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## Judge Finley Sets Cole Free on Sanity Issue

### Given His Liberty on Tuesday at Wilkes- boro Hearing

W. B. Cole, acquitted last Sunday of murder, walked from a little red brick courthouse at Wilkesboro Tuesday a free man, after proving to Judge T. B. Finley that he is sane and not a menace to society.

Cole's family and a score of friends accompanied him from Rockingham, where since August 15 he has been in jail for the killing of W. W. Ormand, son of a Methodist minister and one time sweetheart of Cole's 24-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

The insanity hearing ordered by Judge Finley after a jury had returned a "Not guilty" verdict Sunday, was the last gesture of the state in the sensational trial.

Cole pleaded not guilty at the trial and based his defense on two pleas, self defense and transitory insanity. The jury did not specify which of its contentions guided its verdict, but Judge Finley exercised the court's discretion in applying the statute that provides that a man acquitted in a capital case on an insanity plea must show cause why he should not be committed to the State Hospital for the Insane.

The hearing was prefatory. Cole testified in his trial that he had gained his mental balance, and members of prosecution counsel argued to the jury that Cole was a sane man. Neither Cole nor any member of his family was questioned.

James H. Pou, Raleigh, A. L. Brooks Greensboro, and James A. Lockhart, Charlotte, all of defense counsel, presented to the court some 40 affidavits from townspeople of Cole declaring that he is a sane man. The state was represented by Solicitor F. Don Phillips, prosecutor in the trial. The solicitor presented the testimony of Mrs. Cole, in which she had told of describing her husband as "crazy," and of others who had testified to Cole's "queer actions."

Judge Finley told the court that in his opinion the jury that acquitted Cole "used the heart more than the head." "In cases of this kind it is a difficult matter to separate sympathy from law, but I do not hesitate to say that I would have returned a different verdict."

The Union county jury that acquitted Cole was not censured, however. "They were a splendid group of men," said Judge Finley, "and acted conscientiously. Seven out of 10 juries would probably have returned the same verdict."

The Wilkes county courthouse was the object of persons throughout the county. An hour before the hearing, the lawn was dotted with groups of persons and the hotel at which Cole and his family dined was host to crowds at blocked traffic for a block.

The Rockingham manufacturer will not return immediately to the presidency of the Hannah Pickett Mill. Accompanied by Mrs. Cole, his brother, Dr. W. F. Cole, of Greensboro, and his three children, Elizabeth, Catherine and Robert, Cole left late Tuesday for Greensboro. After several days rest there, he will visit some resort for a longer period.

The affairs of the mill will be managed by W. B. Leath, treasurer, and J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent. The family of W. W. Ormand, who was killed while he sat in his car near Cole's office in Rockingham, was not represented.

In a letter forwarded to Judge Finley by Douglass and Douglass, local attorneys who assisted in the prosecution of Cole, Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane, stated that Cole's mental condition could only be determined after a period of study by competent experts. Dr. Anderson gave it as his opinion that Cole never suffered from "transitory insanity."

He stated that if Cole was suffering from any mental disease when he killed Ormand it was paranoia and if he had paranoia then he has it now. Solicitor Don Phillips prior to his departure for Wilkesboro to urge that

Cole be committed to the criminal division of the State Hospital for the Insane issued a statement in which he declared that the responsibility was on Judge Finley. He declared that the people of the State were indignant at the verdict of not guilty returned by the Union county jury.

Possibility of a civil suit for damages against Cole for killing Ormand was admitted Monday night by the father of the dead man who said that whether the suit would be brought or not had not "been determined."

The freeing of Cole after the sanity hearing before Judge Finley was remarkable on account of two anniversaries. Exactly one year ago the State abandoned its fight to bring back Dr. L. H. Peacock, who escaped from the criminal insane department of the State's prison where he was committed by Judge Finley after he was found not guilty of murder on the grounds of insanity. Exactly one year ago W. C. Stewart and Elmer Stewart were sentenced to death for murder.

### FAMOUS SHOW WILL GIVE STREET PARADE

Every day when the members of the famous Walter L. Main Shows finish breakfast they begin active preparations for the parade. Well fed ponies and horses in shining harness and waving plumes take their places before glittering parade chariots; the sound of music is heard from bands perched hazardously high; clowns, charioteers, jockeys, Roman Hippodrome riders, camels from the great desert with native riders and ponderous elephants, some bearing a weight of feminine beauty in Oriental costume, make appearance in a picturesque kaleidoscopic pageant more than a mile long.

A man on horseback in a deep voice cries the oft-repeated warning: "Look out for your horses; the elephants are coming." Behind him a bevy of pretty women, buglers trumpet their clarion-voiced instruments, and then Jeanne d'Arc, in polished armor with clanking curtains of chain mail; the flush of tan has tinted her ears and cheeks. She is a young woman, adopted by a wealthy aunt in New Haven, Ct., who sent her to Europe to keep her from entering circus life. Her sudden return and her romantic marriage with a clown caused daily papers all over the country to devote considerable space to the incident.

Through densely crowded streets the pageant measures its gaudy passage. Cage after cage and wagon after wagon filled with rare and costly animals pass in a fantastic panorama. The calliope shrieks madly, and behind it half a hundred boys, playing "hooky" from school, trail tirelessly. The Walter L. Main will come to Zebulon, Monday October 19, for performances at 2 and 8 p. m. The door opening an hour earlier. The parade is at noon.

### JUNIOR HIGH WINS FIRST GAME 18-0

Playing their first game of the season, the Junior High School football team of Raleigh, completely outclassed Zebulon High Tuesday evening and took the game by a score of 18 to 0.

From the start, the locals showed superior ability. Captain Vincent intercepted a pass and ran 75 yards from the first touchdown and Glenn had the honor of scoring the other two. All attempts for goal failed.

Unable to gain ground through the line, Zebulon resorted to a passing attack but were not successful in that and tallied only two first downs to the Raleigh's fourteen.

### ANNUAL RED CROSS ROLL CALL WILL BEGIN HERE NOVEMBER 11

It is now time for us to begin thinking about our Annual Roll Call for membership in the Red Cross. It is to be hoped that every one who can join will do so; your dollar will be used to feed and clothe the needy. Roll Call begins Nov. 11, ends Thanksgiving.

## TO ADVANCE HIGHWAY ROUTE Road From Hender- son to Clinton by Way Zebulon

A meeting of citizens from Johnston, Wake and Franklin counties was held here Thursday night to discuss the construction of the proposed State Highway from Henderson through Zebulon, Selma and Smithfield to Clinton. A barbecue supper was enjoyed and interesting speeches made by prominent men.

At a meeting held in Louisburg, a motion was made that the Henderson-Clinton Highway Association be organized and that representatives in the capacity of directors in this association be elected. Each town along the proposed route was allowed two directors. The following officers and directors were elected at this meeting: Dr. A. H. Fleming, Louisburg, president; F. D. Finch, Zebulon, vice president. The authority of appointing a secretary and treasurer was given Dr. Fleming, who appointed M. S. Davis, of Louisburg, who will also serve as the other director from Louisburg.

The directors from Zebulon are: Leroy L. Massey and Foster D. Finch and from Selma W. P. Aycock and C. P. Harper; from Smithfield J. D. Parker and T. C. Young. James Bryan, director from Clinton, was authorized to appoint one other director from Clinton and two directors from Newton Grove. R. Monroe Pittman and E. D. Narron were elected directors from O'Neal's Township, Johnston county and N. W. Stewart, Ingram's Township; J. M. Beasley, LaFayette Langston and A. G. Adams from Bentonsville Township, and Quincy Hocutt from Wilder's Township.

Other towns along the proposed route are to be decided upon and appointed later.

A barbecue supper with other refreshments was served at the conclusion of the business part of the program. After supper interesting talks were made by M. S. Davis, Louisburg; B. H. Johnson, Zebulon; Judge Brooks, Smithfield; Hon. J. A. Wellons, Smithfield; Supt. Public Instruction Marrow, Smithfield; W. P. Aycock, Selma; Hon. J. D. Parker, Smithfield.

## Expert Says Condi- tion Excellent.

The character of North Carolina cotton is "excellent," according to George Butterworth, expert cotton classifier, who has been detailed by the United States Department of Agriculture to make periodical visits to the various cotton co-operative associations of the South to check up on their classing departments.

"Character of North Carolina cotton excellent this year," read a telegram sent by Mr. Butterworth to C. B. Howard, general sales manager of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange.

"The preparation of the cotton," however, Mr. Butterworth added, "to a considerable extent is not what it ought to be, owing to poor ginning. Scores of bales I saw here had to be lowered in grade on account of poor preparation, caused entirely by the gin, and some farmers are losing money on this account."

### SLIPPERY PRISONER AGAIN IS AT LARGE

Durham, Oct. 12.—Joe Beaman, who has escaped from the county home no less than six times is still at large, police officers said yesterday. Beaman, who has developed amazing skill at juggling hacksaws into his cell, made his latest escape last Saturday. He was tried in recorder's court last Saturday morning for his fifth escape, was sentenced and carried back to the workhouse, and escaped again that night.

Beaman was first sentenced to the workhouse for alleged dealings in narcotics. The first three times he escaped he was given extra terms of 30 days. The next two escapes brought him six months each. Officer said yesterday they did note even have a clue as to Beaman's whereabouts.

## WOMEN EXHIBITS MANY PHASES IN Demonstration of Farmstead and Ar- rangement

Beginning with a miniature farmstead complete with house, barn, out buildings, yard, and orchard, the Woman's Building at the State Fair includes exhibits of every phase of woman's work in and around the home. Demonstration lessons are going on in various booths of covering and renovating furniture, removing stains from garments, and prize club girls are demonstrating lessons in cooking.

Another phase of the women's work is being carried on in the vocational education department where 200 girls of the home economics classes in the high schools are giving a demonstration in cooking luncheon each morning. Pies, doughnuts, etc., to be demonstrated each afternoon, and in addition sewing lesson demonstrations are to be given each morning and afternoon by home economics classes.

On entering the door of the Woman's Building the visitor is confronted with a large display of balanced foods showing what a housewife should feed her family. In connection with this display of balanced rations, a pair of scales and measuring apparatus are provided together with a pamphlet showing how much an individual should weigh for height and age.

Canned goods including fruits, vegetables, pickles, preserves, etc., form a large display. Cooked foods, cakes, and preserved meats are also very much in evidence.

Ways and means for income earnings for the farm women, which are displayed, include beautiful rag and woven rugs, hand work, and raffia work. These exhibits are the kind that can be made in spare moments, and will yet furnish a means of income for the farm woman.

Club girls give demonstration lessons in making jelly, doughnuts, cooking vegetables, and other foods.

The farmstead which occupies an entire end of the building is carefully laid out as any farm home and its surroundings might be. In the immediate foreground is the public road, and set well back from the road is a white dutch-colonial house, curved driveways lead to portecochere and past the garage to the barn which is set well back from the house. The implement house, and chicken yard and house are among the out buildings and well away from the house in one corner is the hog house.

The lot also includes an orchard, corn and cotton patch, and pasture with cows grazing therein. These buildings are all white, and are so placed with a view to beauty and symmetry as well as convenience. Low box bushes and trees around the house add greatly to its attractiveness. The lawn is turfed, and the minutest details are carried out to add to the reality of the plan.

Nearby, model kitchens and other methods of saving work for the farm woman are displayed, showing the proper relation between sink, kitchen stove, and cabinet. This is flanked by a mock graveyard with tombstones bearing inscriptions such as "Here lies mother, who died from carrying too much water from the spring." Other inscriptions state that Sister Sue was taken to heaven early from a similar drudgery.

### "NIP AND TUCK"

The world's baseball series has been interesting to all Fandums, who love the ball sport. As the series stand now, Washington has won three and Pittsburg three—some close scores being played. Wednesday rain prevented ending the series. Washington is our favorite. The contest was ended Thursday, but we go to press Thursday at noon, so we cannot give the score.

The best way to clean patent leather is by dipping a cloth in sweet milk and rubbing the leather clean with it. It will also keep the leather from cracking.—Mrs. H. J. M., Ia.

## The Highway Jobs Cost Over \$4,000,000

### State Highway Com. Receives Bids for 21 Projects

Low bids for 21 State highway construction projects were opened by the State Highway Commission in one of the largest lettings in the history of the commission. The low bids totaled \$4,011,128.16.

Bids were asked on 22 projects but no bids were received for the construction of Project 642, Iredell county, bridge over Rocky Creek on Route 26.

J. O. Heyworth, of Chicago, and Nello T. Teer, of Durham, led all other contractors on low bidding. Heyworth was low bidder on four projects with a total of \$1,467,496.30, more than a third of the entire letting. Teer was low bidder on five projects at \$241,327.10. Heyworth does paving work while Teer devotes himself to grading.

The twenty-one projects will add approximately 118 miles of paved roads and 89 miles of improved dirt roads to the State highway system. Eleven of the projects are for hard surface work and ten for grading.

The list of projects with the low bidders follows:

Project 1350, Halifax county: 14.9 miles of paving from Halifax south to the Edgemont county line on Route 40. Low bid for roadway by J. O. Heyworth at \$448,526.00.

Project 164, Nash-Edgemont counties: 16.9 miles of paving on Route 40 from Tar River north to the Halifax county line. Low bid for roadway by J. O. Heyworth at \$326,689.00. Low bid for structures by J. O. Heyworth at \$8,741.00.

Project 1990, Wilson county: 10.18 miles of grading and bridges from the Wilson county line to the Nash county line on Route 91. Low bid for roadway by Nello T. Teer. Low bid for structures by L. J. Blankley and Son at \$17,119.23.

Project 111-B and 117-B, Camden and Currituck counties: 11.83 miles of paving between Camden and Sligo. Low bid for roadway by Roberts paving Company, of Salisbury, at \$267,359.50.

Project 241, Johnston county: 18 miles of grading and bridges from the Wilson county line toward Smithfield on Route 22. Low bid for roadway by Nello T. Teer at \$88,011.41. Low bid for structures by J. L. Brinkley and son at \$25,574.75.

Project 242, Johnston county: 13.24 miles of paving on Route 10 from Smithfield to the Wayne county line. Low bid for roadway by J. O. Heyworth at \$377,943.60.

Project 347, Cumberland county: 9.5 miles of paving from Fayetteville toward Dunn on Route 22. Low bid for roadway by J. O. Heyworth at \$305,496.70. Low bid for structures by Kuhn, Englehardt and Thomas at \$30,250.79.

Project 354, New Hanover county: 7.59 miles of paving from Wilmington to Wrightsville Sound on Route 20. Low bid for roadway by J. M. Gregory at \$199,400.00.

Project 394, Robeson county: 12.38 miles of grading and bridges from Lumberton to Boardman on Route 20. Low bid for roadway by Jamison Brothers, Inc., at \$70,356.00. Low bid for structures by Conrad Construction Company, of Florence, S. C., at \$83,452.20.

Project 425, Franklin county: 1.57 miles of paving on Route 56 between Franklinton and Louisburg. Low bid for roadway by G. L. Babbitt at \$44,338.00.

Project 491, Warren county: 4.92 miles of grading and structures on Route 48 between Warrenton and Macon. Low bid for roadway by Nello T. Teer at \$27,334.40. Low bid for structures by P. M. Jones, of Roanoke, Va., at \$11,256.00.

Project 496, Warren county: 8.5 miles of grading and bridges between Macon and Littleton on Route 48. Low bid for roadway by Nello T. Teer at \$61,746.80.

Project 487-B, Wake county: 9.9 miles of grading and bridges from

the Neuse River to Wendell on Route 90. Low bid for roadway by Nello T. Teer at \$37,378.20. Low bid for structures by Peterson and Earnhardt, of Montgomery, Ala., at \$20,856.15.

Project 514, Caswell county: 12.08 miles of paving on Route 14 between Yanceyville and the Virginia State line. Low bid for roadway by Stearns Brothers, Inc., for concrete at \$287,007.50, and P. G. Slay, of Richmond, for macadam at \$147,919.20.

Project 523, Davidson county: 11.52 miles of grading and structures on Route 64 between Lexington and the Forsyth county line. Low bid for roadway by J. K. Cecil, of Lexington, at \$39,175.00. Low bid for structures by J. N. Kesler, of Winston-Salem, at \$24,521.25.

Project 583-B, Randolph county: 5.54 miles of grading and structures on Route 60 between Liberty and the Chatham county line. Low bid for roadway by G. F. Cornatzer at \$25,652.50. Low bid for structures by L. P. Lindon, Jr., at \$5,452.90.

Project 6060, Anson county: 12.57 miles of paving on Route 20 between Wadesboro and the Pee Dee River. Low bid for roadway by Blythe Brothers Company at \$327,533.80.

Project 753-B, Stokes county: 9.11 miles of grading and structures on Route 89 between Walnut Cove and Danbury. Low bid for roadway by W. C. Carter, of Mebane, at \$63,993.00. Low bid for structures by J. M. Kesler at \$31,454.79.

Project 809, Burke county: 7.35 miles of paving on Route 10 between Morganton and Valdese. Low bid for roadway by Pennell and Weisig at \$209,040.00.

Project 825, Cleveland county: 10.14 miles of paving on Route 20 between Rutherford county line and Shelby. Low bid for roadway by Wilson Construction Company, of Rutherford, at \$291,551.20.

Project 948, Haywood county: 4.14 miles of grading and structures on Route 10 between Canton and the Buncombe county line. Low bid for roadway by W. E. Graham at \$47,205.40. Low bid for structures by Conrad Construction Company at \$30,835.50.

## Doctor Discards Knife for Needle

The gleaming scalpel of the surgeon may soon be replaced by delicate electric needles which part the tissues of the body without actually touching them, and which will make surgery not only less dangerous, but less painful as well, according to Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of the surgical staff of Johns Hopkins University.

The new surgical needle causes little bleeding, makes necessary less handling of the tissue by the surgeon, and is followed by more rapid healing, says Dr. Kelly, who has developed new technique and already uses the needle for the most important operations. The path of the needle is self-sterilized, and decrease the chances of infection.

Dr. Kelly, according to the report received by the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau, says the use of the new instrument requires great care, since an entirely new surgical technique must be applied, but as its powers are better understood it promises to become an important addition to the science of human healing.

### PRISONERS DISCOVERED MAKING WHISKEY IN JAIL

Sam Lougee and Louis Powell, who are held in the Hertford county jail in connection with the Chappell robbery, were caught making whiskey in the jail by Sheriff Whit Wright. They were using a still made of a copper pipe, two syrup cans and a coffee can. For mash they were using crumbs of bread and biscuit.

People of England are taking more to slippers and slipper makers are rushed with orders.