

## Toe Nail Insanity Plea Of W. B. Cole, Lawyer Tells Jury Trying Case

### Cooley So Characterizes Evidence of Ingrowing Toenail Introduced by Counsel for Defense

### LOCKHART FIRES BACK Tells Jury Andrew Jackson Killed Two Men Who Slandered His Wife with Implication was Justified

Rockingham, Oct. 9.—The history of the bible and the tale of American bravery in war to-day were taken before the jury in whose hands soon will rest the case of W. B. Cole. Attorney Lockhart for the defense told the jury that Andrew Jackson, a native of North Carolina, killed two men who slandered his wife and declared that Cole could not be condemned for protecting his daughter's name.

Richmond County Courthouse, Oct. 9.—W. B. Cole pleaded "toe nail insanity" in his defense for killing W. W. Ormond, Harold Cooley charged today, characterizing the "wealthy manufacturer's plea as "a fraud against public justice."

The Nashville lawyer, who was the first to address the jury for the State, was referring to the evidence that Cole suffered from "an ingrowing toenail" on the day he killed the former sweetheart of his daughter, Elizabeth.

James A. Lockhart of Charlotte followed Cooley for the defense. Larry Moore of Newbern, A. L., Brooks of Greensboro and Solicitor Phillips were still to be heard before court delivered its charge to the jury.

W. B. Cole, wealthy manufacturer of Rockingham shot and killed W. W. Ormond on the street of Rockingham, Saturday afternoon August 15. The young man was standing near or sitting beside his automobile when Cole approached and fired the shots which resulted in death.

Immediately after the killing Cole returned to his office and subsequently to his home where he was arrested in a few hours and lodged in Richmond county jail. The defendant remained in jail without privilege of bond until his trial opened at Rockingham on September 28.

With the killing there appeared a confusing mass of statements relative to Cole's relations with Ormond prior to the killing. Out of them it was possible to ascertain that Ormond, formerly electrician of State College, had paid considerable attention to Miss Elizabeth Cole, daughter of the defendant, for a number of years. Ormond apparently was received into the Cole home for a lengthy period but recently had been denied this privilege.

A number of letters were said to have passed between Cole and Ormond following the request of the former that the latter cease his attentions to Miss Cole. Prior to the trial the contents of these letters were not revealed though there were vague reports as to what they contained.

On the day of the killing Ormond had left his home near Raleigh for a trip to one of Carolina's beaches and decided to pass thru Rockingham. Before leaving Raleigh his parents urged him not to go to Rockingham. It was generally believed he wished to communicate with Miss Cole but it was not known whether he accomplished his purpose before the shooting which resulted in his death. It was later in the day that he was killed. First reports were that he was unarmed at the time and later it was stated there was a pistol in the pocket of the automobile on the side opposite to which he had been standing.

Ormond's funeral, held in Rockingham, was said to have been attended by the greatest throng which had ever gathered in that little city for a similar service. This young man was a veteran of the World War and had been gassed in action and for a number of years suffered as a result.

Governor McLean was requested to call a special term of court for the trial on September 21 but it later was decided to hold the term on September 28. The Governor requested former Chief Justice W. A. Hoke of the Supreme Court to preside over the case but the aged jurist replied that he would be unable as he expected to enter a hospital for treatment sometime before the trial. Early in September he underwent a slight operation and died from heart trouble on September 13. Governor McLean then appointed Judge T. B. Finley of Wilkesboro to preside at the trial after announcing that he would not appoint any judge which either side urged.

Attorneys for Cole for a number of days refused to state what his defense would be and up to the time of the trial no definite

## Corn Husk King



Here is W. E. Stain, of Wichita, Kans., "the corn husk king." He says \$130 a ton for corn husks and sells them for hot tamale wrappers. His only complaint is that he can't get enough corn husks to supply the demand.

## FAMOUS SHOW WILL GIVE STREET PARADE HERE OCTOBER 16

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 hazily on high; clowns, charlottes, 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 parade 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, burlesque 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, Conn., 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 stately passage. Gage after gage and wagon after wagon filled with rare and costly animals pass in a fantastic panorama. The calliope shrieks merrily, and behind it half a hundred boys, playing "hokey" from school trail tirelessly. The Walter L. Main will come to Elizabeth City, October 16, for performances at 2 and 8 p. m. The door opening an hour earlier. The parade is at noon.

## LITTLE GIRL LOST IN FAIR THROGS

A little maid of about four summers, clutching a balloon six inches under her arm, and wailing for all she was worth, proclaimed to the world that she was lost at the Fair Grounds yesterday afternoon. Sympathetic folk in the main exhibition hall went to her rescue, and finally restored her to a frantic mother.

She was a roly poly tot with big brown eyes. When her plight was first learned, kindly ones questioned her. She would answer a query of two, glance affectionately at her balloon string, and then burst fresh into tears. Two ladies at the grounds took her in charge while others went on a search for her mother, which finally was successful.

## NEWSPAPER WAR ON IN HERTFORD RIVALRY IS KEEN

### Col. Floyd J. Triplett Turns Loose Broadside at New Publication in Perqui mans County Seat

### FRAUD IS ALLEGED

### Incident of "Misplaced" Fair Advertisement Is Aired by Editor in Very Peppery Fashion.

A war of rival newspapers is on in the neighbor town of Hertford, with the appearance in the last two weeks of the Hertford News, edited by Aubrey Shackell, son of R. G. Shackell, editor of the Edenton News. The new paper is decidedly attractive in content and makeup, and newspapermen in this part of the State are watching it with keenest interest.

Not least interested among observers of the new paper's progress is Col. Floyd J. Triplett, editor of the Hertford Herald, which is now midway of its seventh year of existence in Hertford. Colonel Triplett's interest is reflected in the following article in this week's edition of the Herald, under the caption, "Making New Bid for Easy Money."

"What purports to be a new newspaper for Hertford entitled the Hertford News" was circulated over portions of Perquimans county last week. It claimed to be published in Hertford by the News Publishing Company, with an office over the Hertford Bank building. The paper carried advertisements of a few business concerns in Hertford, several from Edenton and that of the Albemarle Fair at Elizabeth City, and the statement that it "had dubbed itself the Official Organ Hertford Chamber of Commerce."

"The circulation about town and the nearby section of the county Thursday morning created a good deal of confusion. Many questions were asked the Herald man about the change in its day of publication, its appearance and matters about which nothing could be learned from reading the paper itself. The editor of the Herald had heard for two weeks or so, first from underground sources that are familiar to the newspaper and printing craft, and later from a few people in Hertford who seemed to have retained recollection about the matter, that the Edenton News was to issue a weekly newspaper for Hertford and was being "backed by the chamber of commerce."

"The Herald man, nor any one connected with this newspaper, has not been approached in any way by any one interested in the venture, and the first real intimation coming to this office that there was any serious intention of launching such an enterprise was when Secretary G. W. Falls of the Elizabeth City Fair told the editor of the Herald of having sent an advertisement for the fair to the Herald. When told such an advertisement had not been received, he insisted that he had been approached by a young man named Shackell who represented himself as soliciting advertising for the Hertford paper. Shackell gave him an address to send the copy to, and assured him it would be inserted in the Hertford paper. When Mr. Falls learned the fraud he supplied copy for the Herald and left to call up the Edenton News and countermand the order. The advertisement appeared in the paper from Edenton Thursday morning, however.

"A number of other similar cases developed at Elizabeth City in which the solicitor for "the Hertford paper" was not successful. But in the case of the young man who opened the Hertford Cafe last week, he succeeded in landing a one dollar space on the representation that he was representing the Hertford newspaper. The manager of the cafe found his error later Monday, and succeeded in placing an advertisement in the only Hertford newspaper, the Hertford Herald.

"This newspaper has not fight against any legitimate newspaper which may come to Hertford. The editor recognizes his shortcomings, and his inability to cover the field as he wishes it could be covered. If another with experience and ability and honesty will come in and do the honest, hard work that will have to be done, carry on the fight for progress and prosperity in the county, and establish his newspaper, no one will congratulate him more sincerely in the end, nor sympathize and encourage him more while he is going through his tribulations, than this same editor of the Hertford Herald, who probably knows more about it than any one else in the town."

## Throws First Ball



Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania lent an official touch to the first game when, according to the honored custom, he threw out the first ball. He is shown here throwing the ball from his box, where he watched the game, surrounded by members of his official party.

## HERTFORD MAN Wins Loving Cup

Hertford, Oct. 9.—Wednesday at the Albemarle District Fair Elizabeth City, Milton Hall of Hertford was awarded nine first premiums on dogs and chickens and five second premiums. All second premiums, except one, followed a first premium on his exhibits. Amount of cash awarded, \$51.50. One silver loving cup was given him for exhibiting the best male hog regardless of breed at the fair. That's part of what Perquimans did at the fair.

## DR. HARRY NORTH TO PREACH IN REVIVAL HERE

Dr. Harry M. North, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, who was the one of the first and most beloved pastors of City Road Methodist Church, serving from 1903 to 1906, will be with Rev. Daniel Lane for revival services beginning Sunday. Music will be under the direction of Larry Kniskern, choir director of Blackwell Memorial Church. Special music will be rendered each evening.

## SPEDS UP ROTATION SHIP

Muskegon, Oct. 9.—An improvement on Flettner's famous rotation ship has been constructed by the engineer, Frank Struzina. His vessel is equipped with two stationary towers. By means of large air funnels that can be regulated to point in any desired direction, the vessel is enabled to utilize the wind coming from any point of the compass, whereby its speed is materially enhanced. At the trial trip it attained greater speed than the Flettner ship.

## Women In Hammer Murder Case



Mrs. Mabel Longworth Sheridan, 30 (right), is being held by police of San Antonio, Texas, for the hammer murder of Mrs. Ada McCobb, wealthy aged recluse, also pictured above. Police found the two women unconscious in a rooming house owned by Mrs. Sheridan's mother. Between them was a pool of blood and a hammer. Mrs. McCobb died later in a hospital, and in her rooms was found jewelry valued at \$50,000. Mrs. Sheridan says she struck the other woman in self-defense.

## RAIN CALLS HALT IN WORLD SERIES

### Slow Drizzle Beginning This Morning Gives Both Teams Rest

Washington, Oct. 9.—Today's world series game was postponed shortly after noon today because of a chill, drizzling rain that began falling about 8 o'clock this morning. Ossie Bleuge, star third baseman of the Washington Senators, who was hit on the head by a pitched ball is hardly expected to be able to get in the line-up again before Sunday.

The postponement today sets all games of the series back one day, the teams playing here Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

## WEARY PLAYING ROLE OF HERO

### Chief Radio Operator of PN-9 Says Feted to Death Since Rescue

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Los Angeles, Oct. 9.—Playing the role of a hero in real life is not a bed of roses, according to Otis E. Stantz, chief radio operator of the seaplane PN-9-1, who, with other members of the crew of the Hawaii flight flag plane, have been almost "feted to death," since their rescue off the coast of Kauai.

Stantz and R. Pope, chief aviation pilot, don't believe a continuation of being lionized will be conducive to either happiness or longevity and as a consequence they have asked for and received 30-day furloughs. They are now enroute homeward, where they can enjoy home cooked meals and a welcome to the arms of their families and home town folk. Stantz goes to Terre Haute, and Pope to Memphis.

Luncheons, banquets, parties, entertainments, teas, lawn fetes, more luncheons and introductions to the city's "best people" have been the order of nearly every day since they returned to California. No sooner was San Francisco through with its programs of welcome than the men were hurried to Los Angeles and four days of festivities. Then it was San Diego's turn.

Now the three men sent this way are worn out; they admit it. But the barracks, then furlough, camp at last, Stantz and Pope were allowed to escape for a month. They were given special permission to discard their regulation uniforms and travel in civvies.

So in this disguise Stantz came to Los Angeles and boarded a trans-continental train, while Pope went East from San Diego, in St. Louis and the proceed to The two men agreed to meet again their respective homes.

"We all appreciate how the American people feel about us," said the radio operator after he recovered from the surprise of being recognized at the railway station here, "but when speaker after speaker tells you over and over again how brave and great you are, it becomes wearing. For days after our return and in Hawaii, too, we didn't eat a thing that didn't come from a banquet or luncheon table. I began putting on weight and wasn't able to sleep at night."

"It was all so unusual and coming after our long fast, too, well it was too much. I am going back home to spend the next 30 days in bliss and happiness with wife and the kiddies. Yes, you bet, that's me."

## BOY BREAKS ARM AT FAIR GROUNDS

While walking the fence around the race track, in emulation of some of the acrobats he had seen at the fair, Grant Ham Bunch, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunch, who runs a restaurant on Parsons street, fell and broke both bones in his right forearm, about three inches above the wrist late yesterday.

Mr. Bunch, who operates a concession at the fair, sent for Dr. Howard J. Combs, who found it necessary to take two x-ray photographs to determine the extent of the injuries. It is believed that the boy will not suffer permanent injury from the accident.

## Crowds Thronging Fair Grounds As Big Event Slowly Gains Momentum

## Defies Dentists



Although John McGee of Superior, Wis., will be 100 next June, there isn't a false tooth in his mouth. He has smoked since he was a boy and attributes his longevity to the fact that he never bothered about "balanced diets."

## Elizabeth City Folks Turn Out in Full Force to Take in Many Sights at Great Exposition

## FARMERS' DAY TODAY

### Free Acts, Afternoon and Night, and Auction of Livestock at 3:30 O'clock on Program

Young and old crowded the exhibition buildings and overflowed the midway. And it was a gay, glad crowd, withal. It surged about hither and yon, swirling into small eddies about points of special interest, perhaps before some show "barker" who was doing his stuff in up-to-the-minute fashion, perhaps before an exhibit that was more than usually out of the ordinary.

In the main exhibition hall, the crowd was at its densest in mid-afternoon. The displays of the merchants, their prizes and other special attractions, were centers of interest for the visiting thousands. The races and special free acts in front of the grandstand drew their quota from the throngs. It was a big day.

Delighted With Fair  
"The best fair I've ever seen." "A credit to Elizabeth City and the people who put it over." "Best exhibits they've ever had here." These are some of the opinions on the fair which persons in the crowd were heard to express yesterday afternoon. Everybody, apparently, was having a good time.

In the agricultural hall, persons with a leaning toward the unique were attracted by a queer exhibit in the Pasquotank County booth. It was a boxlike contraption of wood, tapering to a small opening at the bottom, and with a rod running through the center. The initiator explained that it was the daddy of all the one grain corn planters. A brush at the bottom released one grain of corn when the planter was set over the spot where it was to be planted. The contrivance came from the old Peter Pritchard Farm, near this city, and is many years old.

Today will be Farmers' Day at the fair. An auction of choice livestock will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, affording farmers to obtain choice animals at what are expected to be bargain prices. Saturday will be Colored Day, with special attractions for colored visitors. For instance, the races that day will be limited to horses driven by colored jockeys.

Not on the Program  
Each night thousands are thronging the grounds for the midway attractions. Occasionally, they are getting a thrill that isn't on the program. For instance, Wednesday night at about 9:30 o'clock, when the revelry was at its height, the lights went out. Darkness hung like a pall over the grounds for nearly half an hour. The broken circuit at this time repaired. A few enterprising show people hung out lanterns or lit torches, but for the most part the legion gloom was unabated. It failed to dampen the merriment of the crowd, however, and there was "business as usual" when the lights flashed on again.

Officials of the fair, more or less discouraged over the relatively small attendance on Tuesday and Wednesday, gained fresh enthusiasm yesterday, when the visitors poured through the gates in a veritable torrent instead of a weakly trickle. They are anticipating even larger crowds today and tomorrow, with the grand climactic tomorrow night, when the big exposition closes.

It is explained that the first of the week was "good cotton picking weather," cloudy and cool, and many of the farmers in this part of the State availed themselves of the excellent opportunity to harvest this important fall crop, with the intention of attending the fair later in the week.

Secretary Falls and those associated with him already are busy planning Pasquotank County's exhibit at the State Fair at Raleigh next week. The Board of County Commissioners in regular session Monday appropriated \$250 to cover the cost of sending the exhibit, and those sponsoring it are confidently counting on taking honors at the big State event.

## RUMANIAN DEBT BODY CANCELS PASSAGE U. S.

Bucharest, Rumania, Oct. 9.—It was learned today that the Rumanian Debt Funding Commission which was due to sail from Cherbourg for the United States tomorrow has cancelled its passage.

## MORE EARTH TREMORS FELT IN NEW ENGLAND

Manchester, N. H., Oct. 9.—Slight earth tremors were felt throughout the Merrimack River valley in New Hampshire about 9 o'clock today.

Franklin, N. H., Oct. 9.—A shock like a quake was felt here at 9 o'clock today, accompanied by a sound like an explosion.

## FOR ONCE COL. BILLY REFUSES TO TALK

Washington, Oct. 9.—Acting upon advice of counsel, Colonel William Mitchell refused twice Thursday to become a witness before the naval court inquiring into the wreck of the Shenandoah, which desired to question him concerning charges he has made against the Navy Department in connection with that disaster.

## BROADCASTERS FIRST SPEECH

Mexico City, Oct. 9.—When President Calles addressed the opening of the new session of Congress September 1, it was the first time a speech by a Mexican president was broadcast. Station CZE of the Ministry of Education, carried it on a 350-metre wave length.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Oct. 9.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 22.19, an advance of 45 points. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 21.83, November 21.72, Dec. 21.09, Jan. 21.31, March 21.53.