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SMITHFIELD NEEDS:

- Bigger Pay Roll.
- A Modern Hotel.
- Renovation of Opera House.
- More Paved Streets.
- Chamber of Commerce.

Cole Trial at Rockingham Excites State Wide Interest

Some Sort of Temporary Insanity Will Be Major Defense; Jury Drawn From Union County.

TESTIMONY BEGUN

Perhaps the most spectacular murder trial in the recent history of North Carolina is now being tried in Richmond county with W. B. Cole, of Rockingham, wealthy cotton manufacturer, as the defendant, charged with the killing on August 15 of William W. Ormand, of Raleigh, son of a Methodist minister, Rev. A. L. Ormand Ormand, who was a former sweetheart of Cole's daughter, was sitting in a Ford roadster on August 15 on the main street of Rockingham when Cole came down from his office and fired three shots at Ormand from behind, killing him instantly. There was widespread horror over the circumstances, and interest in the outcome of the trial has been keen. A special term of court was called for the trial and a notable array of counsel has been lined up on both sides.

The state won the first tilt in the trial which began Monday, September 28, in a successful demand for a jury from another county. A venire of 200 men, county citizens, were ordered by T. B. Finley, who was selected by the governor to try the case. Only sixty-five of the special venire were called. The state took advantage of its four preemptory challenges while the defense only used ten of its dozen. The jury was chosen in what is considered record time. By one o'clock Wednesday nine jurors had qualified. The court recessed for lunch, and the remaining three were placed within an hour.

Fifteen were excused because they opposed the sentence of capital punishment, 20 expressed themselves as believing Mr. Cole guilty of some offense, one was released because he admitted writing the prisoner a letter, one disqualified himself by expressing the opinion that he thought the defendant not guilty, another was declared to be a citizen of England and the judge excused one because of ill health. Four members of the venire failed to make the trip to Rockingham because of ill health but all four forwarded physician's certificates.

The twelve men selected are married men, the majority of them are fathers of grown children. The average age of the jury is a trifle over forty.

Mr. Cole, slightly nervous, shown by the occasional twitching of his fingers, but otherwise entirely composed, made answer to Solicitor F. Don Phillips, arraignment in a firm voice. He pleaded "not guilty" of murder, and according to the ritual demanded trial "by God and my country." He sat with his group of lawyers and just behind the group sat Elizabeth Cole, the prisoner, the defense of whose good name is expected to be a phase of the trial. Mrs. Cole and other members of the family were also present on the opening day.

Rev. A. L. Ormand, of Nashville, and Allison Ormand, father and brother, respectively of the slain young man, were present on the first day of the trial, as they have

Mayor Narron Issues Proclamation

The City of Smithfield has always stood willing and ready to co-operate in any movement whereby the safety of the public was at stake, both from the standpoint of financial responsibility and economic stabilization. The fire loss in America last year was more than five hundred and fifty million dollars with more than 17,000 persons killed and a great number crippled and incapacitated for life. North Carolina's share in this loss was more than five million three hundred and twenty thousand dollars with 343 lives and hundreds of our people maimed. The need is for less fire and more fire prevention. We should all pull together to keep the fire hose dry. An inch of prevention may save miles of conflagration. Carelessness and ignorance are the great factors to be overcome in combating this fire hazard.

Now, therefore, I, John A. Narron, Mayor of the City of Smithfield following the action of our Chief Executive, Gov. A. W. McLean, of North Carolina do hereby set apart and designate the week of October 4th to 10th as Fire Prevention Week and during this week I do further urge that fire drills in our school be held and that the proper officials of the Smithfield Fire Department call on the schools, churches, public and private buildings, factories, stores, and hotels to inspect and to see that every precaution and safeguard against fire is provided and that exit facilities are provided in case of fire.

To this end I urge the Kiwanis Club, the Woman's Club and all other civic bodies to co-operate with the State Insurance Department in reducing fire hazard within our city. I call upon the clergy and Sunday school superintendents to bring this Fire Prevention Week to the attention of our people.

Done at our City of Smithfield this 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty five, and in the one hundred and fiftieth year of our American Independence.

By the Mayor, JOHN A. NARRON.
W. L. FULLER, City Clerk.

County-Wide Celebration For Armistice Day to Be At Clayton

DUNN BOY PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED

Automobile Strikes Hog On The Highway and Turns Over Several Times

Dunn, Sept. 28.—Norma Baggett, 13 years old, was probably fatally injured and Herbert Baggett, 18 sustained serious injuries last night when the car in which they were riding struck a hog and turned over several times on the Dunn-Clinton highway. The car was driven by Hubert Baggett and it is said was being operated at fast speed. Both the occupants of the car are in the hospital and little hope is entertained for the recovery of the youngest of the two. His jaw bones, lower and upper, were broken, several teeth knocked out and he suffered other bruises and lacerations. The hog was killed and the car completely demolished.

CONDEMN ICE DRINKS

John Joseph Gaines, M. D., writing on health, condemns the use of ice drinks. He intimates that many such troubles as appendicitis are attributable to the immoderate use of ice drinks. "What frozen air is to the breathing apparatus," he says, "cold drinks are to the lining of the digestive tract." Continuing, Dr. Gaines says:

"The walls of the stomach are chilled to a point far below normal stopping healthy secretion at once. This weakens the delicate glands until bacteria finds easy access. Snow and ice should never be swallowed by a healthy individual, no matter how pure they are. It is cold that does the mischief. Surgeons know that a large per cent of appendicitis operations are on ice-water and ice-tea habits, and that also, there are about five times as many cases in hot as in cold weather. The logical advice is, never drink ice-cold fluids habitually. Never expose the breathing organs to extremely cold air for prolonged periods. Proper observance of these precautions may save a life."—Stanley News-Herald.

"Indeed our present State Republican party plan of organization is more un-American than the tyrannical rule of King George III, which aroused the patriotic indignation of our ancestors and which caused and won the American Revolution."—Marion Butler.

Miss Alice Barbour of near Four Oaks, spent Tuesday in the city with Misses Annie and Flora Laster.

WHISKEY POURED OUT BY OFFICERS

Thirty-six Half Gallon Fruit Jars Emptied In Front of Court House Sunday Morning.

The gutter in front of the Johnston county court house literally ran with blockade liquor Sunday morning when federal officers and Mr. Charlie Stephenson, the jailer, emptied thirty-six half-gallon fruit jars which had been captured at a filling station four miles from here near Mr. Sanders Peedin's home on the Goldsboro road. The sight made thirsty bystanders mouths run water, and a negro managed to get a swig before the officers could prevent him. The officers were at the filling station at about daybreak, and interrupted a free-for-all fight among men who had spent the night in drinking and revelling. The local officers made six arrests as follows: J. D. Braswell, I. I. Strickland, P. M. Woodard, C. H. Adams, A. L. Moore and Jacob Gurfrey. They were arraigned before Magistrate D. T. Luncford and fined \$5.00 and costs.

The real mission of the officers, however, was not to police that vicinity, but to search the place for whiskey. Hubert Smith and Norman Larkee, of New Bern, were arrested in connection with the thirty-six half gallon jars of liquor. A Ford coupe, nearly new, valued at \$400.00, was also taken. These men were carried to Selma where a hearing was had before United States Commissioner Ethel Massey. They were placed under a \$500 bond each. Failing to give bond they were placed in jail but gave bond yesterday for their appearance in the November Federal court.

Ex-Service Men of Johnston County to Be Given Big Dinner on November 11th; Good Music.

A county wide celebration for Armistice Day, November 11, with a barbecue to all World War veterans, will be staged in Clayton this year. At a recent meeting of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion the matter was presented. A. R. Duncan, J. W. Barnes and Siah Barnes, of Clayton, and F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield, were present and expressed themselves as favoring such a celebration. The same idea was suggested last year to the Clayton people by Mr. Brooks, but because of the lateness of the suggestion, the Clayton folk had already made arrangements to hold a rally themselves. However, they agreed to come together this year and have a county wide celebration to be held at Clayton on November 11.

F. H. Brooks was appointed general county chairman with authority to appoint committees to solicit funds and barbecue pigs for the dinner. Mr. Brooks has written an article to give general notice of the plans and to call on all patriotic citizens of the county to rally to the cause when the local committee shall call upon them. His message is as follows:

"During the World War we heard a great deal of protestations of love for the boys who wore khaki and who had gone to the front in defending civilization and representing America. Occasionally we find men and women who now are loud in their praise of what the American boys accomplished in the World War, but we want to show 'the boys' that it is not all wind, and we want to show them in fact that we appreciate them by entertaining them on Armistice Day.

"Committees will be selected during the coming week and notified, and I appeal to all who are selected to serve and not make excuses, as we have no time to make substitutions.

"While the dinner will be served to only World War veterans, at the same time we appeal to the county to turn out en masse on Wednesday, November 11th, 1925, at which time there will be some speaker of State or National fame to deliver the address; and we hope to have a band to furnish music for the occasion. Let everybody begin to make plans now to be at Clayton on Wednesday, November 11, at 11 o'clock sharp, and enjoy the day and show to the veterans of the late war our continued interest in them and our appreciation for what they did for the cause of humanity."

Fall Opening At The Davis Stores

Chic and modish are the frocks, hats and coats shown at the Davis stores at their fall opening which took place Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Exquisite models were displayed in the windows. One window was devoted to gowns, two evening gowns, one gold lace and georgette over peach, another varying shades of purple combined with gold lace, and two afternoon frocks attracted special attention. The light brick georgette afternoon frock was distinctive, but a black satin model trimmed with ermine gave the keynote to the newest styles. Black in any apparel is particularly good and fur as trimming is used extensively. Hats in harmonizing shades were shown with the gowns.

Another window held coats all fur-trimmed. In fact the coat that has no fur this winter will be noticeable. The handsomest coat on display was of rust cloth with German muskrat collar, cuffs and rever. A purple bolivia with Cony fur and a lovely mahogany shade with Fitz were most attractive. Shown with the coats were the latest models in foot gear. Black is practically the only color in slippers (no shoes being shown at all) and satin and patent leather are preferred for dressy wear. Pumps are the newest style, although straps are worn too. Cut steel buckles added a stylish motif.

The interior of the stores presented an array of materials draped effectively, and everything in ready-to-wear that a lady might ask for was on display. The millinery department had a wonderful lot of hats, every shade, size and shape.

The ladies departments of the Davis stores are in charge of Miss Lillian Wyche, Mrs. Helen Beasley, Mrs. Bessie Scher, and Miss Ruth Brown, and they endeavored to please those who called on these opening days.

60-Gallon Whiskey Still Captured Thursday

Thursday afternoon of last week federal officers captured a sixty-gallon copper still buried in the run of Middle Creek near Mr. Gaston Johnson's home. The worm and cap had been placed in a sack and also sunk in the creek. It had probably been run the day before.

Lecture at Court House To-night

Mr. W. F. LaRowe, world traveler and lecturer, will give a lecture at the court house here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock on the subject, "Behind Prison Bars." Mr. LaRowe is an ex-convict, having served in the Illinois penitentiary several years ago, and he will speak from experience about prison life. There will be no admission charges for the lecture and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

LIGHT DOCKET IN RECORDERS COURT

Tuesday's Session Held In Commissioner's Room On Account of Civil Term Superior Court.

With the Superior Court already in session here, the Recorder's Court which went into session in the commissioner's room at the court house here Tuesday morning for the trial of a few cases, offered something of a double-header along court lines for the day. The following cases were disposed of in the Recorder's Court:

Ray Overcash, white man from Benson, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was given a fine of \$50 and costs.

Hubert Massengill, a youth under sixteen years of age, was before the court charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Upon ascertaining the boy's correct age, his case was sent to the Juvenile Court for disposition.

Ethel Wallace, a married woman, and Charley Willowford, were found in the vicinity of Clayton living as husband and wife.

When brought before the court, they pleaded guilty to the charges against them. Charley was assigned to jail for eight months to work on the county roads and pay costs. Ethel, being only seventeen years old, was turned over to the county welfare officer who will assist her in getting free a three-year scholarship at Samarcaand Manor.

William Lawrence, a Durham negro, was convicted in this court on August 11, 1925, for violating the prohibition laws. At that time he was hired out to pay cost. He was again in court here on Tuesday charged with having broken the terms of his first sentence. He was this time assigned to jail to work on the county roads for a period of sixty days.

THE MAGIC OF AUTUMN

By Edgar A. Guest

It's a glorious day with the sun overhead
And the maples off yonder in cardinal red,
And the elms spilling gold on the floor of the world,
And the sumach ablaze as the picture's unfurled;
Oh, poor little genius known as a man,
Work up such wonders as this if you can!

It's a glorious day, with the magic of Fall
Working its changes too swift for us all;
Now the green turns to gold, in the glint of the sun,
But not one of us knows how this marvel is done;
From the high hat of Autumn gay ribbons are tossed
And man merely calls it the work of the frost.

Here's a performance which dazzles the eye!
Here are illusions no Hindoo dare try!
Valley and hill top and forest and field
In garments of beauty are strangely revealed;
Oh, who can detect it, or who can explain,
Or what can equal such legerdemain?

The world is the stage, without curtain or wing,
Where Autumn performs for the peasant and king;
No velvet-topped table he needs for his feat
As he scatters his silver and gold at our feet;
We see the scenes change in the glint of the sun,
But none of us knows how such wonders are done.

JAMES SELLERS IS EAGLE SCOUT

First Boy Scout in Johnston County to Attain This Coveted Honor; A Scout Since March 1924

James Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Sellers, of this city, has the distinction of being the first Boy Scout in Johnston county to become an Eagle Scout, and on next Sunday evening the badge of this coveted honor will be presented to him publicly at the Methodist church. He is a member of Smithfield Troup Two, which is sponsored by the Methodist church. His troop will be present in a body to see the award made.

To be an Eagle Scout is one of the highest honors that can come to a scout, and is won only by persistence and hard work. James has evidenced both of these qualities, having been awarded the following merit badges: First Aid to Animals; Personal Health; Life-Saving; Swimming; Firemanship; Safety First; Path-Finding; Poultry Keeping; Automobileing; Handicraft; Conservation; Forestry; Bird Study; Scholarship; Civics; Camping; Cooking; Painting; Carpentry; Craftmanship in Leather; First Aid; Pioneering; Public Health; Athletics.

James entered scouting March 15, 1924, and for the past thirteen months has been senior patrol leader of Troup Two. He has been before the Court of Honor eight times to pass the tests which entitled him to the merit badges already enumerated. He represented Smithfield at Chapel Hill this summer at a National Council Training Course.

Youth More Sinned Against Than Sinning

Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 28.—In their present day "misbehavior" the young generation of America are "more sinned against than sinning" by those who "exploit" their tendency, in the opinion of Dr. Deets Pickett, research secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals, the Methodist Episcopal.

In an address prepared for the West Virginia conference of the church today, Dr. Pickett declared the young people of the nation are being "exploited for profit or as a means of overturning the tradition and customs of the country."

"The erotic dances," he said, "are evolved by baldheaded dancing masters. The erotic plays are written and produced by men of maturity; salacious novels and magazines are not the product of youth even though they are produced for youth."

WHY THEY DID IT

A young man was arrested at Greensboro in charge of the transportation of 35 gallons of the ardent, and it was explained by his friends that he is a "nice boy" and that he had attempted to make a deal in liquor to get funds to go to college. If the zeal for education has reached the point that it is considered justifiable to break the law to get the money to go to college, possibly it would be well to lessen, a trifle at least, the stress on college education, lest we overdo a good thing; and put a little more emphasis on what education is for. But the best medicine for the situation at Greensboro, probably, is a little heavier sentence for offering an excuse like that.

In Charlotte officers raided a humble home and found a quantity of spirits with the equipment for retailing. The wife wrung her hands as she admitted that her husband had been selling liquor. But he was out of work, she said, and they had to live. Strange, when one reflects that evil and evil only follows the drinking and handling of liquor, that so many of them turn to the ardent for aid in time of trouble.—Statesville Landmark.

Making Plans For Biggest Johnston County Fair Yet

Runs Farm at 12



TWELVE YEAR old Vivian Brown of Rye Beach, N. H., ran a 25-acre farm this summer, milking six cows a day; putting up hay; and raising corn and vegetables. She made money to go to school this winter.

ABOUT ON-FIFTH TEACHERS TRAINED

Statistics Show That Four-Fifths Of Number Are Not College Graduates

Almost four-fifths of North Carolina's teachers in the white public schools of the State last year were not college graduates.

This is shown by figures compiled and published in the current issue of State School Facts, a publication of the North Carolina Department of Education. The exact percentage, as shown by the figures quoted by the education periodical, was 89.3 non-graduates of college; 20.7 per cent college graduates.

The State last year employed a total of 16,948 white teachers in its public schools. Of this number, 3,512 were college graduates. More college graduates are secured by the city schools, it is shown. In the city schools, 44.26 per cent of the white teachers were graduates from colleges, while the percentage in the rural schools was only 12.97—the city school percentage of college graduate teachers being almost four times that of the schools in the country.

A similar situation exists with regard to the negro teachers, with an even larger percentage preponderance in favor of city schools, in the negro institutions. The percentage of colored teachers who are college graduates is 3.3. In the country schools, the percentage is only 1.38, as compared with 9.54 in negro city schools.

How Country Folks Once Did

For quite a while I have been somewhat disturbed about the social life of the rural South.

When I was growing up, farm folks would come together by neighborhoods for corn-shucking, wheat-threshings, quilting, house-raising, log-rolling, singing school, Farmers' Alliance rallies, etc.; and people went long distances to their associations, quarterly meetings, presbyteries, and other religious assemblies held at country churches, while fox hunting and horse racing were still fashionable sports and old-time musters, tournaments, and camp meetings were still talked of. The roads were worked (what little working they got) by the younger farmers being "warned in" to come together for that purpose, and road-working days were really in a sense social occasions, while horse-swapping during "court week" (since everybody owned horses and everybody like the excitement of a trade) was one of the outstanding "rural recreations" of the period.

In recent years, however, these old-time country customs have been changing. To entirely too great an extent farm folks seem to have been going to towns for their recreation, and rural social life has been endangered by that tendency.—Clarence Poe.

Coolidge Wants Stamp of Wilson Issued Soon

Washington, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The desire of President Coolidge that a stamp bearing the likeness of Woodrow Wilson be issued as soon as possible has been communicated to the Postoffice Department.

Announcement to this effect was made today at the White House, with the added statement that the Department would issue such a stamp. Complaints have been received from some quarters that the proper recognition was not being accorded the war-time President.

It was pointed out on President Coolidge's behalf that it was not until his administration that a stamp in honor of former President Cleveland was issued.

Secretary Narron Has Secured the Famous Brown & Dyer Shows For the County Fair.

TRAINED FLEA ACT

The Brown and Dyer shows which furnish the amusements on the midway at the Johnston county Fair in Smithfield which starts on October 27th and continues through the 30th this season have been meeting with much approval on the part of fair visitors who have attended the Rutland, Vt., Burlington, Vt., Rochester, N. H., and Brockton, Mass., according to reports received here from Fred G. Walker, special press representative who informs from Danbury, Conn., that the shows have been greatly enlarged for the fair dates and that everything is in spic and span shape and presents a fine appearance. Among the new attractions offered will be Over the Jumps, a riding device new to patrons in this territory, a large Illusion show and a diving show with fancy and acrobatic water workers and high divers.

A children's playground will be one of the features. Here are miniature riding devices, three in number, especially adapted for the kiddies and where they may be left in comparative safety while the parents enjoy the midway sights.

The Trained Flea Circus has taken the different cities by storm. There are only three such exhibitions touring the country today and according to reports it is most entertaining and instructive.

Western sports are indulged in at the Hippodrome and Rodeo by a congress of cowgirls, cowboys and Indians and the real days of '49 are again lived in this tented arena. Victor Lee's "Wormwood" shows include life-sized wax figures of many of the world's most notorious men and women and a capable lecturer holds the audience spellbound while depicting the past of these much read-about people.

A gigantic circus side show where a small admission admits to the interior, exhibits strange people gathered from all parts of the world including the fat girl, fat man, armless and legless wonder, living skeleton and other equally interesting folk.

Perhaps the most entertaining midway attraction is that of the minstrel show known as the Florida Strutters. Here will be seen and heard as fine a singing and dancing aggregation of colored performers ever presented under one top. A band and orchestra accompany this presentation and a thoroughly enjoyable performance is rendered.

Beautiful Sahara, a singing, dancing, and posing show of merit, has been enjoying liberal patronage since its inception. Here is seen a sprinkling of vaudeville and the classic, free from suggestiveness and a performance which caters especially to the ladies and children. Eight sprightly Misses and special orchestra preside here and taken all in all no one can afford to miss this offering.

The Brown and Dyer Shows are members of the Showmen's League of America and are especially recommended for their cleanliness and the refinery of their attractions.

Husband and Wif



My husband will drop everything he is doing to follow a band down the street.—Imogene.

WHAT DOES YOUR HUSBAND DO?