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Twenty Alleged Members Admit Taking Part in Crime

Twelve of the 15 Arrested in Connection With Mutilation of Sabatum, Been Released Under Heavy Bond

(By R. E. Powell in Raleigh Times of April 13.)

Tarboro, April 13.—Twenty alleged members of the mob which two weeks ago took Joseph Needleman, young Jewish salesman, from the Martin county jail and mutilated him, have confessed to participation in the crime and have confessed to participation and twelve or fifteen who have been arrested and jailed are at liberty under bonds ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each.

Three men, alleged to have been principals in the affair, have refused to make a sworn statement, according to Solicitor Dan Gilliam, state prosecutor, and are being held in the Edgecombe county jail in lieu of being able to make bail in the sum of \$20,000 each.

The three men who have been confessed are Henry C. Griffin, a cousin of the girl whom Needleman is alleged to have criminally assaulted, E. W. Sparrow, Jr., who married the girl following the mob's mutilation of Needleman, and Sparrow's father, the latter residents of Kinston.

Twenty-nine men and boys are implicated, according to Solicitor Gilliam's statement this morning, and of this number twenty have made written confessions. Of the total number of suspects, fifteen have been arrested at various times since the crime was committed and all but three of the fifteen have been released under bail. The solicitor could not state today whether seven or eight of the men who are believed by him to have been implicated, who had not been arrested, have also made sworn statements to him.

All of the men who have been arrested will be tried at a special term of court ordered to be held in Raleigh on the week ending May 1.

Under a statute passed forty years ago, the offense with which the members of the mob are charged is punishable by a prison sentence of from thirty, minimum, to sixty, maximum, years.

Young Needleman, victim of the mob, is reported by physicians in a Washington, N. C. hospital, as slowly recovering after lingering between life and death for two weeks. He was seized by the mob in the Martin county jail and butchered on Sunday morning, March 22.

The charge against him, which is a capital felony in the state, was alleged to have been committed on March 20. It was a week later that he was placed under arrest in Edenton and carried that day to the Martin county jail where he remained about thirty-six hours before being taken from jail.

Continued to an impression which prevailed here and in Martin at the time Needleman was mutilated. It appears now that the Ku Klux Klan is considerably surmised in the crime. Originally it did not appear to have been promoted by Klan membership.

Solicitor Gilliam declines to discuss the nature of the case, which he has handled with marked ability from the time the matter came to his attention. In other informed circles, however, where the substance of the confessions are known, it is the impression that save for the three principals and possibly a half dozen other men, and some of the twenty-nine alleged to have participated in the crime, the mob was composed of assisting in or witnessing a simple flagging of the mob.

Declares "We Men" Are Becoming Scarce

New York, April 15.—The "we men" is a disappearing act of the modern age and rapidly is becoming a thing of the past, according to their outlook on life, the Chicago News-Record says.

At their regular meeting last Tuesday evening the four members of the "Chicken Leg" Banquet, Messrs. Fields and Bill Smith, delivered the members with a real spring chicken supper.

Other features of the evening were the election of officers which had been nominated at the previous meeting and a presentation made by John Thomas and Paul Jones. President John Thomas invited the club to attend the next meeting at the Exposition in Smithville on May 1st as his

With some men life is nothing but a long log with nothing to do but to cut it up.

TOWN PRIMARY QUIET AFFAIR

M. V. Horton Re-Elected Mayor By A Majority of Fifty-Four Votes. Total Votes 402

The primary held Wednesday for the purpose of nominating a mayor and five commissioners, was a quiet affair, very little interest being manifested other than for the mayorship.

M. V. Horton, who has held the position of mayor for the past two years, received a vote of 289, while his opponent, Walter G. Sheppard, received 174. Horton being re-nominated by a majority of 54 votes.

Messrs. H. W. Turnage, L. W. Godwin, J. S. Davis, Dr. D. S. Merrill and Tom Dall, were the successful nominees out of eight candidates for commissioners.

The losers in the race for commissioners being T. W. Lang, R. E. Decker and W. Leslie Smith.

Pitt-Beaufort Chapter of American Institute of Banking Organized

Greenville, April 15.—The Pitt-Beaufort Chapter of the American Institute of Banking was organized in the high school building in Greenville, N. C., Tuesday night, April 14, 1925, at 8 p. m.

The following officers were elected: J. H. Waldrop, Greenville, N. C., president; John D. Webb, Washington, N. C., vice president; E. H. Patey, Greenville, N. C., secretary.

W. R. Willis, Greenville; W. M. Frutts, Bethel; V. G. Taylor, Everett; J. D. McGilham, Ayden. Thirty seven bank officials and employees of Pitt, Beaufort and Martin counties have signified their intention to join.

Several chapters have already been organized in several of the larger cities throughout the state and being so conveniently connected with nearby towns by paved roads, makes it possible for this chapter to be organized in Greenville.

Study classes will be held in the high school building in Greenville and Washington, Thursday night of each week for one hour. This is a privilege and an opportunity for the bankers of this section, to know each other and to learn more of banking methods.

TENTH DISTRICT WOMAN'S CLUBS MEET HERE TODAY

Mrs. Palmer Jerman Delivered Principal Address. Other Interesting Features.

The Tenth District North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs met in this city this morning at 10 o'clock for an all day session. The following program was carried out:

Invocation—Mrs. J. W. Lovelace, Church—Farmville Church Club. Charles—Junior Church Club. Address of Welcome—Miss Annie Perkins.

Reply to Address of Welcome—Mrs. H. E. Austin. Solo—Mr. Elbert Holmes. Report of Clubs. Club Women's Hymn. Address—Mrs. Palmer Jerman. Solo—Miss Mary K. Jerome. Luncheon. Business.

Botanician Enjoy Their First Spring Chicken Supper

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ADMITS POISONING 16 KIN

"Devil Made Me Do It" Says Mrs. Martha Wise Who is Confined in Jail

Matine, O., April 13.—I don't know why I did it! I just couldn't help it! The devil was in me!

So claims Mrs. Martha Wise as she sits brooding in the gray shadows. It is all she has to say about poisoning to death her mother, Mrs. Sophie Hazle, her uncle, Fred Kienke, Sr., and his wife, Lily, and causing the illness of thirteen other relatives and friends. On three different occasions she had poured into the pills from which Mrs. Hazle and the Kienkes, living in separate homes, drew their water for cooking.

It has not been decided whether to try her for murder or to bring insanity proceedings. Meanwhile relatives are endeavoring to find the origin in the delusion which caused her to kill her nearest of kin.

Mrs. Wise, a widow, is 41. She has four children, 14, 10 and 7. Her humble home is in an ugly, mud-bound district near her mother's home.

The impulse that caused her to poison the water pills was strongest on holidays. She said she used the arsenic at her mother's home on Thanksgiving day and at the Kienke home on New Year's.

The mystery surrounding the Kienkes and the illness of so many of their relatives has been agitating this section for some time. A hundred clues were run down. Then County Prosecutor Seymour discovered that Mrs. Wise has purchased arsenic at a drug store. "To kill rats," Mrs. Wise was placed under surveillance. Chemists examined the cooking utensils in which food was prepared for the victims. Traces of arsenic were found. One of the bottles was examined. Arsenic was discovered in the vital organs. Mrs. Wise was committed.

The Baker-Mason Lumber Company is the style of the new firm which recently bought the lumber business of Mr. J. O. Baker of this city.

This firm expect to do a general lumber business, specializing in the manufacture of screens, lattice and cabinet work, and will carry in stock a full and complete line of building material—in fact everything needed to build the home of yours as desired.

Mr. J. O. Baker, the senior member and president of the concern needs no introduction to our people, as he has been in the lumber business here for a number of years.

Mr. W. H. Mason, his associate, and secretary and manager of the concern, comes to Farmville from Chapel Hill. He is an experienced man in the lumber business, having been in the line of business for the past eighteen or more years. Mr. Mason will make his home here permanently and will have charge of the business.

These place of business will continue to be located at the place formerly run by Mr. Baker, and will, in the near future, be enlarged and equipped to handle a much larger volume of business.

We welcome Mr. Mason to our city and wish this new concern much success.

Farmville Now Has New Lumber Concern.

The Baker-Mason Lumber Company Buys Local Plant of J. O. Baker—They Will Carry a Complete Line of Building Materials at All Times.

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E. C. EXPOSITION BIG OPENING

Monday at Noon With a Street Parade Headed by Gov. McLean. A Huge Number of Beautiful Floats

Smithfield, April 15.—The third annual Eastern Carolina Exposition and Automobile Show opened here shortly after noon today with a gigantic and colorful street parade containing scores of floats, two large bands, handsome automobiles, beautiful women and notable personages, including Governor McLean and the Rev. William A. Sunday, famous evangelist. The program was more than a mile in length.

Thousands of persons from more than a score of North Carolina counties came here to attend this great sectional event, the commercial and educational features of which are being held in a mammoth warehouse, whose seating capacity is several thousand. Rev. Sunday spoke from the platform in Exposition hall in the afternoon and night. Bands making music for the big event are Victor's and the Fort Bragg band.

Marie Sundellus, Metropolitan grand opera star, was billed to give two recitals today, but suffered an illness the past week and which prevented her attendance. A worthy substitute filled her engagement. On Wednesday afternoon the first annual baby show of the Exposition was held and on Wednesday night the fashion show took place.

Thursday the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices the big exposition is being held, held its annual dinner. The speaker for the occasion was Honorable Thomas Hefflin, United States senator from Alabama. After dinner Senator Hefflin addressed the audience on the subject of "The Relations of the Chamber of Commerce to the Community."

The big exposition hall is filled with interesting exhibits.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MET MONDAY

At Home of Rev. J. W. Heyes. All the Local Clergy Were Present. Minutes Read

The Ministerial Association of Farmville met at the home of the Rev. J. W. Heyes on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. All the local clergy, including the Rev. J. L. Rumley, were present. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. L. Rumley, after which the president called on the secretary for a reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read. The Rev. B. B. Slaughter reported that he had made investigations as to the possibility of securing an evangelist to hold a series of religious services in Farmville, but that he met with any satisfactory results. The treasurer reported that the treasury was already stocked with an outstanding bill, and therefore the association would be unable to take care of a bill for a charity amounting to \$500, which was presented to the meeting. It was resolved that the bill be left over until after the holding of the next 15th Sunday meeting. It was also resolved that the association on record as desiring a discontinuance of the custom of taking up an offering at the service held on the occasion of clergymen leaving the community to take up work in another field. It was the sense of the meeting that all offerings taken at community meetings be applied to such work as the association can do in charity and the bringing of the church before the people.

The secretary was instructed to consult with Mr. Wheeler concerning the possibility of holding the next 15th Sunday service in the school building, since that would be the day of the commencement services. The following clergymen will officiate at the chapel exercises in the public school:

April 15 to 16, Rev. J. W. Heyes; April 16 to 17, Rev. N. M. Fleming; April 17 to 18, Rev. J. L. Rumley; April 18 to 19, Rev. B. B. Slaughter.

Rev. J. W. Heyes reported that the association had been notified by the Greenville Chapter of the American Institute of Banking that they were desiring to hold a meeting in Farmville on May 1st.

The association will hold a meeting on Monday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage on Main street.

RECITAL IN PIANO AND VOICE

BY EDNA FOUST HARRIS AND JOHN DWIGHT HOLMES. MRS. J. M. HOBGOOD, Accompanist. PERKIN'S HALL. MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 8:00 O'CLOCK.

- PROGRAM
- (a) To Spring — Grig
 - (b) From an Indian Lodge — Edward MacDowell
 - (c) To a Water Lily — Edward MacDowell
 - (d) I Love Life — Mans-Zucca
 - (e) The Hand of You — Carrie Jacobs-Bonds
 - (f) Dreams — Anton Strakoski
 - (g) Valse Arabesque — Theodore Lack
 - (h) Ah, I Have Sighed to Rest Me (Il Trovatore) — Verdi
 - (i) Top of the Morning — Hans-Zucca
 - (j) Thank God for a Garden — Teresa Del Riego
 - (k) Two Part Invention, No. 3 — Bach
 - (l) Romanza — Rubenstein
 - (m) I Hear You Calling Me — Charles Marshall
 - (n) The Open Road — William Sticks
 - (o) Serenade — Schubert
 - (p) Fantasia — Mozart

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WEEK

Methodist Women of North Carolina Conference to Gather at Greenville

Greenville, April 15.—The Woman's Missionary Conference of the M. E. Church, South, North Carolina Conference, meets in Greenville, April 20-23.

Mrs. H. R. Steele, Nashville, Tenn., corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, will give an address on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Steele will also have charge of the noon Bible hour each day of the conference. The topic for these noon hour addresses will be "The Christian Way of Life."

Dr. J. L. Cunningham, a beloved member of the N. C. Conference, now president of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., will speak on the Belle H. Bennett Memorial and Scarritt College.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly, Atlanta, superintendent of Children's Work in North Georgia conference, will speak on "The Children of the World." She will work especially with the committee on children's work.

Rev. H. C. Ritter, one of the leading missionaries in the Orient, for many years Professor in Nanjing University, will give an illustrated address on Wednesday evening on our work in China.

Miss Daisy Davis, widely known throughout the Southern Methodist Church and who has just returned from a year of study in Scotland will give the address on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Raleigh, commissioner state board of charities and public welfare, will speak at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning on "The Relations of the Missionary Society to North Carolina's Social Service Problems."

IN VOCAL RECITAL

Was the Recipient of Several Large Baskets of Flowers, Attesting Her Popularity.

A large and appreciative audience greeted Miss Vivian Case at Perkins hall in the Farmville high school building last Friday evening when she appeared at her best in a special vocal recital. She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Haywood Smith.

Miss Case has an unusually sweet soprano voice, and the program as rendered Friday evening was undoubtedly one of the best ever presented here.

Miss Case has been taking votes for the past two years under the direction of Miss Mary K. Jerome, local instructor, and it is predicted she may yet become a singer of great renown.

She was the recipient of several large baskets of beautiful flowers, showing the esteem in which she is held.

Efficiency is persistence plus ability with a strong dash of politeness and courtesy.

Discussion took place concerning the posters which the American Posters association are offering, and Rev. N. M. Fleming suggested that the secretary be instructed to obtain information concerning these posters for Farmville. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. N. M. Fleming, after which Mrs. Hayes served fruit, acid, crackers and coffee. The next meeting of the association will be held at the Methodist parsonage on May 4.

YOU CAN NOW BURN ELECTRICITY AT A LOW RATE

Supt. W. A. McAdams Rits Into Effect a Heating and Cooking Rate of Three and a Half Cts.

Farmville citizens can now afford to do away with their old coal, wood and oil stoves and install modern electrical stoves for heating and cooking purposes.

New Postal Rates Went Into Effect on Wednesday

STATE'S DEBIT \$8,327,980.25

With Three Months of the Year Left Budget Estimate Seems About Right

Raleigh, April 16.—Figures released yesterday by Governor McLean show that the deficit in the general account of the state on March 31 amounted to \$8,327,980.25. With three months left of the fiscal year which will end on June 30 the estimate of the budget commission of a deficit amounting to \$9,515,787.69 now appears to be as accurate as an estimate can be.

With three months left and with the bulk of the income taxes collected, the figures submitted to Governor McLean by Auditor Baxter Durham and Treasurer B. R. Lacy show that if the state runs behind for the next three months at the rate of \$400,000 a month the figures will pan out exactly.

During the month of March heavy income taxes swelled collections and there was received \$3,193,330.36 as against disbursements of \$1,268,950.04 or a surplus for the month of \$1,924,380.32. The deficit of \$10,300,000 reported at the end of February, just before the income tax flood, was the high water mark and, by the same token, the present deficit of \$3,300,000 is the low point, with the figure expected to climb steadily from now until the end of the fiscal year.

Methodist Mens Club Hold Regular Meeting on Last Friday

The Mens Club was held in the dining room of the school building, Friday evening, April 17, thirty-seven members being present. The newly elected president, Mr. Raymond Peeler, was at his post and presided over the meeting with grace and ease. Preceding a delightful supper served by Circle No. Four of the Missionary Society, an appropriate song was sung. In the membership contest, it was found that groups Nos. One and Four had made the lowest average, therefore according to the rules governing the contest these two groups will give supper to their successful opponents at the next meeting. Following this feature of the meeting A. W. Bobbitt, chairman of Group Four, called on John T. Thorne for a speech. Mr. Thorne responded with a beautiful talk on the meaning of Easter. Following this talk, Group No. Four put on what we will call a tin can race. Those participating in this contest were J. M. Christman, Earl Forbes, Dr. Alman and Earl Lang. It was easily the most amusing stunt that we have seen pulled off in a long time. The contest closed without anyone being declared winner, however, we are inclined to think that Dr. Alman had the "edge" on his opponents by a very narrow margin. The meeting closed to meet again the second Friday night in May at seven o'clock instead of 8:30 as heretofore.

TO GIVE A RECITAL

Miss Edna Foust Harris, pianist, and John Dwight Holmes, vocalist, will give a mixed recital in Perkins hall at the high school building Monday evening, April 20, at eight o'clock. Lovers of high class and wonderful rendered instrumental and vocal music should fall not to attend this recital.

Biggest Boost Ever Ordered; New Stamps Are Now on Sale in Postoffice

The general change in postal rates, which is the biggest boost ever ordered and designed to raise \$69,000,000, to pay the increased salaries of postal employes, went into effect Wednesday. This change necessitated an issue of new stamps. The new one and one-half cent postage stamp went on sale at the post-office Tuesday and Postmaster W. G. Gay states that he is expecting a consignment of one-half cent, 15-cent special delivery stamps and a 25-cent stamp which will insure parcels being handled as expeditiously as first class mail.

The greatest change is in the raising of postal cards from one to two cents, the raise in special delivery, and registration fees.

The new rates are as follows: Insurance fees: Value on one cent to \$5, five cents; \$5.01 to \$25, eight cents; \$25.01 to \$50, ten cents; \$50.01 to \$100, twenty-five cents.

Registry fees: Values one cent to \$50, fifteen cents; \$50.01 to \$100, twenty cents; registry or insurance return insurance receipt, 3 cents.

Money order fees: One cent to \$2.50, five cents; \$2.51 to \$5, seven cents; \$5.01 to \$10, ten cents; \$10.01 to \$20, twelve cents; \$20.01 to \$40, fifteen cents; \$40.01 to \$60, eighteen cents; \$60.01 to \$80, twenty cents; \$80.01 to \$100, twenty-two cents.

Post cards: Letters—two cents as before. Post cards two cents each.

Newspaper rates: One or two ounces, two cents; three or four ounces, four cents; five or six ounces, six cents; seven or eight ounces, eight cents.

Everything except first class and second class matter weighing up to eight ounces will be third class mail and one and one-half cents for two ounces and one-half cent for each additional ounce up to eight ounces.

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Supt. W. A. McAdams, with the consent of the board of town commissioners at their last regular meeting has established and put into effect what is known as a heating rate for the town. The rate will be only 3 1/2 cents a kilowatt for this purpose. This rate is being made in order that the citizens of Farmville may avail themselves with modern electrical cooking and heating stoves.

Mr. McAdams also states that as soon as possible he will arrange with some reputable electrical manufacturer to hold a demonstration here in order that the ladies especially might see the advantage of cooking with electricity.

We understand that the water and light department expect to handle these stoves and install them at cost in order that every one wishing to do so may get one at a most reasonable price.

Watch The Enterprise for an announcement of the date for the demonstration.

Farmville now has an electrical distributing plant capable of handling a very large volume of business and Mr. McAdams at the much contemplated for the steady and satisfactory service the citizens are receiving.

Now Have Neuritis. Women who formerly complained that carrying a heavy mop of hair made their heads ache now complain of neuritis from necks left unprotected by bobbed hair.