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Girl Arrested For Murder Of Infant; Sordid Story Told

Mary Cole Bonded For Grand Jury Action In May

A sad and sordid story was revealed here last weekend with the news that Mary Frances Cole, 32-year-old waitress, had been charged with the murder of her newborn infant.

Arrested on her discharge last Thursday from St. Joseph's hospital, Miss Cole was free until Monday on a \$5,000 temporary bond set by Coroner Ralph G. Steed. Monday, the bond was withdrawn and she was transported to Carthage jail.

Wednesday afternoon, she appeared before Justice McLeod at Carthage to waive hearing, and to make a cash bond of \$4,000, which he set for her appearance in May. The case will go before the grand jury at that time.

Chief C. E. Newton, who made the arrest, said the young woman admitted giving birth to the child in her hotel room, and striking its head twice against the wall.

The body of a perfectly formed, full-term seven-pound boy was found buried between Southern Pines and Aberdeen, near the Drive-In theatre. An autopsy revealed that it had lived, and that "every bone in its head was broken," Chief Newton said.

The news shocked and horrified this community, where Miss Cole and her sister Sue had lived since November 1951. They came to Southern Pines from Warrenton and had been employed since that time at the Coffee Shop, rooming at the Jefferson Inn. They had conducted themselves quietly, in ladylike fashion, and were known for their pleasant ways and friendly manner.

Though suspicions of Miss Cole's condition had been aroused among those who saw her frequently, she had confided in no one. When questioned by persons who felt she might be in trouble, she denied there was anything amiss. Her sister told Chief Newton she even denied it to her.

Finding Mary ill and hemorrhaging in their room Thursday night, Sue Cole summoned an ambulance and went with her to St. Joseph's hospital. Also going to the hospital with them was a married man who had been dating Mary.

At the hospital physicians realized immediately that a birth had taken place. This the girl at first denied, but later admitted it. In her statement to Chief Newton she said that she had told the married man, who lives in another county, that she had had a miscarriage and he was to get a suitcase from her room and "bury the package." To her sister she said the suitcase had nightgowns and other necessary articles in it, and she was to give it to her friend, and he would bring it to the hospital.

Chief Newton located the man without difficulty. Shocked to discover what had actually happened, he took the Chief at once to the place where, he said, he had buried "the package" without unwrapping it. It was wrapped in a beach towel and slip, and to

Mrs. Banigan Makes \$4,000 Bond And Departs; No Money Comes For Church

Mrs. Julie D. Banigan made bond last Friday in the amount of \$4,000, and was released from Carthage jail, where she had been incarcerated since early in December.

The bond was made by a professional bondsman secured for her by her attorney, R. L. Gavin of Sanford. Mr. Gavin said she paid \$400 for the bond, and that he did not know where it came from.

Unofficial information was that the money was made up for her by several friends in Southern Pines, in view of the fact that her physical condition was extremely grave. She was brought to Southern Pines where she took the train Friday night, presumably to return to her home in Rhode Island.

She promised upon release to wire back the \$1,200 owing the Brown Memorial Presbyterian church, which she said she had intact in a safety deposit box. This was to have arrived by noon

Cherry Red Smocks Are Symbol Of Hospital Service



The cherry red color of the smocks worn by the ladies above has become a symbol of service at Moore County hospital. They are the uniform of the recently organized Volunteer Corps of the hospital auxiliary, which is filling a long-felt need in performing many necessary daily tasks, relieving the nurses to concentrate their time and attention on the sick.

Pictured above are the members from Southern Pines and Pinehurst, about one-third of the Corps. Those from Aberdeen, Carthage and West End were not present for the photograph. They are, from left, front row—Mrs. W. M.

Warner, Mrs. Mumford Horr, Mrs. John E. Cline, Mrs. J. F. Remington, Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Mrs. Harold A. Peck, Mrs. James W. Tufts, Mrs. Roy McMillan.

Standing—Mrs. Claude E. Reams, Mrs. Lee Page, Mrs. Katherine McColl, Mrs. W. T. Huntley, Jr., Mrs. A. L. Burney, Mrs. Hugh Carter, Mrs. O. Leon Seymour, Mrs. Ralph Chandler, Jr., Mrs. H. A. Campbell, Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, Mrs. C. V. Covell.

Mrs. Huntley and Mrs. Cline are co-chairmen for Southern Pines. (Hemmer Photo)

Chairman Named To Head Program Of Chamber Work

The setting up of basic operating committees, and the selection of a chairman for each, with full responsibility for its work, was the major accomplishment of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors Tuesday night.

In view of the division of the work load and the fine cooperative spirit which was shown, Valerie Nicholson, president pro tem, agreed to continue in this capacity for a time.

Chairmen were named as follows: E. W. Smail, Central Carolina Telephone Co. accountant, chairman of the finance committee. To supervise income and expenditures, plan a practical budget and make regular reports at each board meeting. Mr. Smail is also treasurer of the Chamber.

W. Ward Hill, local manager of the Carolina Power and Light Co., chairman of the membership committee. To plan and head the membership campaign, extension and maintenance of membership level through renewals and securing new memberships, welcome of newcomers into Chamber membership, all matters connected with dues.

Robert F. Cameron, assistant manager of the Sinclair Oil Co., chairman of the Motor Vehicle license sales bureau. To assume the contract with the Carolina Motor club for license sales in this area and supervise all matters connected with its fulfillment.

J. Graves Vann, Jr., production

200 Townspeople Enjoy "Open House" Initiating Use Of Community Center

RULES POSTED

Rules posted at the Southern Pines Community Center: "The Center will be open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sunday through Thursday, from 9 a. m. to 12 midnight Friday and Saturday."

"No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the premises."

"Those using the Center for meetings or parties must clean up afterward."

"A minimum fee will be charged for use of the building and also the outdoor cooking facilities."

"For teen-age parties, a minimum of two adult chaperones must be in attendance, furnished by the group or individual sponsoring the party."

"Those wishing use of the Center must make arrangements in advance with Mrs. McNeill."

March Of Dimes Quota Is Made

March of Dimes reports popping in this week from one place after another showed the county to be safely past its quota, though without a great deal to spare.

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, campaign chairman, said that reports through Tuesday totaled \$9,065.41. County quota was \$7,540.

The "Big Five"—towns with the largest quotas—are now all safely over. These are Southern Pines, which had a quota of \$1,750, reporting about \$2,400 collected, Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Carthage and Robbins, with quotas of \$1,000 each—Aberdeen reporting \$1,501, Pinehurst \$1,400, Carthage \$1,052 and Robbins \$1,040.

These were first reports for all five except Aberdeen, which "went over" last week and this week had additional funds to report, including \$318.60 from the employees of Robbins Mill and \$100 from the Robbins corporation.

Others passing their quotas this week were Vass, \$350.61 (\$300); Hallison, \$61.05 (\$50); Roseland, \$38.59 (\$30) and Niagara, \$32.65 (\$30).

Lakeview, Westmoore, Highfalls and West End made their quotas earlier. Cameron, Eagle Springs, Farm Life and Manly have not reported as yet.

Most of the chairmen say they are expecting some more funds in, are working through the rest of this week or have coin containers to pick up. In any case, it appears that the end is not yet and the total to be given by Moore county

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Irish Knight Will Speak On Ghosts For Flood Relief

Sir Shane Leslie Gives Services For Monday Night Event

Sir Shane Leslie, noted Irish wit and scholar, first cousin of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, will speak Monday night at the Southern Pines library on "Ghosts in Theory and Experience."

The event is being held for the benefit of English and American families made homeless by floods in England. A free will offering will be taken.

Coming here to address the Pinehurst Forum Thursday night, Sir Shane voluntarily expressed his willingness to "do anything he might be asked" to benefit this cause which has stirred the hearts of the country. He was immediately and appreciatively taken up on his offer.

The Moore County Historical association is sponsoring his talk here, through arrangements made by Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, president. Mrs. Ives and her husband are old friends of Sir Shane's.

A number of British-born residents of the community are also working hard to get the news around and secure good attendance. The event promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the season, as well as giving aid to the flood sufferers.

The lecture which Sir Shane will give here is the fruit, he says, of 40 years' study of Irish and English ghost stories and haunted houses, and the "whole host of the para-normal and supra-sensory." He will conclude the talk with three vivid recitals of ghost stories, out of first-hand knowledge.

Sir Shane is a member of the Psychological Research Institute of London.

He is also well-known as a writer of novels, verse and historical works. He is a biographer of Jonathan Swift, Cardinal Manning, Cardinal Gasquet, King George IV of England, Tolstoy and Mrs. Fitzherbert, secret bride of George IV.

He has for 30 years been known as Ireland's leading forester, and has done much to promote good forestry practice in his country.

He regards himself as American as much as Irish. He is related to Churchill through his American-born mother, sister of Churchill's mother. They were the legendary and lovely Jerome sisters, who made history of a sort themselves.

Western Union In New Quarters At Jefferson Inn

The Western Union office moved a half-block away this week and is open for business today (Friday) in its new home, a first-floor front room at the Jefferson Inn.

The room was partitioned off for the telegraph office by the Jefferson Inn owners, and has its own front entrance.

The move followed an eviction hearing held last Friday before Justice of the Peace D. E. Bailey, at which the utility, first ordered out of its old habitat as of February 1, was given an extension until today.

The move was to take several days, as wiring and other details of the installation of the teletypes is somewhat complicated. However, said Mrs. Nellie Mann, manager, the office would carry on without interruption, except for a few minutes when the teletypes were actually in transit.

Patch's Department store, which served the eviction notice, is expected to have the small frame building Western Union has been occupying torn down practically at once. Several bids have been received, said Earle B. Owen, store manager, and the contract is to be let within a few days. The building was previously condemned.

Hunter Trials To Run Wednesday Attracting Many Outside Entries

Public To Attend Formal Hunt Ball At Carolina Hotel

HAVE A HEART

They won't be exactly carrying their hearts on their sleeves, but a number of local ladies will have them in their hands, when they conduct a coin collection downtown here Saturday — Valentine Day.

This is National Heart day, climaxing the nationwide fund drive of the American Heart association, and women making up the local committee will seek your dimes and dollars to aid in the association's heart disease research program, said Mrs. A. H. Grant, county chairman.

Except for the sending out of letters, this will be the only solicitation conducted during the drive. You are asked to "Have a heart — Give Your Heart — Give to the Heart Fund."

Hoke Citizens Told Army Will Again "Reconsider" Plan

Citizens of Hoke county, "fighting mad" at Army proposals to annex a 50,000-acre corridor for military purposes, met at the courthouse at Raeford Saturday night to hear that the Army has agreed, for the second time, "to reconsider" the plan.

The information was brought them by a three-man county committee, just back from two days of conferences in Washington.

The report to the people was made by J. L. McNeill, chairman of the county committee, Rep. Harry Greene and Editor Paul Dickson.

With former Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall as their counsel, and Rep. C. B. Deane, Sen. Clyde R. Hoey and Sen. Willis Smith backing them, the committee spent Thursday and Friday in the nation's capital to learn the latest developments. Stalemate Seen

Although developments have struck a stalemate and the Army has done little more than study its original plan since the Hoke county delegation's first protest trip to Washington, the delegation was told that the Army would consider a second time.

T. A. Young, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army, has been heading the Washington study of the proposed project, which will provide a corridor for long-range artillery firing between Fort Bragg and Camp Mackall.

While in Washington, the committee learned that although a \$49,000,000 fund has been approved for maintenance, operating facilities, housing, training facilities and land acquisition, they could find no trace that actual approval has been given to the fund.

Chairman McNeill told the citizens at the mass meeting that recent economy moves by the Republican Administration might be extended to military projects like the one planned in this area, but he urged them not to place too much hope in such a move and to continue their fight.

AT ART GALLERY

An unusual display of bird prints, including several Audubons, will be the next exhibit to be shown at the art gallery in the Southern Pines library, starting Monday and continuing for two weeks.

The prints will be arranged by Miss Allie McIntosh, local dealer in antiques and art objects. The show will include some prints owned by Miss McIntosh, some borrowed from other collections; some old, and some of more recent vintage, with interest for both bird lovers and art lovers.

The exhibit of paintings by Danila Frassinetti Devins, young Southern Pines artist and animal portraitist, will continue through this weekend.

Next Wednesday is Moore County Hounds Day in this section. Starting at 2 p. m. with the opening event of the Hunter Trials cut at the Scott farm on the eastern end of Young's road, the day will close with the Hunt Ball at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst that evening.

Both events will be held under the auspices of the Moore County Hounds, proceeds from the hunter trials going to build fences and open up the country.

This year's program for the afternoon event follows the usual classifications, starting with the requirement that all entries must be bona fide hunters. The five classes listed include: first season hunters, thoroughbreds, non-thoroughbreds, and an open class, with the spectacular hunt teams, taking the field in full livery, rounding out the day. Parking spaces for cars on the hill, from which every fence may be seen, may be obtained from Mrs. W. O. Moss, secretary of the hunt, who is also in charge of selling tickets for the ball. Pinehurst people may get their tickets from the doorman at the Carolina.

The Moore County Hounds will parade, to open the program, and a popular feature is the miniature drag, laid over a few fields and fences in full view of the spectators, followed by a select few of the regular field. W. Ozelle Moss, joint master with William J. Brewster, will as usual act as huntsman, with Mrs. Moss and Jack Goodwin as first and second whips.

Campbell Notified Region Six Has Won Top Award

Region Six, Boy Scouts of America, of which W. D. Campbell of Southern Pines is chairman, was the leader in last year's inter-regional competition for excellence throughout the United States.

A congratulatory letter received by Chairman W. D. Campbell this week from the Chief Executive, Dr. Arthur Schuck of New York City, informed him that the coveted Lorillard-Spencer award for 1952 has been won by his region. This is the highest honor in Boy Scouting on the regional level.

He will receive the award in behalf of Region Six at the National Council meeting, to be held in connection with the Third National Jamboree at Los Angeles, Cal., next July.

Region Six, comprising the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, is composed of 37 councils, of which the Oconeechee Council is one.

Moore county is a district within the Oconeechee Council, one of 12 with headquarters at Raleigh.

The Lorillard-Spencer award is based on three major points indicative of sustained interest, activity and growth: (1) percentage of membership increase; (2) percentage of subscriptions to Boys Life, national Boy Scout periodical, and (3) fewest number of lapsed units.

Commenting this week on the award, Chairman Campbell said, "It is due entirely to the teamwork of 50,000 volunteer scouters—the finest people I ever knew, working together in the interest of the fine young manhood of their communities and councils." Boy Scouts in the Region number 145,000.

The honor comes to Region Six in the second year of the Southern Pines man's chairmanship. It was greatly desired and worked for—especially since last year it "just missed." The first year he was chairman, the Region placed second—no small feat in itself.

It is the fourth time Region Six has won the Lorillard-Spencer award. It won it in 1947, and once a good many years before that, the exact date not recorded here.