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RANDOLPH COUNTY'S QUOTA IS SECURED

The local exemption board was in session the first of the week to pass on claims filed by the men of the second call. Seventy names were certified to the district board, which added to the 82 previously certified, makes a total of 162 certified by the local board. The county's quota is 118.

Called Into Service

The following is a list of those called into the service of the United States, being neither exempted or discharged:

- 391, Clarence R. Gray, Archdale.
- 1764, June Langley, Staley.
- 970, Clarence Frazier, Camp Hous-ton, Co. C, 4th Reg. Va., Norfolk, Va.
- 1675, Lester Ernest Skeen, Climax.
- 1657, Cyrus Lineberry, Climax.
- 2055, Wade C. York, Liberty.
- 1217, Grover C. Varner, Co. C, N. C. Engineers.
- 1067, James Hurley Hooker, Randleman.
- 2012, John Franklin Moore, Liberty.
- 805, Furman Reid Auman, Seagrave.
- 1981, Cicero Garner, Liberty.
- 1142, George Benjamin Crowell, Farmer.
- 1765, Madison Clyde Lednum, Liberty, Rt. 1.
- 6, Milton Harris Birkhead, Asheboro.
- 327, Marcus Hilliard Johnson, Millboro.
- 664, James R. Parrish, Fullers.
- 1722, Carl William Craven, Ramseur, Route.
- 1557, Jacob Daniel Harvill, Cedar Falls.
- 1744, John Hicks, Staley.
- 1595, Arthur Clarence Reeves, Franklinville.
- 103, Moody Lamb, Spero.
- 656, Henry Orlando Graves, col. Randleman, Rt. 8.
- 154, Marshall Vander Robbins, Asheboro.
- 1057, Theodore Lyman Ingram, Randleman.
- 1256, Leander Cox, Coleridge.
- 1073, Clarence Allen, Asheboro, Rt. 1.
- 388, Jacob Clinard Floyd, Trinity, Route 1.
- 773, William Harmon, Seagrave.
- 608, Emmett Houston Cox, Pisgah.
- 406, Andrew Johnson, High Point.
- 889, Gurne Arthur Richardson, Randleman.
- 1166, Thomas Hughes, Farmer.
- 1957, John William Butler, Liberty.
- 576, John Alfred Richardson, Pisgah.
- 122, Henry Grady Miller, Asheboro.
- 222, Arthur Cotton, col., Asheboro.
- 906, Lonie Edwin Presnell, Randleman.
- 1195, Clifton Presnell, Farmer.
- 1101, Roy Luther, Asheboro, Star Route.
- 363, John Craven Collett, Trinity.
- 950, John Jennings Hinshaw, Randleman.
- 919, Pearl Lovett, Randleman.
- 1919, Luther Wilson Robbins, Edgar.
- 1175, Fred Martin Kearns, Farmer.
- 738, Ernest Laban Skak, Seagrave.
- 1167, Roscoe Ray Hill, Jackson Creek.
- 1191, William Colbert Pierce, Farmer.
- 1234, Otto Carl Brown, Ramseur.
- 1616, George Washington Alfred, Franklinville.
- 292, Steven Giard Richardson, Seagrave.
- 822, Lacy A. Moffitt, Ore Hill, Rt. 2.
- 504, Lewis Thomas Dougan, Asheboro, Rt. 2.
- 1064, James Henry Wall, Randleman.
- 1205, John Clark Ridge, Caraway.
- 1510, Ralph Wheatley, Ulah.
- 470, Harrison Harris, Thomasboro.
- 312, Hazel Vincent Bonkemyer, Randleman.
- 1187, Percy Clay Morgan, Farmer.
- 424, Arthur June Mendenhall, High Point, Rt. 5.
- 1511, John Lesley Strickland, col., Ulah.
- 677, Albert Roy Pearce, Fullers.
- 278, Robert Grover Hix, Spokane.
- 212, Elmer C. Yow, Asheboro.
- 8, Dewey C. Bulla, Co. K, Asheboro.
- 1160, George Felix Hughes, Seaton Church.
- 1355, Clarence C. Allred, Complex.
- 588, Delbert Yow Lucas, Seagrave.
- 848, Carl Columbus Brown, Ore Hill.
- 1943, James O. Evans, Gleola. Ex-empt until December 1, 1917.
- 1102, Charlie Luck, Asheboro. Ex-empt until December 1, 1917.

Exempted or Discharged

- The following were exempted or discharged either because of family dependents or physical disqualifications:
- 2024, George Wade Payne, Liberty, Route 1.
- 360, Grady Brown, Trinity.
- 112, Clyde Brainerd Lowdermilk, Asheboro.
- 1287, Charles Coley Gee, Coles Store.
- 957, Levi Hudson, Randleman.
- 1912, Cecil Carl Lyndon, Sophia.
- 1625, Charles Wesley Allred, Millboro.
- 1716, Wesley Monroe Burgess, Ramseur.
- 51, Calvin Graves Frazier, Jr., Asheboro.
- 1866, Winburna Crawford, Pisona.
- 352, Charlie Brown, Trinity.
- 687, Benjamin Harrison Summy, Fullers.
- 571, William Shelton Strider, Pisgah.
- 1873, Charles Addison Bristow, Edgar.
- 488, Dealie Tillman, Trinity.

GRADED SCHOOLS OPEN

City schools have auspicious opening. Five hundred and fifty children—able body in charge.

Asheboro school children are back at work today, the city schools having opened yesterday morning of this week. A happy and successful year in the history of the schools. A large number of the parents were present for the opening, and expressed their appreciation of co-operation with the superintendent and teachers in their efforts to make this a great year in the educational life of the town. After a short religious service by Rev. Mr. B. F. Hassell, made a short talk, in which he outlined the work for the year, and asked for the help of the townspeople in carrying out his plans. He was followed by the principal, Mr. D. I. McKeithan, who made a short talk. The pupils were then assigned to their rooms. Regular work began Wednesday morning.

The town is very fortunate in having the school in charge of such an able faculty as the present. While most of the teachers are here for their first year, all come well recommended and have proved their ability elsewhere. There is no need to speak of the ability of those who have been in the school before. The school is particularly fortunate in having at its head Mr. B. F. Hassell, of Randleman, who comes here with several years of successful experience, having been at Randleman for the last four years. There is little doubt but that his coming will mark a new era in the history of the schools. He is instituting new methods which will without doubt raise the efficiency of the school.

Following are the teachers:

- First Grade—Miss Maude Fox, Randleman.
- First Grade—Miss Louella Lowe, Asheboro.
- Second Grade—Miss Hattie Asburn, Liberty.
- Third Grade—Miss Euna Wallace, Star.
- Fourth Grade—Miss Elbie Miller, Asheboro.
- Fourth Grade—Miss Lucille Watkins, Blanche.
- Fifth Grade—Miss Enolia Presnell, Asheboro.
- Sixth Grade—Miss Margaret Speight, Windsor.
- Seventh Grade—Miss Allie Pierce, Colerain.
- Eighth Grade—Miss Lou Ola Tuttle, Burlington.
- Ninth Grade—Miss Katherine Whitener, Stanley.
- Principal—Mr. D. I. McKeithan, Aberdeen.
- Superintendent—Mr. B. F. Hassell, Randleman.
- Music Teacher—Miss Nannie Bulla, Asheboro.
- Music Teacher—Miss Lillie Parrish, Asheboro.
- 1543, John Walter Craven, Cedar Falls.
- 704, Jefferson Albeson Dorsett, Trinity.
- 72, Gustavus Wade Hayworth, Asheboro.
- 1896, Lawrence Elwood Farlow, Sophia.
- 1709, Roscoe Pearce Brower, Ramseur.
- 856, Allen Jay Blair, Trinity, Route 1.
- 128, Asa Maness, Asheboro.
- 679, Carl Eddie Kennedy, Thomasville.
- 11, Percy Lazell Bostick, Asheboro.
- 900, Claude Routh, Randleman.
- 1617, Lawrence Garner, Cedar Falls.
- 363, Rufus Casper, Trinity, Rt. 1.
- 98, Millard R. Jordan, Randleman.
- 1448, Leo Gray Barnes, Asheboro.
- 1112, Kemp L. Smith, Asheboro, Rt. 1.
- 345, I. Thamer Armfield, Trinity.
- 1585, Jefferson Provo, Franklinville.
- 122, John Mavin Yates, Caraway.
- 1568, William Lacy Kinney, Franklinville.
- 1281, James Arthur Cain, Coleridge.
- 199, Penna Vestal, Asheboro.
- 1423, Corday Lee Surratt, Complex.
- 519, Virgil Hill, Caraway, Rt. 2.
- 1780, Alfred Condry Chandler, Franklinville.
- 25, Robert Grover Boggs, Asheboro.
- 392, Ben Harrison Hill, Progress.
- 1712, John Milton Brady, Ramseur.
- 944, Malpheus F. Hinshaw, Randleman.
- 1785, Wilkins G. Poe, Ramseur.
- 642, Reed Franklin Summy, Fullers, Rt. 1.
- 1715, Jesse Burgess, Ramseur.
- 321, Melvin Erastus Frazier, Millboro.
- 786, Beverly Franklin Varner, Seagrave.
- 1028, Jeffrey Percy Barker, Climax.
- 1425, Henry Alexander Thornburg, Pipe.
- 926, Cecil Cline Low, Randleman.
- 656, Jefferson Harrison Rush, Trinity, Rt. 1.
- 1537, Henry Paul Black, Franklinville.
- 856, Joseph Edgar Wood, Randleman.
- 1346, Geo. W. Matthews, col., Cole's Store.
- 2051, Gurney Lee Ward, Millboro.
- 1865, Arthur O'Keely Staley, col., Ramseur.
- 1806, Bernice Emery Smith, Ramseur.
- 1677, Gurney Erastus Trogdon, Millboro.
- 939, Emery Baeford Jarrett, Randleman.
- 1639, Carl Talmage Field, Climax.
- 1837, Raymond Richard Craven, Ramseur.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL ARMY

Following is President Wilson's message to the soldiers of the National Army:

"God Keep and Guide You, Soldiers of the National Army"

To the Soldiers of the National Army: You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you, but by the whole Nation besides. For this great war draws us all together, makes us all comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence. The eyes of the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom.

Let it be your pride, therefore, to show to all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are, keeping yourselves fit and straight in everything, and pure and clean through and through. Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it, and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test. May God keep and guide you!

WOODROW WILSON.

The White House, Washington.

RANDOLPH MEN CERTIFIED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

From Randolph's first call the District Board has certified the following for service in the National Army:

- 1651—Fernado A. Hinshaw, Julian.
- 797—Lona C. Boon, Seagrave.
- 1509—Rufus M. Williams, Seagrave.
- 1288—L. Benjamin Gardner, Ramseur.
- 1814—Hurley C. Parks, Coleridge.
- 1647—Joseph S. Garner, Climax.
- 1723—Vernon E. Curtis, Ramseur.
- 509—John W. Farlow, Randleman.
- 1848—Rowe Brower, Ramseur.
- 56—Charlie Foster, Ramseur.
- 1636—Oscar Evans, Millboro.
- 117—Leader Lee Moffitt, Asheboro.
- 2047—James H. Vickory, Liberty.
- 1613—Parris C. York, Franklinville.
- 519—Lewan H. Hoover, Asheboro.
- 1676—Ivan L. Siler, Millboro.
- 1891—James C. Davis, Edgar.
- 1114—Dennis H. Smith, Asheboro.
- 2036—John H. Staley, Liberty.
- 514—Will Hughes, Randleman.
- 1847—Floyd Bell, Ramseur.
- 1779—Wm. L. McBride, Ramseur.
- 757—Thomas F. Macon, Seagrave.
- 1286—Floyd Bruce Cox, Ramseur.
- 739—Vander C. Sanders, Seagrave.
- 1141—John Devon Cranford, Salem Church.
- 1267—Bascom Glenn Cox, Ramseur.
- 645—Lola C. Snider, Fullers.
- 1178—Calier Elbert Kearns, Farmer.
- 1082—Guy L. Aiken, Randleman.
- 1906—Martin L. Hohn, High Point.
- 204—Jacob C. Brown, Asheboro.
- 77—J. Edgar Connor, Asheboro.
- 1324—Wilbur W. Scotton, Coleridge.
- 1205—W. Alfred Brown, Ramseur.
- 1768—Martin R. Bean, Kemps Mill.
- 2022—Otho F. Offman, Liberty.
- 350—James H. Arthur, Trinity.
- 462—John C. White, Archdale.

The following were exempted by the District Board:

- 1922—Wesley Bagby Ridge, Edgar.
 - 574—Rodolphus Strider, Pisgah.
 - 420—Robert Reid Mendenhall, High Point.
- The following are exempted until December 1, 1917:
- 1432—Caldier Aderosa, Strieby.
 - 1455—Allen J. Cooper, Asheboro.
 - 15—Pena Houston Brown, Asheboro Route.

TERMS OF PEACE EXPECTED

Michels informs the Reichstag that Germany is about ready with her terms of peace.

Germany will shortly be able to publish her peace terms, according to Dr. George Michels, the German chancellor. Dr. Michels, in an interview said he had so informed the Reichstag committee, an English Exchange Telegraph dispatch says.

The main committee, said Dr. Michels, had "tried to make final arrangements regarding peace conditions and the question of Alsace-Lorraine, but no decision has yet been taken. The question, however, was eagerly discussed and Germany will soon be able to publish her peace terms."

Auto Accident on Badin Road

As a result of an automobile accident 14 miles from Salisbury, on the Badin road Sunday afternoon, J. W. Zeigler, aged 22, of Winston-Salem, is dead, and his father, George L. Zeigler, is in the hospital at Salisbury, suffering with bruises. The car left the road at a curve and took to the woods, the young man being crushed between the car and a tree.

Mrs. Elliott Dead

Mrs. Sarah Elliott, wife of the late T. B. Elliott, died at her home near Bombay, New Hope township, September 2, and was buried at Salem church the following day. She is survived by one child, Mrs. B. F. Woolley. Mrs. Elliott was one of the most highly esteemed women of her community.

DEATH OF MRS. KING AT CONCORD MYSTERIOUS

New Evidence Brought to Light Deepens the Mystery of Death of Mrs. Maud King—Authorities May Make Another Inquiry.

The mystery deepens in regard to the death of Mrs. Maud King, which, it will be remembered, occurred at the Blackwelder Spring, near Concord, about 8 o'clock in the evening, August 29. As will be recalled, on that day, Mrs. King, who was visiting the Misses Means in Concord, went target shooting with her private secretary, Gaston B. Means, his brother, Afton Means, and W. S. Bingham, of Concord.

According to the story told by Gaston Means at the coroner's inquest, when the party was near the spring, he and Mrs. King went to get a drink of water, while the other two men remained some distance away, and behind some underbrush, which prevented their seeing what happened at the spring. He says that he placed the loaded pistol in the fork of a tree and stooped down over the spring, and soon hearing a shot, turned in time to see Mrs. King falling, the pistol in her hand. He then called the other members of the party, who came at once. They then drove to Concord as quickly as possible taking the body to the hospital here. From this story, the coroner decided that the woman had come to her death from a pistol in her own hands. With this verdict the case was closed so far as Concord was concerned, but it is indicated now that outside influence may cause it to be reopened.

A post-mortem examination of the body at Chicago indicated, it is claimed, that Mrs. King was murdered, in the opinion of Coroner Hoffman, of Chicago. The alleged verdict of the examining physician concluded: "The entrance of the wound was about 2 inches forward of the center of the skull, behind the left ear. It showed no signs of burns nor powder marks, indicating that the revolver was a considerable distance from the head when discharged."

"The left ankle showed a dark discoloration. The examination revealed that it was broken before death. All other organs were negative, in healthy, normal condition."

Attorney General J. S. Manning, on receipt of a telegram from Assistant State's Attorney Sullivan, of Illinois, stating that the coroner of Cook county believed, after investigation, that Mrs. King had been murdered, repeated to Solicitor Hayden Clement the contents of the telegram, and asked him to take charge of the matter. Mr. Clement says that if a motive is found for her murder, he will re-open the case.

Three witnesses have been found, it is claimed, who give evidence contradicting the story told by Gaston Means. How much truth there is in it is not known. One of these, whose name is withheld, says that immediately after the body was taken into the hospital Afton Means started to the various show houses to find Mrs. Melvin, sister of Mrs. King. While waiting in front of one of the theaters, Mr. Means, according to the witness, replied in answer to a question in regard to the death of Mrs. King: "She was whirling the pistol around her finger like a fool woman would do and the pistol went off accidentally." The other two witnesses are Charles S. Dry and his wife, who live on the public highway, near the scene of the shooting. In an interview with an attorney they are alleged to have signed statements of what they saw and heard that evening.

Mr. Dry says that he had come in from work about dark and he and Mrs. Dry were sitting on the front steps of his house facing the Blackwelder spring. Their attention was attracted by the report of a pistol, after which they heard a man call, "Captain Bingham, Captain Bingham, come here." The voice was not raised to a shout, but was only a little more than that used in a conversation. Mr. Dry says that on a still evening he can hear ordinary conversation at the spring from where he was sitting. After having called Captain Bingham to come the voice of the speaker was lowered to an undertone, Mr. Dry says, and he could not hear what was being said. However, he could hear this subdued talking and hear persons moving about near the spring as if they were going through some of the undergrowth. After fully 10 minutes, Mr. Dry says, he saw an automobile coming at a rapid gait down the highway and turn in the branch road that leads to the spring. He saw the automobile drive up almost to the spring and turn round. After a few minutes he heard the door of the machine close.

About this time Mr. and Mrs. Dry state that they saw a flash and heard the report of another pistol or rifle shot. The flash was up toward the automobile, the top of which was up. The machine then left the spot, traveling toward Concord at a rapid rate of speed.

At the time of the shooting Mr. Dry says that the moon was rather low in the east and that the shadows of the trees round the spring cast a dense darkness where the people were standing so that it was impossible for him to see the parties there or to see their movements.

The road that passes near the spring is a disused portion of the old road and the new highway has been built between the home where Mr. Dry lives and the old road. The distance from his house across to the spring is several hundred yards and all that Mr. Dry

QUALIFIES AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BINGHAM ESTATE

Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company Gives \$5,000,000 Bond—Louisville Trust Company To Act As Joint Administrator.

The Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company and the Louisville Trust Co., both of Louisville, have qualified as joint administrators of the estate of Mrs. Mary Lily Flagler Bingham. Beneficiaries of the estate made no serious objection to the appointment of these two firms as administrators. The Fidelity and Columbia Trust Company executed a surety bond of \$2,200,000, which added to its capital stock of \$2,400,000 and surplus of \$800,000, brings the total to \$5,000,000. The Louisville Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$800,000, and surplus of \$261,000, executed a surety bond of \$8,939,000.

Special Assistant to Attorney General

Mr. Cameron F. McKrae has been appointed special assistant to the Attorney General of the United States effective September 1, with his office residence at Asheboro. Mr. McKrae is a lawyer of recognized ability, a son of the late Supreme Court Judge James C. McKrae. He has for years been connected with the United States Agricultural Department at Washington, as title attorney in North Carolina and Georgia. He comes to Asheboro from Asheville where he has recently been engaged on the Vanderbilt title to Pisgah Forest.

Mr. McKrae's chief duties will be to look after that part of the work on titles relative to the Weeks Forestry Act heretofore looked after by the department of justice in Washington.

He says he saw and heard was also subscribed to by his wife.

At the time of the coroner's inquest Mr. Dry knew nothing of the occurrence. It was not until the afternoon of Thursday, the day of the inquest, that a neighbor, in returning home from Concord apprised Mr. Dry that there had been a tragedy at the spring.

Solicitor Hayden Clement, who has been to the scene of the shooting, says that he is unable to reconcile the statements that were made at the coroner's inquest. He says that he considers this secluded spring a poor place to go target shooting so late in the evening. Another thing which he said he could not understand was the statement of Means, in which he said that when he turned he saw Mrs. King, with the pistol in her hand, considering that the spring was 30 feet from the tree in which he had placed the pistol, that the pistol was small enough to be placed in a vest pocket, and that, as Mr. Means said, it was so dark at the spring that he had to strike a match to see if there were any bugs in the spring.

Afton Means has been summoned to New York by District Attorney Swann to see what were the financial relations between Gaston B. Means and the dead woman.

Gaston B. Means threatens wholesale libel indictments as a result of newspaper articles.

Means is charged with being a German spy, but if this is true, the Federal authorities are not talking. But they do not talk, anyhow, so this is no evidence either way.

The case is attracting nation-wide attention, owing to the fact that Mrs. King was a very wealthy and well-known woman of Chicago and New York. She was formerly very poor, but had attracted the attention of Mr. J. C. King, one of Chicago's wealthy business men, but who died soon after, leaving her one of the richest women of the city.

Gaston B. Means is a son of W. G. Means and a brother of Miss Belle Means, who at one time taught in the Asheboro schools. Several years ago he went to New York, being employed with the Cannon Cotton Mills. While living there he fell out of an upper berth on a Pullman and sued the company, receiving considerable damages.

At one time he was connected with the W. J. Burns Detective Agency, but more recently has been the private secretary and confidential adviser of Mrs. King.

Newspaper reports say that for several years, until a year or two ago, Mrs. King was weak-minded, and is said to have been duped by a gang of exploiters. It is reported that at one time detectives employed by members of her family had sought the assistance of the department of justice, asking action under the Mann White Slave Act, as to her relations with certain crooks in high life.

The district attorney's office of New York has begun an official investigation of the shooting. "We have begun an investigation of this case," said Assistant Attorney Dooling, "because it is possible that a crime may have been committed here. There may have been larceny committed here in connection with the estate of Mrs. King, or evidence may be discovered to show that a conspiracy to murder the woman originated in New York county. If, as a result of the district attorney's investigation, evidence of a crime is found, the case will be laid before a grand jury."

From one witness it is said Mr. Dooling has received information to show that Mrs. King made a will about a year and a half ago; that Gaston B. Means had been cognizant of the preparation of this will and knew its contents. The witness is alleged to have said he read the will and that in it Means is named as executor.