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## MURDER OF MRS. KING PLACED.

Warrant Served on Gaston Means Later Saturday Charging Him with the Deed. Paper Returnable at 10 O'clock Monday at Concord. No Second Inquest Will be Conducted by Coroner. Prisoner Placed in Jail After Conference With Counsel.

Concord, Sept. 22.—Gaston B. Means at 11 o'clock tonight was lodged in the Cabarrus County jail charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, who was killed near here August 29. Before being carried to the jail his counsel held a long conference, at which Means was present. After this meeting his lawyers left on a late train for Charlotte.

Means, who was formerly business manager of Mrs. King, who was mysteriously killed near here on August 29, was arrested late today on a warrant charging him with the murder.

The warrant for the arrest of Means was issued after an all-day conference between Solicitor Hayden Clement, of this district, and representatives of the office of District Attorney Swann, of New York, at which, it is said, enough evidence was brought out to establish what officials believe to be a motive for the killing.

The warrant which charges Means with the murder of Mrs. King is returnable at 10 o'clock on Monday morning before A. B. Palmer, police justice of Concord.

## GREAT SWEET POTATO YIELD.

Secretary Vrooman Urges Establishment of Warehouses in Southern Trade Centers to Help Take Care of Crop.

With a record breaking 88,000,000 bushels sweet potato crop forecast and not more than 10 per cent of the indigated yield provided with suitable storage facilities, Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, in a statement Sunday night urged Southern business men's organizations to see that potato warehouses were provided in trade centers, says a Washington dispatch.

"A little effort intelligently directed by business men's associations of Southern cities during the next few weeks would save the nation approximately thirty million bushels of food in the form of sweet potatoes," said the statement. "It is the patriotic duty of merchants, bankers and farmers' associations in Southern communities, as well as good business, to see that sweet potato storehouses are provided in trade centers."

The sweet potato crop this year will be the largest in the history of the country. The latest crop estimate indicates a yield of 88,000,000 bushels against 71,000,000 last year and 78,000,000 in 1915, the largest previous crop. That means a surplus of approximately 15,000,000 above ordinary ante-war demands, a surplus, however, that would be very much needed to take the place of other foods that will be absorbed by war demands.

Of the total sweet potato crop in the United States about 90 per cent is grown south of Maryland. Not over 10 per cent of the Southern yield is provided with suitable storage facilities. The ordinary procedure has been to bank the sweet potatoes in the ground or to cover them with straw in outhouses and the loss has ranged from 30 to 40 per cent, according to the severity of the winter. And the 60 or 70 per cent not a total loss is always more or less injured.

## HEALTH EXHIBITS FOR FAIRS.

State Board of Health Prepares Four New Health Exhibits and Employs Four Demonstrators.

Four entirely new health exhibits have been completed by the State Board of Health, and they are now ready to make their way about over the State to the Fairs, says a late Health Bulletin. According to the Board's program and well arranged schedule, this week will find three or more of the exhibits on their way to the western part of the State where the Fair season will be on full. The

Fairs that have been dated up thus far for this week are at Sylva, Hickory, and Leaksville-Spray.

In preparing the exhibits for the Fairs this fall, the Board adopted a new plan. Each exhibit deals with one disease or vital health subject. The subjects of the four exhibits are: Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Malaria and The Care and Feeding of the Baby. Each exhibit consists of eight electrically illuminated models, each model being a reproduction in miniature, or a lesson from, the conditions as they exist in life. For instance, the malaria exhibit contains reproductions of a mosquito breeding swamp before and after it has been drained, the various means and methods of draining it and getting rid of mosquitoes, and the methods of preventing and curing malaria. Each of the other subjects is as fully and attractively dealt with.

Because of the increased demands made upon the Board for exhibit material at Fairs this fall, it has been found necessary not only to enlarge and prepare new exhibits but to employ four demonstrators to accompany and be in charge of the exhibits at the Fairs. Last year only two demonstrators were found necessary.

In addition to the four large exhibits, the Board has prepared a number of portable exhibits for community Fairs. This material can be sent by express or parcel post, and is furnished free of cost except all transportation charges and the cost of any impairment more than the usual wear, or for loss of any of the material. The subjects of these exhibits are Typhoid Fever, Tuberculosis, Child Welfare and Flies.

## TO ORGANIZE STATE MILITIA.

Governor Bickett Proposes to Draft 5,000 Men With Not Less Than 25 Per County.

In a proclamation issued Sunday night Gov. Bickett invokes active service of the "unorganized militia" as constituted by an act of the last General Assembly ratified March 6th and consisting of all male citizens of the State between the ages of 18 and 45, the call including those 31 to 45, says a Raleigh dispatch to the daily papers. The Governor proposes to draft 5,000 men from this unorganized militia with not less than 25 men to any county and bigger companies for the larger counties.

The regulations for the selective draft are to be immediately framed and the draft accomplished with the least possible delay in all the counties. Conditions now prevailing in the State, the Governor declares, make this move necessary at this time. The plan is one that was worked out by direction of the Governor some days ago and approved by the State Council of Defense. Among the conditions that are speeding up the formation of the militia companies are the crimes committed the past few days in Wake, Vance, Harnett and Durham Counties, all of which stirred hundreds of people to mob violence if the criminals who committed the outrages can be gotten at.

The State's prison is the "place of safety" to which criminals are brought to keep mobs from them and a particularly large special military force is contemplated for Raleigh and Wake on that account to deter combinations of mob movements from different counties to force even the State Prison under some circumstances.

Already there is formed a formidable special company of selected citizenry in Raleigh for service of this sort to be ready for any emergency. The organization was perfected Sunday night in the State House with Adj. Gen. Lawrence W. Young and Maj. W. F. Moody directing the movement. The men were called to the service through special letters and telephone the past few hours and they are understood to be ready for any emergency.

## Board of Education to Meet.

The Board of Education will meet in regular session, on Monday, October 1st, 1917. Any one having matters pertaining to schools, will present the same on the above date.

W. G. WILSON, Chairman.  
L. T. ROYALL, Secretary.

The Civil term of the Superior Court convened here yesterday for two weeks session. His Honor, Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, is presiding.

## U. N. C. JOHNSTON COUNTY CLUB

Albert Coates Gets Other Honors. Jasper Stuckey Highly Honored by His Society. Eighteen Johnston County Boys at the University.

Chapel Hill, Sept. 24.—The first regular meeting of the Johnston County Club for the year was held Saturday night, September 22. Some of the men who were elected to office in the organization last spring did not return to college this fall, and it was necessary to re-organize the club. The following officers were elected:

President—Albert M. Coates.  
Vice-President—W. G. Wilson, Jr.  
Secretary—Clenon F. Boyett.  
Treasurer—F. O. Ray.

Johnston County has one of the biggest delegations to represent it in the University this year that it has had in the past few years. There are a number of new men here from Johnston County this year, thanks to Mr. A. M. Coates and the loyal alumni of the county. But we have not yet done all we can do. Johnston County has eighteen men in the University who may be classed as follows:

Seniors—A. M. Coates, Smithfield; C. F. Boyett, Smithfield; J. L. Stuckey, Kenly.

Junior—S. B. Lee, Four Oaks.  
Sophomores—F. O. Ray, Selma; R. H. Wilson, Wilson's Mills; C. C. Massey, Princeton; J. T. Ellington, Clayton; J. T. Morgan, Benson.

Freshmen—E. S. Abell, Jr., Smithfield; W. R. Woodall, Smithfield; W. B. Wellons, Smithfield; C. H. Grady, Kenly; K. C. Sasser, Kenly; Ashley Farmer, Clayton; S. J. Creech, Benson.

Medical Students—J. H. Fitzgerald, Pine Level, is a second year medical student; W. G. Wilson, Jr., Wilson's Mills, is a first year medical student. Mr. Wilson entered the University with the class of 1918, but he decided to study medicine and instead of becoming a Senior this year he becomes a first year medical student.

Johnston County has one man who continues to take his share of honors in the University. Albert M. Coates was elected President of the North Carolina Club last week. He has also been elected a member of the student council for this year. This will make two years that Mr. Coates has served as a member of the student council.

At a meeting of the Phi Society Saturday night, J. L. Stuckey was elected chairman of the Appellate committee. The President of the society called this chairmanship of the Appellate Committee the most important office in the society, as the chairman of this committee has to act as a sort of constitutional judge and pass upon the validity of all fines imposed in the society, and from his decision there can be appeal.

Professor Branson, of the Department of Rural Economics, says that Johnston County has been badly neglected along the lines of the economic history of the county, by students from the county who have been in the University for the past few years. The club is going to take up the task of working out some sort of an economic history of the county. It is hoped that the students from Johnston County will be able to gather the more important statistics on schools, churches, farms, farm crops and other things of a like nature and get them published in a pamphlet during the year.

## Former Smithfield Girl Honored.

The following paragraph about a former Smithfield girl in a recent issue of The Goldsboro Argus will be of interest to the people of the town and community:

"Miss Olivia Pettway has returned to Meredith College on a Music scholarship. This is the first Music scholarship ever given to Meredith. This scholarship was given by Theodore Presser, music publisher of Philadelphia. Miss Pettway won this scholarship by her very good record during the two past years at this college."

## Smithfield Primitive Baptist Church.

We are requested to announce that on next Thursday, September 27th, Elder J. S. Morrison will preach at the Smithfield Primitive Baptist church, at 11 o'clock a. m. The public cordially invited.

Mr. Ransom Sanders left Sunday night for Charlotte on business.

## DRAFTED MEN LEAVE SELMA.

List of Fifty Men As Certified by the District Board Left Selma Last Friday for Camp Jackson. Twenty-nine of Required Quota Not Having Been Certified Will Go Later.

Selma, N. C., Sept. 21.—The following men from District No. 2, Johnston County, left Selma this morning over the A. C. L. Railroad for Camp Jackson. The quota required from this district was 79 men, but on account of the failure to get the certified list from the District Board in time, only 50 men were sent today. The balance will be sent as soon as the list is received from the District Board.

Roy Gaston Gulley, Clayton.  
Wm. Charles Wiggs, Princeton.  
Dewitt Hardison, Kenly.  
Granger Grady, Selma.  
Otis Batten, Clayton.  
Clarence Barham, Clayton.  
Turner Vinson, Clayton.  
Neurus Clingman Holt, Princeton.  
Lee Edmundson Hooks, Kenly.  
Condary Ellis, Pine Level.  
Arthur Creech, Kenly.  
Oscar Bailey, Pine Level.  
Wm. A. Braswell, Princeton.  
Exum Stephenson, Clayton.  
Aaron Wall, Clayton.  
William M. Godwin, Micro.  
Loomis Stansell, Kenly.  
Ernest Parnell, Kenly.  
James Howard Stephenson, Clayton.  
Hardy Bass, Kenly.  
Edmond Lee Crawford, Kenly.  
Dennie T. Harris, Clayton.  
Colon Gay, Clayton.  
Simon Allen, Selma.  
James Glover, Selma.  
Arthur Pipkin, Kenly.  
John Preston Wiggs, Princeton.  
W. R. Smith, Micro.  
Marion B. Snipes, Princeton.  
John W. Pearce, Princeton.  
Marion B. Adams, Princeton.  
David N. Allen, Clayton.  
David Buck Durham, Clayton.  
Garland S. Wall, Clayton.  
Herman H. Duncan, Clayton.  
Leamon W. Barnes, Clayton.  
Elijah Capps, Princeton.  
Wm. Barrister Parrish, Clayton.  
Walter M. Ellis, Clayton.  
Wiley H. Wellons, Princeton.  
William Ingram, Princeton.  
John Howell, Smithfield.  
Henry Langley, Princeton.  
Sidney Mitchell, Clayton.  
William O. Atkinson, Micro.  
Luther Williams, Kenly.  
Luther M. Barnes, Clayton.  
J. F. Hill, Kenly.  
Walter Boykin, Kenly.  
Charlie Creech, Micro.

Quite a crowd of relatives of these young men gathered at the City Hall here today to see the march to the station. The young men were addressed by Supt. E. H. Moser of the Selma schools in a very touching and instructive address, appealing to them to line up with the right class while in the training camps and the army, and to return home crowned with victory, their morals and character above reproach and be men that our State and Nation will always be proud to honor. No finer crowd of young men physically were ever called together in Johnston County.

## WHAT TO GROW FOR THE HOGS.

Rape and Rye Make Good Winter Pastures for Them.

West Raleigh, Sept. 24.—Rape and rye pastures make good winter grazing for hogs. In some parts of the State rape pastures are the most valuable; in other parts of the State rye pastures, everything considered, are more valuable than rape pastures for grazing hogs through the winter months. Hardly a place in the State, however, can be found that is not suitable to the winter growing of either rape or rye.

Experiments conducted by the Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Experiment Station show that both of these crops are exceedingly valuable, according to reports made on the work by Mr. Dan T. Gray, Chief of the Animal Industry Division. In one test conducted the rape and rye were planted on September 19. On November 9 the rape pasture was ready to be grazed but the inauguration of the test was delayed until December 3 on account of the rye making a slow growth. By December 3 the rye pasture was ready and the ground was practically covered with green growth. The rape pasture, which

was sowed in rows, was from seven to nine inches tall upon this date and practically covered the ground although the rows were eighteen inches apart. At the beginning of the test (December 3), the hogs weighed approximately 60 pounds each. At the close of the test, 116 days later, or March 29, hogs were ready to be sold upon the market.

It was found that one acre of rye pasture was equal in feeding value to 4.3 bushels of corn plus 60 pounds of tankage. At present price of corn each acre of rye saved about \$11.00 worth of corn and tankage and at the same time the rye yielded a partial crop.

An acre of rape always affords more grazing than an acre of rye and it was found that each acre of rape was equal in feeding value to 14.3 bushels of corn plus 200 pounds of tankage. At present price of corn an acre of rape, therefore, saved \$36.60 worth of grains. The rape, unlike the rye, was not capable of growing into a useful crop after grazing and was discontinued but the above figures do not represent the full grazing capacity of an acre of rape pasture because the hogs were taken from the pasture when much rapidly growing rape was still on the ground.

## GERMAN INTRIGUE BOBS UP.

High Explosives and Deadly Microbes Secreted in Imperial Legation at Bucharest. Lansing Reveals Scheme.

How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest, after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Rumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was revealed Sunday by Secretary Lansing, says a Washington dispatch.

It was another of Mr. Lansing's series of disclosures of German intrigue, made public without comment in the same manner as the Von Luxburg telegrams which have brought Argentina to the verge of war with Germany, the Von Eckhardt letter from Mexico City and the Von Bernstorff telegram asking the German foreign office for authorization to spend \$50,000 to influence Congress.

The latest story is told in a report to the State Department from William Whiting Andrews, a secretary of legation at Bucharest, and a letter from Foreign Minister Parumbaru, of Rumania.

Parcels and boxes taken into the German consulate at Bucharest with a display of great caution aroused the suspicious of the Rumanian government. On August 27, 1916, the evening prior to the date of Rumania's declaration of war, some of the cases were taken to the German legation, located in a different building from the consulate. Convinced that the boxes were not taken away from the legation by the German diplomatic mission on its departure from Bucharest, the Rumanian authorities later ordered the police to find them and examine their contents. The police communicated with American Minister Vopicka, in charge of German interests, who reluctantly assigned Secretary Andrews to observe the search. The boxes were found buried in the garden of the German legation.

## The Weather Summary.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 24.—Nearly seasonal temperature conditions prevailed over the cotton region Sunday and Monday except that it was somewhat cooler than usual for the season in the eastern portion on Monday.

Light precipitation reported Sunday and Monday in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and eastern Alabama and on Monday in Mississippi.

Heavy rains—Sunday, South Carolina, Allendale, 1.32; Georgia, Griffin, 1.42.

## Sunday School Convention at Spence Chapel.

A Sunday school Convention will be held at Spence Chapel Presbyterian church in Pleasant Grove township, the fifth Sunday in September.

Last week Messrs. R. B. Brickey, J. H. Wiggs, Dock Braswell and H. D. Ellington went to Washington, D. C., to attend a convention of J. B. Colt Company.

## MOB TRIES TO LYNCH NEGRO.

Rufe Cagle Brought From Dunn in Automobile and Placed in Penitentiary. Attempted Criminal Assault Is Charge. Alleged Victim Is 16-Year-Old Girl, Daughter of Prominent Farmer. Mob Held at Bay at Point of Pistol.

(News and Observer.)

Dunn, N. C., Sept. 22.—Rufe Cagle, a negro twenty-six years old, was arrested at Linden today, charged with attempted criminal assault on Miss Adelaide Jeffreys here last night and has been carried by automobile to the penitentiary. The negro was arrested late this afternoon after being tracked through the swamps near Linden by the aid of bloodhounds and brought here.

A mob intent upon lynching was in process of formation when Sheriff Turlington and Chief of Police Bass decided to carry him away. A part of the mob had already formed at the doors of the town prison when a strong force of officers arrived with a high power car. Forming a line they drew revolvers and unlocked the doors, holding the mob at bay. In a few seconds they had the prisoner aboard and underway.

Early this morning, the girl found unconscious, lying on her face, at the edge of a corn field on the Jeffreys plantation. Her sister discovered her where, in the darkness of night, she had been repeatedly passed by searchers.

The girl is now conscious, but suffers from nerve shock and many bruises. According to her story she was seized by an unknown man in the back yard of her home a few minutes after her sister had left her on the front porch, upon retiring at about 9 o'clock. The assailant covered her head with a cloth and stifled her cries. She was frightened into unconsciousness and remembers nothing that transpired from that time until she regained consciousness this morning.

Examination by Dr. I. F. Hicks this morning disclosed that no criminal assault had been made. This is probably due to the fact that the girl's sister raised an alarm a few minutes after the girl was missed. Adelaide and her sister, Miss Kathleen, were seated on the front porch of the home until 9 o'clock. At that hour Miss Kathleen went to her room to retire. When the girl did not follow within a few minutes the sister called to her. Upon drawing no response she went to the porch to find her gone. Then she lighted a lantern and searched through the yards, calling loudly as she searched. Her cries are believed to have frightened the man away before he had time to accomplish the more fiendish crime.

Miss Jeffreys is sixteen years old and a daughter of P. J. Jeffreys, one of the wealthiest planters of this section. The family is prominent here and in Wayne. The young lady is popular here and feeling against her unknown assailant is intense. When the news of her mysterious disappearance spread over town last night hundreds of men volunteered as searchers and the country was scoured for miles around. It was not until daylight, however, that she was found. Her sister discovered her shortly after 6 o'clock.

## SELMA TO HAVE "DOLLAR DAY."

Date is October 11th. To Have "Pay-Up Week" in November.

Selma, N. C., Sept. 24.—A meeting of the Selma Merchants Association was held in the Association offices last Thursday night which was attended by a large per cent of the members. The two features of the meeting other than routine business, was the adoption of resolutions designating Thursday, October 11th, as "Dollar Day" and the week beginning Monday, November 11th, as "Pay Up Week." The adoption of these resolutions was unanimous and every member of the Association will enter heartily into the work to make them successful.

"Dollar Day" will be a day of bargains for those in Selma and adjacent community. Watch The Herald for the ads of the Selma merchants who will have special "Dollar" displays for the occasion. Customers coming to Selma will be surprised to see what can really be bought for one dollar or, this day.

Mr. Timothy Hudson, of Durham, spent Sunday here with relatives.