of the young folks and succeeded. Months went by and one day a month ago Bill Ormand stopped his automobile in the street almost in front of Mr. Cole's place of business and Mr. Cole went out with a pistol and shot him to death while he was sitting in his automobile.

Just what the trial will develop no one can tell, but there is much current talk that may or may not be very much in the nature of the truth. It usually is close to the truth. Rumor has it that after Mr. Cole broke up the match Mr. Ormand was not satisfied and made threats against Mr. Cole. He gets credit for writing him insulting letters. Ormand is said to have had talk about the girl that was derogatory to her good name. He was doing this in an effort to force her parents to permit their marriage. Mr. Cole is supposed to have become enraged as the result of these reports and lost control of himself. He is placed by his friends in the attitude of one protecting the name of his daughter from a man who was willing to destroy her standing in the high circles in which she could move in order to secure her for himself. All this we gather from the papers and it may be far from the truth. The idea is that Mr. Cole will escape because of his great wealth. It is for this reason that the case is so interesting. A man takes his gun and kills a dog that annoys him; can a rich man do the same for a man who annoys him, is one of the questions to be answered in this case.

Civil Court at Dobson

The special term of civil court at Dobson entered its second week Monday and will perhaps come to a close Thursday night. Many hard fought cases are coming up for disposal and some have resulted in mistrial. One of the first cases of the court was where Tom Ball, 80 year old citizen of State Road, brought suit to recover land he had deeded to a relative who in turn promised to care for him. The old man showed to the jury that his kinsman had failed to comply with his part of the agreement and the jury gave him his land back. The case involved about \$600 worth of land and required two days to try it, both sides to the litigation being represented by three lawyers each.

Another case of much interest and which took three days to hear was where Dr. White, a dentist of Elkin, was suing M. R. Bailey of the same town for \$20,000 damage to his character and profession. It was contended by the plaintiff that the defendant had made statements against the moral character and conduct of the dentist that had seriously injured his business. The jury failed to reach any agreement, three of them being willing to give the dentist some damage, while the remainder of the members voted to dismiss the action.

Mount Airy Entertains Bluefield Visitors

About 200 persons in 65 cars en route to Charlotte on the Bluefield "Good Will" tour made a short stop in this city last Friday afternoon and were tendered a hearty welcome and reception by our citizens. The men of the party on their arrival were directed immediately to the quarry, and the ladies were given a short reception at the Commercial Club rooms by members of the Woman's club. Later they joined the party at the quarry where lunch and refreshments were served the entire group by the Kiwanis Club. One of the features of the occasion was the short talk of D. E. Hoffman, in which he told in the brief time allotted to him an interesting account of the quarry, its history and activities. All along the line and during the stops below here as the party made its trip to Charlotte its members were loud in their praise of the reception they received in the Granite City.

Several of our citizens accompanied them to Salisbury where a banquet was given and on Saturday the party visited Concord and Charlotte, the tour coming to an end Saturday night by a banquet given by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The Bluefield party made the trip over the mountain by the proposed Lakes-to-Florida route and were highly pleased with the prospects of soon being connected with the Carolina towns by this route. At Charlotte the party broke ranks, many of them returning this way, others by Sparta, Asheville and Blowing Rock.

Citizen Killed in Auto Accident

West Meyers, of Bannertown, a workman at the quarry, died in Martin Memorial hospital early Wednesday morning following an automobile accident Tuesday about dark. He was returning to his home from Winston-Salem and at a point on the road near the Stokes county line it seems he ran into a stretch of sand which caused him to lose control of his car, it plunging down a high bank and overturning, pinning him beneath it. His cries brought some farmers, who were curing tobacco nearby, to his aid and they immediately conveyed him to the hospital. Examination showed his thigh to be broken and his chest crushed in causing fatal internal injuries from which he died in a few hours.

The deceased was about 40 years of age with a family. He was an industrious and hard working citizen, being employed at the quarry.

Officers Round Up Pair of Thieves

For months the residents around Beamer's store and Green Hill have been annoyed by the depredations of petty thieves and this week the local officers rounded up Weldon Johnson and Haywood Snow, two young negroes, and fastened the many crimes upon them. In their possession were found articles that had been stolen more than a year ago. In the lot was a watch and ring that had been taken from the home of Mrs. Harvey Boyd. Some months ago they stole several articles, including a pistol, from the store of Harvey Boyd and these were recovered this week when the negroes were arrested. Property was also found in their possession which had been stolen from the quarry. The negroes admit their guilt and will be given a preliminary hearing before Judge Lewellyn next Tuesday morning. The Recorder's court does not have jurisdiction in this kind of case and it will have to be heard finally at Dobson.

Sustains Serious Injury

Bruce Yokley, prominent young man and chair manufacturer of this city, is a patient at Martin Memorial hospital where he is recovering from a serious accident he sustained last Friday while engaged in his work at the Mount Airy Chair Co. While making some adjustment on a machine his right hand became entangled in a belt almost tearing his thumb off, breaking his right arm below the elbow and throwing his body heavily against the floor. At the hospital it was necessary to amputate his right thumb and the broken bones in his arm were satisfactorily set in a cast. Mr. Yokley is one of Mount Airy's most popular young men and the accident he has sustained has caused his many friends much concern.

Children of Confederacy Meet

The Col. B. Y. Graves C. of G. will meet Saturday afternoon Oct. 3, at 2 o'clock with Virginia and Margaret Graves, at their home on S. Main street.

Each child please bring a roll of quilt scraps, either wool or cotton to send to the Old Ladies Home at Fayetteville, they need the quilts and enjoy piecing the scraps and be sure and bring your dues, as we must pay our subscription to the Confederate Veteran—Mrs. Rothrock, Leader.

Victor Cabaret Band Will Play for Carolina-Virginia Fair

Miss Gertrude J. Van Denise will be soloist with Band, Saxophone Quartet and several other specialty acts to be presented by Band.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the management of the Carolina-Virginia Fair at Mt. Airy, N. C., announces the coming of the Famous Victor Band to the Fair Oct. 15, 16, 17 and 18th. The well known company of twenty pieces is no stranger in Mount Airy, having been here in 1923. Their coming again will be received with much interest.

With the band this year is a Saxophone quartet which has achieved fame in musical centers the world over. There will also be a daily performance by Herbert White, xylophone soloist, who makes delightful music on his strange instrument.

It will also be of great interest to lovers of good singing to know that Miss Gertrude Van Denise, who is known as "the girl with the million dollar voice," will be with the Victor organization.

The band will play daily and nightly programs on the grounds and in front of the Grand Stand. We are delighted with the prospects for good music this year, because many people come to the Fair just to hear the music, playing and singing, and those who come for this purpose this year will be delighted beyond expression.

The securing of this band and the accompanying artists is a very expensive proposition, but the announcement has been made many times by the management that the cost is not considered when it comes to pleasing the people. This is everybody's fair and everybody is welcome at everybody's fair.

Recovers Stolen Car

W. F. Carter, Jr., this week recovered a stolen Ford coupe which was taken from his premises about a month ago. Officers of Welch, Va., found it abandoned on the roadside near that place and got in communication with Mr. Carter when they secured his name from the state automobile department. Officer Frank Smith made the trip to Welch Sunday and drove it back Monday. The car while on the roadside had been stripped of all tools and three of its tires. No clue was left by the thieves upon which they could be apprehended.

Geo. Vernon Goes Into Bankruptcy

Geo. F. Vernon, harness maker and merchant of this city, Monday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy before the Federal Court at Greensboro. The petition listed his assets at \$4,077.05, of which a life insurance policy is for \$3,000 leaving other assets of \$1,077.05. The assets are divided as follows: Stock in trade \$400; household goods, \$100; machinery and tools \$3.50; open accounts, \$177.05; insurance policy, \$3,000; property in reversion, in trust, \$50; total \$4,077.05. Liabilities total \$3,534, divided as follows: Taxes, \$381.27; unsecured claims, \$2,703.05; accommodation paper, \$500; total \$3,534.32.

The Cooperative Movement

The time is soon coming when American farmers by means of their cooperative market associations will to a large extent adjust production to meet consumption of farm products, according to the prediction of Dr. Henry C. Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Dr. Taylor at the recent meeting of several hundred cooperative leaders in Philadelphia last month declared that the cooperative marketing movement is now here to stay, and made the following prediction: "This movement has come to stay, it will grow and spread its influence into the remotest corners of the republic and wherever it takes root and grows the life of the individual farmer will be enriched and the nation will have the benefit of a more self-reliant, public-spirited citizenry."

"As the cooperative movement becomes more widely spread and the various groups become better organized, we may expect cooperation to assist the American farmers to stabilize production.

"The idea of crop adjustment reaches back to the common welfare. The disastrous experience of the years immediately following the World War proved that overproduction of any given crop results in widespread distress which involves not only the agricultural classes but those industries which are dependent in great measure upon the farmers as a market for their products."—Tri-State Tobacco Grower.

On the third day after marriage the San Blas Indian groom of Panama lifts the veil of his bride and sees her face for the first time.

Eight to ten thousand earthquakes are recorded every year in various parts of the world.

Senator Heflin To Speak in City

Through the efforts of local admirers of Senator J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, he has been secured to deliver an address in the New Victory Theatre in this city next Tuesday night at eight o'clock.

There is considerable expense attached to bringing Senator Heflin to this city and in securing a suitable place for him to speak and for these reasons an admission charge of \$1.00 will be made to hear him.

His subject will be "The Story of the South," and is said to be as fine a lecture as has been delivered on the platform for many years. Senator Heflin is a prominent leader in our national Congress and has the reputation of being its best story teller.

District Council Club Meeting

A district council meeting and conference of club presidents for the sixth district of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's clubs was held in the Dunlap Springs hotel dining room at Kernersville, Friday afternoon Sept. 25 with Mrs. C. C. Hale, of this city, district president, presiding.

The meeting, which was in the form of a luncheon, began at 1 P. M., and was attended by 31 ladies from the district which included the presidents of the societies of the district and the heads of departments.

The meeting was carefully planned and practically every feature of club work was discussed, among the speakers were Mrs. C. B. Shelton, of this city, who discussed health and social service as it may be correlated with the work of the Women's club. Mrs. West of the Salisbury Woman's club who spoke on music; county cooperation was discussed by Miss Adna Edwards of the Rowan County Home Demonstration club; programs, was discussed by Mrs. R. W. Crews, of Lexington and Mrs. Joe Bivens, of Elkin, literature, by Miss Kathryn Price of this city, the main address of the afternoon was by Mrs. W. W. Martin of Greensboro who spoke on the American home. Mrs. Edward C. Gregory, of Salisbury, made a very beautiful response, to the words of welcome expressed by Mrs. Hale, for the seven new clubs which have fallen to this district in the recent re-division by the Federation.

The sixth district comprises the clubs in Salisbury, Thomasville, Lexington, Winston-Salem, Kernersville, Danbury, Elkin and Mount Airy. Club members are looking forward to the district meeting to be held in Elkin Nov. 10 when the new Federation President Mrs. E. L. McKee will be present.

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 If you desire the geraniums to bloom in mid-winter, keep all the flower buds that develop pinched off until a few before the blooms are wanted. Keep in mind that in the winter time these plants must have a good bit of sunshine if they are to bloom freely and continue to have pretty foliage.—Progressive Farmer.

Cook-Daniel

Miss Mary Cook and Mr. Otis Glenn Daniel were united in marriage Saturday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cook in Randleman, N. C. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a few intimate friends and the immediate families was solemnized at sunrise and performed by Rev. J. A. Cook, father of the bride, the impressive ring ceremony of the Methodist Church being used.

After motoring to Asheville and other points in western North Carolina Mr. and Mrs. Daniel will be at home in Syman, South Carolina.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daniel, and Mrs. Barlow, of Bethania, Miss Frances Felmet, student at Greensboro College and Mrs. C. A. Davis and daughter, Betty Jo of Mount Airy.

A cold bottle of GREEN RIVER will refresh you.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County. Oscar L. O'Neal vs. Lillie O'Neal. In Superior Court. Affidavit. Oscar L. O'Neal being duly sworn says:

That he has commenced an action in the Superior Court of Surry County against the defendant Lillie O'Neal for absolute divorce.

2. That the summons in said action has been returned by the Sheriff of Surry County endorsed as follows: "after diligent search and inquiry made, defendant not to be found in my county."

3. That the defendant cannot be found in the county of North Carolina.

Wherefore, affiant prays the vice of the summons be made a nullification.

Oscar O'Neal Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of September, 1925.
 J. Luther Wood, N. C.

NOTICE

By virtue of an execution in my hands issued by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Stokes county in the case of Ontario Drill Co. vs. J. E. Stanley and others, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Dobson on the 26th day of Oct. 1925, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following described boundary of land situated in Rockford township, and levied on by me. Beginning on a stone, Sam Dobson's old corner on West side of Dobson and Rockford road, runs W. 6 chs. to a corner in W. M. Stanley's land, thence S. 20 chs. to Peter Dobson's corner in old road, thence East 8 chs. with Peter Dobson's line to said road, thence North with said road as it meanders 23 chs. to the beginning, containing 12 acres more or less, same being the land conveyed to J. E. Stanley by W. M. Stanley and wife. See deed book 59, page 531. Sale made to satisfy said execution, principal, interest and cost. This Sept. 25, 1925.
 C. H. Haynes, Sheriff.

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