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SUIT IS FILED AGAINST COLE

Father of Ormond Sue For \$150,000; Summons Issued To Richmond County.

LARGE LEGAL ARRAY

Suit for \$150,000 against W. B. Cole, rich Rockingham mill owner and killer of W. W. Ormond, ex-serviceman and former sweetheart of Cole's daughter, was begun Saturday in the Wake county Superior Court, by Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Nashville, father and administrator of the slain youth.

Cole was acquitted of the murder of Ormond by a Union county jury in the Richmond county Superior court three weeks ago. Cole plead insanity and self defense but the jurors admitted that they free him because they believed Ormond slandered Cole's daughter. They declared that they would have done what Cole did. Two days after the verdict Cole was set free following an insanity hearing before Judge T. B. Finley, who tried the case, in North Wilkesboro.

Cole has left the State to take an indefinite rest in Arkansas, where relatives of his wife live.

Summons in the case were issued to Richmond county and is returnable November 12, but if service on Cole cannot be secured there, the plaintiff is expected to proceed by publication and attachment.

Young Ormond's father seeks \$75,000 compensatory damages and \$75,000 punitive damages for the alleged wrongful death.

Rev. Mr. Ormond qualified on September 3, as administrator to his son's estate in Wake county, where young Ormond lived. Young Ormond left an estate of around \$2,000 made up of insurance. The suit is brought in this county as the home county of the dead man.

The suit is brought by Douglass and Douglass of Raleigh; Larry Moore, of New Bern; W. R. Jones, of Rockingham; and Harold Cooley, of Nashville; all of whom appeared for the prosecution in the criminal action; and also by R. N. Simms, of Raleigh. A bond of \$200 to Cole for costs is signed by Rev. A. L. Ormond as administrator, and his son.

The complaint sets forth the facts regarding the killing on the main streets of Rockingham on August 15, alleging that Cole "stealthily crept up behind him (Ormond) and wantonly, wickedly, cruelly and with malice aforethought, assassinated plaintiff's intestate by firing three bullets into his body."

With regard to the alleged "slander letter" which Ormond wrote saying that he had lived as man and wife with Miss Elizabeth Cole for more than a year, the complaint says as follows:

"That the defendant falsely pretended and claimed that he killed the plaintiff's intestate because, as he alleged, the plaintiff's intestate had, in February, 1925, and more than six months prior to said killing written to the defendant an alleged letter and it was claimed by the defendant that in the alleged letter, the plaintiff's intestate had slandered the defendant's daughter, but the plaintiff avers on information and belief that the defendant killed and murdered his intestate to prevent his marriage to the defendant's daughter, or for some other reason growing out of the defendant's anger, hatred, malice and ill-will towards the deceased, and his premeditated and deliberate purpose and this plaintiff alleges that for whatever reason, the defendant's said action was without justification or excuse."—News & Observer.

INDIAN POPULATION SHOWS INCREASE OF 2,693 IN YEAR

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Indian population of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, was placed today by the Indian bureau at 349,595 as of June 30, an increase of 2,693 in a year and of 18,976 during the last twelve years. Ten states have more than 10,000 Indians, including North Carolina with 11,969.

HERBERT J. BROWNE



Herbert J. Browne, ocean meteorologist of Washington, predicts that we will have no summer next year. He says the year 1916, the "year without a summer," is to be duplicated in 1926, due to the position of lunar cycles and sun spots which influence the lunar tidal pull. He predicts a menace to the world's grain crops.

Selma Kiwanians After Whiteway

Committee Appointed to Get Facts and Will Make Report Soon.

A drive for a whiteway, which is expected to be put over shortly, was launched at the weekly Kiwanis luncheon last Thursday evening.

After two very enthusiastic talks by Doek Mayberger and Star Harper, a committee composed of John Wiggs, Star Harper and Doek Mareberg, was appointed to get the facts in the matter and present them to the club for discussion. It is expected to ask the town to donate half and ask the merchants of the town to donate the other half.

A short talk on "The Object of the Kiwanis Club" was made by George Brietz, after which Ralph Blackman discussed the three most important committees of a Kiwanis club. After reading part of the constitution and by-laws by Gordon Whitaker, the attendance prize was awarded to Fred Walden.—The Johnstonian.

FAYETTEVILLE NURSE IS KILLED INSTANTLY

Fayetteville, Oct. 31.—Miss Pearl Townsend, a probation nurse in the Highsmith hospital, was instantly killed tonight when she opened the door of an elevator in transit between floors in apparent confusion. Miss Townsend's head was caught between the elevator and the floor and was crushed off before another nurse on the elevator could stop the machine.

PRESENTS HERALD WITH FINE SWEET POTATOES

We were reminded last week when Mr. A. E. Peedin of Pine Level, Route 1, presented The Herald with a half bushel of fine sweet potatoes, of "eye old times" when it was the custom for the editor of the village paper to receive various kinds of produce from turnips to chickens and eggs as legal tender for service rendered. In this instance Mr. Peedin made the gift purely in the spirit of good will, which we greatly appreciate. The potatoes were of four varieties, Porto Rico, Nancy Hall, Yellow Bahama, and "Negro Choker." Mr. Peedin had about half an acre in potatoes from which he had dug and banded up about 200 bushels. All that Mr. Peedin now needs is a good "possum year to round out what many consider a most delectable menu for the winter season.

—Any wise man can be cheated by a foolish woman.

Nat Johnson Wins Ford Touring Car

Miss Margaret Benton, of Benson, Gets Ring in Popularity Contest.

Mr. Nat Johnson, nineteen-year-old son of Mrs. Thad W. Johnson, of the Oak Grove section, is the proud possessor of a new model Ford touring car which cost him just forty cents. Mr. Johnson bought four tickets in the Johnston county fair popularity contest, one of which proved to be the lucky ticket, and he was awarded the Ford. The lucky ticket was number 2575.

Considerable interest was manifested in the popularity contest, but Miss Margaret Benton of Benson, proved to be the most popular young lady, and when the contest closed she was presented with a \$150 diamond ring. Miss Benton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benton, her father being editor of the Benson Review. Three other prizes were given away. Miss Elizabeth Creech of this city, came next to Miss Benton in the contest and was given a diamond bar pin. Misses Sarah Adams and Jeannette Holland of this city, both received white gold wrist watches. The coronation of the winner as queen of the contest took place Friday evening at the fair grounds, Secretary Narron making the presentation speech.

In the parade Tuesday the first prize was given to Archer Lodge. This float was easily the most attractive in the whole parade. It was decorated in the national colors, with Uncle Sam and Aunt Columbia in costume. A number of girls dressed in white waved flags. Second place was given to Sinclair Refining company.

EMBARGO IS PLACED ON ALL INGOING FREIGHT IN FLORIDA TO MOVE FRUITS

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 29.—In view of the movement of citrus and other perishable traffic out of Florida that no interference be given that fruit due to the accumulation and congestion of other traffic and to provide track capacity for refrigerator equipment the inbound freight embargo now in effect at the large points in the state is to become effective through out Florida immediately.

This was the announcement made to the Associated Press today following a two-day executive session of railroad officials called by M. J. Gormley, chairman of the car service division of the American Railway association, and at which J. B. Ford, service agent, bureau of service, I. C. C. was present.

R. W. Edwards, of Birmingham, Ala., district manager of the American Railway association, has completed a tour of the state.

The embargo orders were to have been issued late today, Mr. Gormley said.

The general embargo will not apply to livestock, perishables, petroleum and its products, foodstuffs, crate and wrapping materials used in the handling of fruits and vegetables, fertilizers and fertilizer materials, the statement issued by Mr. Gormley said.

Primary importance to Florida of the perishable fruit and vegetable movement is the motive in placing the general embargo, it was pointed out.—Associated Press.

CAN HANDLE ALL FREIGHT AFTER 1ST OF DECEMBER

St. Petersburg, Fla., Oct. 29.—S. Davies Warfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line railway, declared that the Seaboard will be able "after the first week of December to take care of all freight and passenger traffic on its lines."

Mr. Warfield stated that the completion of improvements and extension work now underway will give the Seaboard greatly increased facilities and will do much toward clearing up the present congested traffic.—Associated Press.

BEATRICE HENDERSON



Debut parties will be taboo for the beautiful Beatrice Henderson, granddaughter of Mrs. John B. Henderson, widow of the senator from Missouri, and one of the wealthiest women in Washington. "A debut party is nothing more than an auction block, where a young girl is placed on the marriage market," according to Mrs. Henderson, who says Beatrice will not make a formal bow to society. Miss Henderson is nineteen and just out of school.

Johnston Baptist Association Meets

Meeting Is Held at the Thanksgiving Church Near Selma.

The Johnston Baptists met in their annual association at Thanksgiving church Wednesday and Thursday last week. The attendance was large, beyond the capacity of the church to accommodate, and the program was full and of unusual interest. Prominent visitors on the program included Dr. Chas. E. Maddy, state corresponding secretary of the denomination; Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Raleigh; Dr. B. W. Spillman, noted as a Sunday school specialist; Dr. Bryan, representing Wake Forest college; Mr. Gardner, pastor of the Orphanage church at Thomasville; and Messrs. Walter M. Gilmore and Perry Morgan, of Raleigh. R. F. H. Gover of Clayton, was elected moderator of the body, with S. L. Morgan of Smithfield, as clerk, who also was continued as chairman of the executive committee. Mr. John A. Smith of Four Oaks, was re-elected treasurer of the association. The body will meet next year with Baptist Center church, the time of meeting being changed to the first week in November in order to avoid the conflict with the Johnston county fair and the Raleigh association, both of which meet the last week in October.

The step of outstanding importance taken by the association was the decision to employ Miss Gladys H. Beck for all her time as a trained specialist in the field of Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work among the 47 churches of the association, and to secure a specialist also for half her time in developing the work of the Woman's Missionary Union. The Sunday school board pays half the salary of the former, and it is understood that half the salary of the other worker will come from another fund of the denomination.

Reports from the churches indicated that the past year has been the most remarkable in the history of this body for the great number of conversions and additions to the churches, the number of baptisms reported being approximately 650, one rural pastor reporting 129. The body now numbers considerably more than 6,000.

SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

Beginning Monday, November 16, a special term of civil superior court will convene in Smithfield and will continue for a period of two weeks. Because of congested court dockets the board of county commissioners and the Johnston county bar association unanimously agreed to petition the governor for a special term. Governor McLean was granted this extra term of court on October 20. Judge Lyon will preside at this session.

TAG DRIVE FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Opportunity Given For Every Citizen of Johnston County To Help Cause.

SCHOOLS TO HELP

At least one phase of the hospital drive to raise the necessary funds to complete the new hospital, which will be ready for occupancy by January 1, is well under way. The sale of hospital tags, which offers an opportunity to friends of the hospital movement to help the cause, began in this city Saturday, October 24. Tags were put on sale on the streets and in spite of the rainy weather a goodly amount was turned into the treasury. The sale of tags was continued during fair week at the fair grounds, and while the result was not what it should have been, the committee is not discouraged.

Mr. W. D. Averna, the originator of the tag idea, is placing tags as fast as possible in the various towns and schools of the county, and he expects when the drive is completed that practically every man, woman and child will have had an opportunity to contribute to the Johnston County Hospital fund.

The negro rural supervisor, Mrs. Laura J. A. King, will have charge of the tag sales among the colored people and the amount raised by them will be used for equipping a negro ward in the hospital.

At a meeting of the hospital committee some time ago, it was stated that about \$20,000 was needed to complete the drive. Kiwanians at a recent meeting subscribed \$1,700 of this, and solicitors were named to further supplement the subscription. Johnston county is a prosperous county. Johnston county needs a hospital. Johnston county, it is believed, will not let a debt hang over the new hospital building but will come up with the amount needed in full.

J. R. Benson Dead

On September 28, the Lord saw fit to take away Raven Benson and bear him to a home better preparation for him. He was forty-nine years old. He was a loving husband and father. For years he was a man who was liked by all who knew him. He has been a sufferer for several years with cancer and was confined to his bed about two years before his death which was not unexpected. He bore his sufferings with much patience. A few months before he died he gave his heart to God and united with Corinth Methodist church. It was with much grief and sorrow to his loved ones and those that knew him to give him up, but it was not our will but the Father's. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

The funeral was conducted at Corinth church and he was laid to rest in the cemetery on Tuesday, September 29, in the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives to mourn his loss. The pallbearers were Messrs. Ira Matthews, of Fayetteville, David Stanley, Charlie Mitchell, Milton Bailey, Will Barbour and Charlie Strickland. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. The deceased is survived by a wife and six children, three brothers: Messrs. Ardell Benson of Selma; William Benson and Nelson Benson of Four Oaks; and two sisters: Mrs. Izar Baker and Mrs. Chellie Stanley of Four Oaks.

Weep not, dear ones, as those that have no hope, for our loss is his eternal gain.

A loving niece,
 B. M. J.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. C. W. Lindsay wishes to return thanks to his friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted him in moving his furniture last week to his new home on Woodall street. He stated that his moving did not cost him a penny and he is deeply grateful for this assistance.

Mill People Are Presented Prizes

Supt. Geo. F. Brietz Give Prizes for Flowers and Cleanest Premises.

Selma, Oct. 31.—There was a largely attended community gathering at the Selma mill chapel Tuesday night. The main feature of the evening was the presentation of the prizes offered by the Superintendent, Mr. Geo. F. Brietz, to the people of the mill village who grew the prettiest flowers and kept the cleanest premises.

The evening's entertainment commenced with an "Apple Eating Contest." Mr. Joe Morgan was the winner. The next contest was most ludicrous. Four boys were given four huckleberry pies to eat in a given number of minutes, with their hands clasped behind them. The audience roared while they ate the pies, smeared the juice all over their faces and decorated their white blouses with it. The winners were Horace Lucas, first prize and James Kemp ran him a close second. They were given appropriate prizes.

Several musical selections were given by Mr. Oscar Creech with mandolin and Mr. Wiley Guice guitar. This was one of most delightful features.

Mr. Gordon Whitaker, in charge of the stunts, announced that Prince Dulisky who was slated to give a "mind reading" entertainment, had wired that it would be impossible for him to reach Selma in time, and suggested that Mr. Matt Ransom will be asked to substitute which he did, to the satisfaction and breathless amazement of all. The eighteen questions asked were all read and answered.

At this juncture, Mr. Brietz invited the prize winners in the contest which has been going on since early spring to come on the stage. They were Mrs. W. J. Hunt, first on flowers; Mrs. M. D. Blackman, second on flowers; Mrs. D. K. Biggs, third on flowers. On the tidest premises, Mrs. Walter Easton, first; Mrs. J. M. Adcock, second; and Mrs. J. V. Turner, third. The judges were also invited on the stage. Mrs. T. M. Bonoy, Mrs. W. T. Woodard and Mrs. W. H. Poole, Jr., along with Rev. A. M. Mitchell, pastor of Selma Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Mitchell was asked to make the presentation speeches. First prizes were \$10 each in gold; second prizes each \$5.00 in gold and \$1.00 bill; third, four crisp one dollar bills each. Forty dollars in all.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell assured the winners that the material reward was well worth while, but that they had won a finer thing still in the approbation of their neighbors and friends, and the pleasure and joy that neat and beautiful homes would bring to them.

Mr. Brietz said that the giving of the prizes had been a great pleasure to him but the contests had been so close and the judging hard to do that he wanted to read a list of names deserving honorable mention: Mesdames W. G. Hunt, O. E. Edwards, E. M. Griffin, H. M. Moore, W. E. Beddingfield, W. T. Daughtry, P. C. Pierce, J. J. Martin and Mrs. Louie Poole. Ice cream in cones was served to the large crowd and everybody went home voting Mr. Brietz and Mr. Whitaker splendid hosts.

SUPPOSED KEG NAILS HELD \$3,000 IN SILVER COIN

Washington, Oct. 30.—A. M. Dumay, president of the First National Bank of this city and cashier John D. Webb were much surprised Thursday morning when I. T. Coltraine of Jamesville, brought into the bank a keg of silver coins which he had collected during the past 20 years. The keg is estimated to contain around \$3,000 in silver currency, the bulk of which was coined prior to 1890.

Mr. Coltraine keeps a store at Jamesville and says his customers have been sitting on it for years, thinking it was a keg of nails. But lately he thought it would be safer in the bank so he brought it into the First National.

Miss Pearl Whiteley of Raleigh, spent the week end here and near town with relatives and friends.

J. EGERTON QUESTED



J. Egerton Quested of Cheriton, Kent, England, famous judge at the leading British cattle shows, comes to America to select the grand champion bullock at the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago November 28 to December 5.

October Snow In State Is Unusual

Snow Last Week Earliest On Record For New York City.

Danbury, Oct. 30.—The first snow of the season visited this section today shortly after noon, and at 3 o'clock was still falling. At the present rate if it continues there will be a white blanket over the locality in a few hours.

This is the first snow of October that this section has seen in many years the weather preceding it having been very cold, with heavy frosts in many parts of the county. Old weather prophets predict a severe winter and advise to begin piling up the wood ready for a regular snowing in.

EARLIEST SNOWFALL RECORDED IN GOTHAM

New York, Oct. 30.—A driving combination of snow and rain today swirled into the metropolitan area, spilling the earliest official snowfall in this city on record. The previous early record was November 9, 1892.

The storm left its trail of snow in an area extending north to southern New England and south to Virginia. All New York state and New Jersey experienced abnormal atmospheric conditions. A four-inch snowfall was reported at Oswego, on Lake Ontario.

A glum forecast for football enthusiasts who expect to attend scores of gridiron contests in the east tomorrow was offered tonight by the weather man. "Cloudy skies; possibly rain or snow," was his prediction.

TWO-INCH SNOWFALL AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Oct. 30.—Weather bureau records for Washington, dating back to 1870, were broken with a two-inch snow fall recorded today and tonight.

The capital heretofore has known but a trace of snow flakes as early as October. The nearest approach to today's performance was a snowfall of four inches on November 4, 1910.

The snowfall extended into Virginia points as far south as Charlottesville and Lynchburg, while Tennessee, Oklahoma and Arkansas also reported similarly early manifestations of winter. West of the Alleghenies, however, the snow has ceased.

The outlook east of the Mississippi river is for clearing weather tomorrow, with cold temperatures prevailing until Sunday, when warmer weather is promised.—Associated Press.

A lot of people drive as fast as if they were going to the doctor. And some of them are, but they don't know it.—Huntington Advertiser.

DEATH CLAIMS A. M. SANDERS

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon After Lingering Illness of Several Months.

FUNERAL AT 3 P. M.

Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers. Mr. A. M. Sanders in his seventy-fourth year, passed away at his home here yesterday afternoon shortly after one o'clock. For more than three years Mr. Sanders had been in declining health, it having been that long since he was able to walk up town. Two months ago he was driven down town but since that time had been growing more and more feeble. Heart trouble was the malady that weakened his constitution and finally caused his death.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at the home at 3:30 o'clock. Only the simple burial service will be read, which will be conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker. Interment will be made in the family plot in the city cemetery.

The deceased was the third child of Lucien H. and Marticia Marsh Sanders. He was born in Johnston county on December 23, 1851. On May 16, 1876 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Willis Sanders, and had he lived until next May a full half century of married life would have been rounded out. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders lived in Cleveland township near Oakland church when they were first married, and lived in that section of the county until 1904 when they with their family re-moved to Smithfield. The deceased served as deputy sheriff during the administration of the late ex-Sheriffs J. T. Ellington and Millard Nowell. For five years he was postmaster of Smithfield, during the Wilson administration. He resigned this position on account of his health and was never well after that time. At one time he was supervisor of a prison camp at Hoffman.

Mr. Sanders was a faithful member of the Methodist church. He joined the church some years ago at Elizabeth, but when he located in Smithfield he moved his membership here. He leaves as a monument to him and his aged wife who survives, a family of Christian sons and daughters, Mrs. T. W. LeMay, Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, Mr. Lee E. Sanders, of this city, Mrs. Ed A. Holt of Princeton, and Mrs. John C. Hood of Kingston. Two daughters, the youngest and the oldest, died in infancy. Besides his immediate family, he leaves one brother, Mr. W. T. Sanders of Wilson, and one sister, Mrs. W. R. Long of this city.

The service this afternoon will be simple, in keeping with the life of the deceased. The active pallbearers will be Messrs. H. D. Ellington, E. S. Edmondson, H. W. Smith, G. B. Smith, J. H. Abell, O. H. Patterson, Dr. A. H. Rose and Dr. Thel Hooks.

CHRISTIAN FEDERATIONS STILL ACTIVE IN COUNTY

Mr. E. G. Holland of Kenly, was in the city yesterday and told us of something of what the men's federations are doing in his section of the county. He said that about a hundred men from the Holly Springs, Pleasant Plain and Hickory Cross federations met at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist church in Wayne county Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and conducted a service which lasted until five o'clock—until the lights had to be turned on. The people were so much interested in the service that they asked the laymen to return the next day for an all-day meeting. The service was devoted to testimonies and good singing. Mr. Holland stated that the federations are doing as much work in his section as they have done since their organization in the summer.

—Do not kiss me and you will not make me sin.