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W. B. Cole Acquitted of Murder Charge

Wyatt Murder Trial Is Continued Fourth Time

State Fair Week Considered By Both Defense and State Not The Time For So Notable A Case.

TO BE TRIED NOV. 2

The trial of Jesse Wyatt, charged with the killing of Stephen S. Holt of this city on the second of last June, has again been postponed. This time the Raleigh fair intervenes and the case will not come up until the week of November 2, according to an agreement reached at a conference held Thursday by Judge Garland E. Midyette and the attorneys on both sides. Solicitor Evans and J. Wilbur Bunn and Jones and Horton, representing the defense, did not think that fair week would be a suitable time for a trial of the magnitude of the Wyatt case. Judge Midyette had already arranged for the converting of the two weeks civil term beginning October 6 into a mixed term. It was decided to use the first week for the trial of civil cases and the second week for the Wyatt and other criminal cases.

SELMA HAS GOLD FISHING FROLIC

Selma, Oct. 12.—Several days ago, Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, superintendent of the Selma cotton fls. announced to his operatives and a few friends up in town that on Saturday they might go gold fishing. Saturday dawned cold and clear with a brisk north wind blowing, but, nothing daunted, the fishermen wended their ways to the reservoir hard by the mill. The tackle used was the ordinary hook and line with wriggly worms, bits of fat meat and bread for bait. The extraordinary thing about it was "how they did bite!" Hundreds were caught measuring from a few inches to more than a foot in length. Many a boy and girl was made happy, the grownups sharing the pleasure. Acquariums were rehabilitated and new ones bought. Three years ago five goldfish were placed in this reservoir and now it is thought to contain thousands. It was deemed best to remove some of them hence the unusual fishing frolic.

FAIR POPULARITY CONTEST BEGINS

New Feature of Johnston County Fair Promises To Arouse Unusual Interest.

The following young ladies have consented to run as contestants in the Popularity Contest staged by the Johnston County Fair. Each girl is started with one hundred votes, the contest closes Thursday, October 29th, at the fair grounds.

- Miss Sarah Adams, Smithfield, 100 votes.
- Miss Jeannette Holland, Smithfield, 100 votes.
- Miss Hilda Peedin, Smithfield, 100 votes.
- Miss Elizabeth Creech, Smithfield, 100 votes.
- Miss Margaret Benton, Benson, 100 votes.
- Miss Leone Sanders, Pine Level, 100 votes.
- Miss Clara Fitzgerald, Pine Level, 100 votes.
- Miss Lyda Edwards, Micro, 100 votes.
- Miss Pearl Fleming, Micro, 100 votes.
- Miss Eloise Alford, Kenly, 100 votes.
- Miss Inez Watson, Kenly, 100 votes.
- Miss Mabel Barbour, Wilson's Mills, 100 votes.
- Miss Sue Tomlinson, Wilson's Mills, 100 votes.
- Miss Georgeanna Ashworth, Selma, 100 votes.
- Miss Mary Evelyn Parker, Selma, 100 votes.
- Miss Alma Lee, Selma, 100 votes.
- Miss Aldine Barnes, Selma, 100 votes.
- Miss Mary Massey, Princeton, 100 votes.
- Miss Mae Stephenson, Princeton, 100 votes.
- Miss Louise Wrenn, Clayton, 100 votes.
- Miss Bernice Turley, Clayton, 100 votes.
- Miss Ethlynd Turley, Clayton, 100 votes.

Notice to Co-op Members
The regular meeting of the cotton and Tobacco Growers Cooperative association will be held in the commissioners room of the court house here Wednesday, October 14, at 2:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.
J. A. SMITH, Chairman

MISS MARY McCULLERS TO BROADCAST TONIGHT

Miss Mary McCullers, of Chicago, Ill., sister of Mr. Raymond McCullers of this city, will sing tonight for radio program at Station WHF (wave lengths 238 and 400; usually on the 400 at night) tonight, Oct. 13th, between 8:45 and 9:30 Smithfield time. Miss McCullers, who formerly lived here with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beatty, has sung for radio before but on account of atmospheric conditions, people here have been unable to hear her. Atmospheric conditions are better now, and radio fans may get the opportunity to hear Miss McCullers tonight.

Pigs Making Hogs of Themselves—Marketing Time Is Coming



PUREBRED DUROC Jersey pigs belonging to Mr. J. Lib Lee, of Johnston County, taking advantage of the self-feeder he has provided. Mr. Lee has been very successful in raising prize winning hogs.

J. B. DUKE DIES AT NEW YORK HOME

Millionaire Manufacturer and Philanthropist Passes Away After Short Illness.

BURIAL IN DURHAM

James B. Duke, rich tobacco manufacturer, died at his home in New York city Sunday afternoon at six o'clock after an illness of several weeks that followed a nervous and physical breakdown. He died in the presence of his family and Dr. Robert Z. Wylie. His death is said to have come as a direct result of bronchial pneumonia contracted after the breakdown. Mr. Duke had fallen in a state of coma, but at times he showed such improvement it was thought he would recover. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Doris Duke, a brother, Benjamin Newton Duke, and a niece, Mrs. Anthony Drexel-Biddle Duke.

The funeral services were held at his home in New York yesterday afternoon at four o'clock and the body brought to Durham where the family burial will take place this morning at eleven o'clock in the family mausoleum. A dispatch from the Associated Press has the following to say about the wealthy manufacturer: For several years Mr. Duke had not taken an active part in the conduct of the many enterprises in which he was interested. Actual management was entrusted to men he had trained, although he frequently went to his New York office and kept in close touch with business matters.

Mr. Duke always maintained close relations with the farmers whose products he purchased. In his early years as a tobacco manufacturer he instructed his buyers to pay the farmers enough for their crops to assure them a living, notwithstanding market conditions. He became extensively interested in the development of hydroelectric power and established many large plants in sections of his native state of North Carolina. Recently he spent large sums in an effort to discover a method of producing cheap fertilizer for the benefit of the farmer. Last year he established the Duke Foundation, setting aside \$40,000,000. Under its terms Trinity college at Durham, N. C., changed its name to Duke University, and an active program of expansion was begun. James Buchanan Duke was born in 1856, near Durham, N. C., and received his education in the country schools. His first connection with the tobacco industry began

COLORED MAN IS SERIOUSLY BURNED

George Vinson of Wilson's Mills Badly Burned When He Started Fire With Gasoline.

Saturday morning about 5:30 o'clock George Vinson, a colored man of Wilson's Mills, was seriously burned while making a fire. In an effort to get the fire started, according to reports received here, he decided to pour gasoline on the wood which was slow in beginning to burn. When he began pouring the gasoline from the two-gallon can the flame blazed up and enveloped him from his waist up. He tore his clothing off in an effort to extinguish the flames but he was seriously burned about the body. At last report he was still living but was in a critical condition. He is about fifty years of age.

LOCAL TALENT OPERETTA ON FRIDAY EVENING

An Indian operetta entitled "The Feast of the Red Corn," under the direction of Miss Frances White, public school music teacher in the graded school, and sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club, promises to be an unusual production and one which will appeal to music lovers of Smithfield.

The program will be given Friday evening in the opera house at eight o'clock. The singers will tell of the celebration of "The Feast of the Red Corn" held each year by the maidens of the Wanta tribe of Indians. The one who finds first the red ear of corn has her dearest wish granted by the Sorceress, an old squaw of the tribe. This year the Queen joins the maidens hoping to find the red ear of corn, in order to wish luck to the King who is away in wars. The old squaw tells the maidens that the Four Winds have whispered to her that there will be no wish granted this year because some one has committed a grievous offense. The younger sister of the queen is suspected of being the culprit. Events intervene to keep her from being burned at the stake. The queen finds the Red Ear, and sees a vision of her King who is alive and on his journey home.

Twelve-Year Old Girl Picks 328 Pounds of Cotton On Birthday

Floy Williams, daughter of Mr. W. M. Williams, of Smithfield, Route 1, who was twelve years old last Tuesday, said she was going to pick more cotton on her birthday than Minnie Hicks, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hicks, of Cleveland township, picked on her birthday. Mr. Williams told his daughter that if she would pick more than Minnie Hicks did he would give her a dollar. That night when her cotton was weighed it was found that she had 328 pounds. According to an article in a recent issue of The Herald, little Miss Hicks picked 271 pounds on her birthday. Both these young ladies are to be congratulated upon the profitable way in which they celebrated their birthdays. Five children in Mr. Williams' family on the same day picked 1,384 pounds of cotton.

Verdict of Acquittal Returned By Jury After Three Ballots

BIG COMMUNITY FAIR IS SUCCESS

Variety and Arrangement of Products Made Good Showing—Old Relics On Display.

With exhibits that would compare with county fairs and even some of those at the big state show, the Meadow Community Fair held last Friday exceeded all expectations. Secretary W. V. Blackman and his co-workers have every reason to be proud of the success of the occasion, for to assemble and arrange such a display of products was no little task. The exhibitors themselves deserve credit for the selection and arrangement of products entered to compete for the prizes. The Meadow school grounds was an admirable place for the holding of a fair. There was plenty of space for the exhibit of farm machinery, DeLoe-Lighting system, Singer sewing machines, cold drink and barbecue stands. Even a side show was there which helped to carry out the fair atmosphere. The exhibits were arranged in the old school building, each division having a separate room for the displays. The farm and field products were particularly good and the entries were so numerous that the entire space of a large room in the building was completely filled. Cotton, tobacco, all sorts of feed crops, vegetables, meat, in fact, anything you will find grown on the farm, was represented. Another room was devoted to pantry supplies and canned goods. The long rows of canned fruits and vegetables upon white stands decorated with ivy were good to look upon. Cakes, home made butter, eggs, biscuits, home made candies, and other good things were suitably arranged in this room. Also a display of honey belonging to Mr. L. Parker of Benson, Route 2, in this room attracted quite a bit of attention. The fancy work department included everything from colored embroideries to quilts made in the most intricate patterns. Of particular interest was the junior department, a room devoted to exhibits of children under sixteen years of age. In many instances the work shown there compared favorably with that of the grown-ups.

62 HOMES 100 PER CT.

Rally Day at the Methodist Sunday school was responsible for the unusually large crowd Sunday morning and the exercises were characterized by many as being exceptionally good. "The Unfolding Life" was the theme of the program which was participated in by every department of the Sunday school from the Cradle Roll to the Home Department. Appropriate devotional exercises opened the Sunday school at 9:30. The lesson was taught as usual and the special program began at the close of the class period. As the choir sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers," two Intermediate boys bearing Christian conquest flag and the United States flag led a procession that included every member of the Sunday school. A religious survey of the town had been made in preparation for Rally Day, and a unique feature of the program was the awarding of sixty-two hundred per cent home certificates which means that sixty-two homes represented in the Methodist Sunday school have every member attending Sunday school. A bouquet of chrysanthemums was awarded the oldest member of the school present, Mr. Charlie Lindsay, who is 77 years old and a regular attendant. The youngest person present was Master John Holland, the seven months old baby of Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Holland. The program proper began with salutes by the congregation to the Christian conquest and U. S. flags. Mr. T. C. Young, superintendent of the Sunday school was the leader in the

Cole Will Not Get His Freedom Until Judge Has Proof of His Sanity; Hearing Will Be Held At Wilkesboro Today, 1 P. M.; Only A Few Person Are In Court Room When Verdict of the Jury Is Read.

Rockingham, October 11.—(Special to The Herald).—William B. Cole, charged with the murder of his daughter's former lover, William W. Ormond, was acquitted of murder by a jury which has been considering his case behind locked doors since Saturday at noon when it filed into court shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

Although acquitted of the charge of murder, Cole will have to face a hearing on a charge of insanity. The hearing will be held at Wilkesboro Tuesday at 1 p. m.

When the jury had been polled, the foreman of that body in a clear voice, following the question as to whether they had found a verdict, announced that they found the defendant, William B. Cole, not guilty on the charge of murdering William W. Ormond.

Immediately after the jury had given its report, Cole was returned to jail where he will await the hearing on the insanity charge which he will have to face.

The jury which decided the fate of the rich mill owner, retired for deliberation of the case at 12:42 o'clock yesterday afternoon, following the charge delivered by Judge T. B. Finley. Shortly after seven o'clock last night, the jury came into the court room, and asked that Judge Finley read to them the conclusions of his charge.

Following the re-reading of this part of the charge, the jury again retired for further deliberations.

The jury had the case approximately twenty-one hours. Immediately after the verdict was rendered, Cole was remanded to jail to await a hearing at Wilkesboro Tuesday at 1 o'clock when Cole must show why he should not be committed to the criminal division of the state hospital for the insane at Raleigh. Cole made no comment on his acquittal. Rev. A. I. Ormond, father of the slain ex-sergeant, made no comment other than, "What isn't right now, will be right some time."

It had been agreed that the court house bell be rung when a verdict had been returned, but Judge Finley ordered the sheriff not to ring the bell in order to prevent any possible violence to the defendant. Only thirty-one persons including the prisoner, heard the announcement of the verdict. Not a single woman was present. Cole shook hands with the members of the jury, and James H. Pou, senior counsel for the defense, thanked the jury on behalf of Mr. Cole and his family. Judge Finley thanked the jurors for their patriotic service, and the sacrifice which they had made to serve as jurors.

On the first ballot taken after the case went to the jury at 12:42 on Saturday, the vote stood eight to four for an acquittal. "Three times during the afternoon and night the jury prayed. When the jurors went to bed at ten o'clock Saturday night the vote had changed 11 to 1 for acquittal. The jurors stated that one vote changed after each prayer. This morning after breakfast the jurors again prayed for guidance and the unanimous vote for acquittal was secured.

"Locked in the jury room the twelve men agreed that the name of the man who held out against

Mr. Paschal Parson and son, Larman, of Sampson county, spent Tuesday in the city. (Turn to page eight, please)

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