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## Carolina-Virginia Fair Opens Next Week

### MANY NEW FEATURES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO MAKE FAIR BIG SUCCESS

#### Nat Reiss Shows to Supply Midway Attractions During Fair

#### FOUR BIG DAYS BEGINNING TUESDAY

All details of opening the Carolina-Virginia fair in this city next Tuesday are fast taking shape and when the gates are thrown open to the public on the opening day those attending will witness the greatest fair that has been held in the history of this association. Secretary Linville has surrounded himself with a competent force of assistants in the numerous departments and a larger number of exhibits than heretofore known are expected to be brought in.

The Nat Reiss shows will furnish the attractions for the mid-way this year. This company comes to this city with high recommendations as being one of the best on the road. It has a reputation of putting on a clean program in all its shows. There will be several interesting free acts during the day and night and every night following the free act performance the fire works will prove the attractive feature.

The admission for adults will be 50 cents, children 25 cents. There is plenty of room for parking automobiles and all vehicles will be admitted without any extra charge. The last day of the fair will be school day, when all the school children who attend will be admitted free of charge.

The Agricultural department of the Dobson schools is making a special agricultural exhibit that will be intensively interesting and carries with it an educational value that cannot possibly be estimated in dollars and cents. This exhibit will be near the cattle sheds and everyone who visits the fair should by all means make it a point to visit this exhibit. Competent persons will be in charge and will gladly answer questions.

The Park Mountain Institute will have a representative exhibit of the work being done by the institution. This will be found on the second floor of the commercial building. The institute will also on exhibition four Ayershire Heifers and one Ayershire Bull. This is the foundation for a prospective herd of Ayershires. Ayershire cattle are very rare in the South there being only one herd of any consequence and that is at Pine Hurst and owned by Mr. Leonard Turfts, he having virtually made a donation of this small herd to the Park Mountain Institute. Representatives of the institute will be in charge of these exhibits and will gladly give information as to what the institute is doing for the youth of the mountains of North Carolina.

There will be an exhibit from Mr. Cole, Farm Demonstration Agent of Patrick County, representing Patrick County.

The Farm Demonstration Agent of Grayson county has an exhibit at the Virginia State Fair at Richmond this week that will be on exhibition next week.

The Poultry exhibit bids fair to exceed anything that has ever been displayed at the Carolina-Virginia Fair. The premiums have been materially increased on general purpose poultry. The cups for this department have been on display in R. H. Leonard's show window for some time. This department is in charge of Rev. J. H. Hall of Westfield. He has been doing excellent throughout the country in securing poultry for this great show.

The field and garden products in charge of J. Luther Wood bids fair to be the largest ever, even though we have had the worst drought the country has known since 1861. The fifty dollar premium for the best ear of corn is attracting considerable attention. Numbers of farmers have reserved space for the Live-At-Home exhibit.

There will be a fine lot of Jersey Cattle on display in the charge of G. W. White. These cattle are owned by the members of the Surry County Jer-

sey Breeders Association. This exhibit will show the progress the association is making.

The Dog Show will be in charge of Walter Banner who tells us that he is going to have the finest lot of canines that have ever been to the Carolina-Virginia Fair.

Mrs. J. D. McCollum who has charge of the needlework department is making preparations for a larger exhibit than ever before. This department has been steadily growing as a result of the untiring efforts of the manager.

Mrs. J. D. Minick and her assistants are making arrangements to take care of a larger exhibit in the pantry department. This is by far the largest department that fair has and the Live-At-Home exhibits are going to be more numerous this year than ever before. From the information we have received from exhibitors in this department, it would seem that the drought has been a farce.

The Flower department in charge of Mrs. Robert J. Lovill bids fair to a greater success than ever. A great many people who have never exhibited in this department have reserved space for this year. The Commercial Building will be occupied with commercial exhibits by local merchants. The entire space in this floor has been taken.

#### SUBMARINE VICTIMS MET DEATH INSTANTLY

##### Vessel Found to Be Flooded With Water and Hope For Men is Abandoned

U. S. Submarine Base, New London, Conn., Oct. 2.—The lives of the men who went down in the submarine S-51 were snuffed out almost immediately after she was rammed and sunk by the steamer City of Rome off Block Island a week ago tonight. The death toll stands at 33.

This was established today when divers found that the last two compartments in which it had been hoped there might have been air—the motor and torpedo rooms—were filled with water. None of the crew who went down had a chance for his life. The submarine sank so quickly that they were unable to shut the water tight doors connecting the compartments and thus give themselves a fighting chance of being brought to the surface with their ship. The story of their efforts to save themselves never will be told.

All that remains now for those who have toiled at the task of rescue is to recover and identify the bodies after which the submarine will be turned over to wreckers for salvage.

Of the 36 men who were aboard the S-51 when she was rammed, three were picked up alive and the bodies of four men have been taken from the wreck.

The divers who recovered the bodies today came upon them as they were forcing their way through the engine room.

#### Seven Days' of Desperate Efforts Come to an End

On Board the U. S. Ca.uden—7 days of desperate efforts by the navy to save the members of the crew of the S-51 which sank last Friday night after being struck by the City of Rome off Block Island ended tonight when it was definitely established that the ship was flooded with water and that all of her crew who went down with her had perished.

Although hope had been held until almost the last minute that some of her crew might have found safe refuge in one of the submarine's compartments, that hope was shattered tonight. Divers punctured the last compartments awaiting exploration, the torpedo room, and found that it was flooded as well as all other compartments of the ship.

Acting on instructions from Washington, Rear Admiral H. H. Christy will continue the search for the bodies. Already five of the crew have been accounted for two bodies having been recovered Tuesday and three found today.

Both the Monarch and the Century, the huge crane ships which futilely strained to lift the submarine yesterday were released today.

#### Mount Airy Eleven Defeats Pilot Mountain Team 13 to 0

Playing on a muddy field here Friday afternoon the Mount Airy highs ran through and over the Pilot Mountain footballers for a 13 to 0 victory. The muddy field slowed up the attack of the victors and the score would have mounted higher. Fumbles were frequent on both sides, but the Mount Airy lads showed better form in covering their miscues.

The locals scored in the first three minutes of play, putting the ball across for the first touchdown in four plays. It was Mount Airy's ball on Pilot Mountain's 37-yard line on second down. Captain Hoytfield took the ball on a cross-buck play and circled the opponents left end for 60 yards. He was downed on the three yard line, and Brannock took it over on a line plunge. Hoytfield failed on a line play for point.

The second touchdown came in the first of the second period, when Johnson advanced the ball on a series of sweeping line runs, crossing the goal line on a 20-yard dash. Brannock placed kicked for point.

#### 2 BLACKS PAY PENALTY IN CHAIR

##### One Admits Guilt, Other Denies Act—Many Others Waiting

Raleigh, Oct. 2.—John MacMillan, alias John Hamilton, got his guilt off his big black chest this morning in the electric chair, but his immediate predecessor, Tom Robinson, denied his crime, both of which offenses were capital felonies against white women, so the law had a fifty-fifty "satisfaction."

The old electric chair, renovated, was tried out for the first time since its new wires and other paraphernalia were installed. Apparently it worked well, but it had a load that the machine rarely has been called on to carry. Both negroes were young and powerful. The state has rarely deprived itself of more man-power in one day. In bales of cotton they looked good for 100 each for the balance of their lives, not to mention the miles of state roads that they could have built had the commonwealth elected to act more intelligently than they, and refused to kill.

Robinson came to the chair first. His two preachers working with him for a confession aroused none of that religious ecstasy which Wilmingtonians expected of him. The first comforter to reach them was the dead wagon a hearse-like Dodge which carries the dead basket with its human cargo as soon as there is this load of freight. The dead wagon rumbled up to the prison side and the black boys could peek into it. The ministers sang and prayed, but there was no music about Robinson and MacMillan. Gorillas do not often have good voices.

Sharp on the stroke of 10:30 the attendants led Robinson in. He took the chair without wait or word and as the men began to buckle him in he asked Warden Norman to be allowed to speak a few words. The warden assented, but either the prisoner did not hear or the attendants failed to get the suggestion. Hooded and his eyes closed the black man was then told to speak and the guards took off the helmet. Robinson first expressed his hope of heaven. "I want you to meet me there," he said. "This case I am not guilty of, but have got to go down in judgment, and I hope to meet you all in heaven."

#### Stage Fright Got Him.

Until Robinson began to speak he was the calmest man in the room. The public stage seemed to undo him. While he spoke easily and betrayed no excitement, his knees began to tremble when he had ended his body shook until the current struck him. Deputy Warden Thomas, of Louisville, threw the switch first and held the current on him until a perfect job appeared to have been finished. When Mr. Thomas opened the shirt, Warden Norman did not even apply an instrument; the heart was fluttering. Twice more the electricity was called on and Robinson was dead.

His refusal to confess had plainly affected the officials. They understood that he had come through with a story and admitted his guilt. Until last night they had no doubt about it. But no prison official relishes an execution in which the victim who has been so religiously schooled, hops off with a denial of his crime.

John MacMillan then walked in. He took his seat and asked to say a word. "I am guilty," he said, and there was a deep sense of shame on his big black face. Again he said "I am guilty" and "Brother Knight, don't think I have anything against you. Ain't that Brother Knight," he asked, looking at Coroner Lawrence Waring, who was described by Moore county people as looking like Deputy Sheriff Knight who arrested MacMillan.

#### Nothing Against Anybody

"Knights not here," one of the Moore deputies said. MacMillan then declared that he had nothing against anybody and bidding the crowd to meet him in heaven he shut his eyes and the leathern straps went over them. Deputy Warden Joe Stone earned this \$25 and pulled the switch. After about 73 seconds of burning the current was cut off but the carotid artery was thumping so vigorously that everybody could see it. There was no need of an examination. Two more applications and MacMillan was ready for the undertaker.

## REV. MR. ORMOND NOT AFTER MR. COLE'S BLOOD

#### Probably Would Be First to Ask For Commutation

##### Visitors Call on Cole. He Avoids Discussion of His Case, Says Jail Has Been Education to Him

Rockingham, Oct. 4.—Rev. A. I. Ormond, of Nashville, who carries the deep furrows of grief in his comely face, is not here fighting for the life blood of William B. Cole, slayer of the pastor's oldest boy, William, August 15.

An attorney, assisting in the prosecution of the wealthy textileist, said this afternoon if Mr. Cole is found guilty of murder in the first degree, Rev. Mr. Ormond would probably be the first signer of a petition to Governor McLean asking that the death sentence be commuted.

"Mr. Ormond's only wish," said the attorney, "is to see that justice is carried out; if the slayer of his son is adjudged guilty he wants to see him punished, but he is not here asking that his life be forfeited."

Rev. Mr. Ormond and his two daughters, attired in deep mourning clothes, attended the Rockingham Methodist church this morning, he having served a quadrennium there several years ago.

Lay Wreaths On Grave

In the afternoon the Ormonds journeyed to the little Green Hill cemetery here where Bill lies in eternal sleep. They carried two floral wreaths there and placed them tenderly on the new marked grave.

Rev. Mr. Ormond and his daughters expect to remain here until the verdict is returned by the Union county jury.

The immediate members of Mr. Cole's family remained the greater part of the day in their home. Mrs. Cole, the loyal wife, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Katherine, carried breakfast to her husband in the Richmond jail early this morning. Young Robert last year a member of the student body at Duke university, took the dinner pail to his father around noon.

Several visitors called on Cole this afternoon. He begged not to be called upon to discuss his case. He admitted, however that Clyde Hoey put him through a stiff cross-examination.

Switching quickly, he said a man must spend time in jail in order to appreciate fully the blessedness of freedom. "People," he added, "don't give the prisoner enough consideration. There are many persons lying in jails who are innocent of wrongdoing; they are the forgotten people of society."

#### Jail An Education to Him

Mr. Cole said that he has, since being put in jail, learned one side of life that he never knew before. "A man must get in jail to learn something. It has been an education to me," he said, as he reached for a cigarette. The accused manufacturer was dressed in a pair of white duck trousers and wore tan hose and slippers. He was collarless. He appeared anxious to be left alone, and shot out his hand to grasp that of his 17 Lawyers to Speak

It is understood that Judge Finley will inaugurate a night session program after the attorney's begin addressing the jury. There are 17 men to take a whack at the jury. It is expected that the oratory will begin flowing some time this week.

Those who have kept close tab on the case believe that the speeches of the learned lawyers will play a tremendous part in the verdict. Some go so far as to say that these addresses will do more to swing the jury than the testimony.

Of course, Rockingham is talking practically of nothing but Cole, and today saw no cessation. Interest now seems to center around the letters written by Miss Elizabeth Cole to her one-time sweetheart, Bill Ormond, and the testimony of the alienists for the state and defense. The case, so far as star witnesses are concerned, has reached its crest.

Is a Complicated Case.

The legal profession has a pretty

#### case with entanglements enough to interest the most profound judicial mind.

It appears pretty certain that Cole will never be thrown into the criminal insane asylum. The defense is driving hard behind the dual interference—self-defense and insanity. The jury can find Cole not guilty on either of the grounds presented. Ordinarily if a prisoner is found not guilty because he was insane at the time of the commission of an act, he would be required to appear before the court and show why he shouldn't be sent to an asylum. Neither the state nor the defense contends that Cole is insane now.

Judge Finley, one would suppose, knows the defendant is sane now because no man could have weathered the sharp cross-fire of Clyde Hoey yesterday as did Cole if he were mentally cracked. Some think of a first degree verdict as very remote; second degree seems to be the popular guess here if found guilty.

#### SAYS SLANDER AGAINST DAUGHTER DROVE HIM INSANE

##### W. B. Cole, on Trial for Murder of Suitor, Describes Shock on Reading His Accusations.

Rockingham, N. C., Oct. 2.—With tears in his eyes and his voice quavering, William B. Cole, wealthy cotton mill executive, on trial here for the murder, August 15, of William W. Ormond, ex-service man, son of Cole's former pastor and suitor for Cole's daughter's hand in marriage, today described to the jury incidents leading to the shooting.

He said he received a letter from Ormond last February, telling him that the relations between Ormond and Miss Elizabeth Cole, his daughter, for more than a year had been that of husband and wife, and therefore Cole was doing his daughter a terrible wrong to oppose her marriage to the writer.

Daughter Denied His Story

The letter came to me at my office," Cole said. "I recognized the handwriting. I must have fainted when I got to the slander part. I lost consciousness, and when I came to I was in a clammy sweat. I took a walk to try to decide what to do, I then decided to call her."

Cole then corroborated the testimony of his daughter, given yesterday, to the effect that he took Miss Cole for a ride in the country and there showed her the letter. When she came to the part about the husband and wife relationship she vehemently declared it was false and told her father she was ready to submit to a physical examination to prove her innocence. He told her that was not necessary, he would accept her word.

According to testimony of Miss Cole, she had "broken off" with Ormond last October, but he continued to press his suit and to write letters to her father. These letters were introduced in evidence today by Fred Bynum, former attorney for Cole, but now a defense witness. Bynum testified and presented letters to show that Ormond and Cole had grown very bitter toward each other because of the girl and that they had threatened each other.

#### Ten Character Witnesses

Ten character witnesses, including business men and society women, today testified to the spotless reputation of Miss Cole.

The defendant is playing a plea of self defense on the claim that he believed Ormond would attack him at sight, and at the same time introducing evidence to show that he was in a state of virtual insanity at the time he killed Ormond, brought about by his worry over the affair of his daughter and Ormond's continuously annoying him by letter and visits to Rockingham.

Cole walked from his office to the street Aug. 15, and shot Ormond to death as he was sitting in his automobile unarmed, according to the State's evidence. There had been no meeting of the two for months prior to the killing.