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Killer Will Be Arrested In 48 Hours, Brown Says

Sheriff Indicates Hotel Mystery Is Solved But Withholds Solution.

Asheville, July 22.—Sheriff Lawrence E. Brown, predicted tonight he would arrest the ravisher-murderer of Helen Clevenger, pretty 18-year-old co-ed, within the next 48 hours.

The Sheriff told reporters: "I will arrest the criminal within the next two days."

"Do you mean the murderer?" he was asked.

"Call him anything you want."

The Sheriff's statement was the first intimation that he did not suspect any of the four persons now detained incommunicado for questioning of committing the crime.

Ed Fleming, 25-year-old Negro bellhop, taken into custody two days ago, was released today after the Sheriff said he satisfactorily explained a discrepancy in his previous testimony.

"I lied because I was scared to death," Sheriff Brown quoted the bellhop.

The Sheriff said he had arrested Fleming after the Negro denied he had gone to the girl's room Wednesday a week ago, the day before the slaying.

The Sheriff said the Negro went to Miss Clevenger's room at 8:25 a. m. for some dresses to be pressed, and returned them two hours later.

Meanwhile, Daniel H. Gaddy, 28-year-old night watchman described by the Sheriff as "the key to the whole case," waited in his jail cell for his second grilling while Brown went back over the scene of the crime at the Battery Park Hotel, and subjected hotel employees, from manager to bellhop, to close questioning.

After sharply examining Gaddy last night, the Sheriff said: "When Gaddy talks we will know something," adding he believed that the watchman, who has been held incommunicado since last Saturday "is getting ready to talk pretty soon."

Statements of the Sheriff with regard to the watchman shifted the limelight from Mark Wollner, concert violinist, who was detained last Saturday night, and the two other persons held without charges—Wollner's alibi girl, 18-year-old Mildred Ward, and a Negro elevator operator at the hotel.

Sheriff Brown said he wanted Gaddy to explain why the tape of his timeclock indicated he had not punched it for the second floor of the hotel, where Miss Clevenger had a room, on his 1 a. m. round of the floors Thursday morning and why clock record showed that on his 2 a. m. round he went from the third floor to the first floor and then returned to the second floor, instead of going as usual from the third to the second and then to the first.

Brown continued to cling to his announced theory that the master key, left in the door of Miss Clevenger's room, presumably by the slayer, was the most important bit of physical evidence he had found.

At the hotel today, the Sheriff, main investigator of the baffling crime, visited the shop of Edwin D. Frydy, chief engineer for the hotel, where the master keys are made.

Previously, he had said 12 keys had been found, although only 11 had been authorized. The source of the extra key was indicated as a vital point in the inquiry.

Brown said Gaddy had a damaged master key on his ring. It was mutilated so badly it would not work in the hotel doors, he reported.

Gaddy, the officer said, told him the key had been damaged when he used it in an attempt to open the door of a vacant house he wanted to rent.

North Carolina Is
Allotted Close to
Sixty-five Millions

DURHAM, N. C., July 23.—Information recently released by the Treasury Department, through the office of Robert M. Gantt, State Director for the National Emergency Council, showing the status as of June 30, 1936, of funds provided by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, reveals that North Carolina as a whole has been allotted \$64,844,939.88 out of a total \$4,668,159,883.00 appropriation made by Congress to the entire country.

On a basis of checks issued as of June 30, 1936, a total amount of \$47,425,697.75 has been spent in North Carolina, leaving an unexpended balance of \$17,419,242.13. However, obligations have been incurred by the major Federal organizations to the extent of \$58,553,407.08, which actually leaves an unobligated balance of \$6,291,532.80.

The distribution of these funds, on a basis of checks issued to the major Federal organizations have been as follows:

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TARBORO STRUCK BY CLOUDBURST

Homes and Stores Are Flooded by a Heavy Storm; Crops Badly Damaged.

Tarboro, July 21.—A cloudburst accompanied by lashing winds did much damage to property, flooding homes and stores and uprooting many trees here this afternoon.

Telephone and power lines went down in many sections of the city but no immediate estimate of the damage could be obtained. City authorities blocked off sections where wires were down to prevent accidents.

Of which were three-quarters of an o'clock and lasted about 15 minutes, was accompanied by hailstones, some inches deep on their floors during the inch in diameter. A hurried check-up showed extensive crop damage in surrounding sections. Water rose to a depth of four feet in the streets in several parts of town, stalling a number of automobiles. Several downtown stores had water several inches deep on their floors during the downpour as storm drains failed to carry off the water.

The storm was ushered in by lightning and deafening thunder. One farmer, James Ruffin, reported that four mules and a horse were killed by lightning.

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PUTS A BAN ON GAME FISHING

"Jiggering" Prohibited by the Department of Conservation.

Raleigh, July 23.—Fishermen who have been indulging in "jiggering" for taking members of the finny tribe must find another means of fishing in inland waters in order to conform with the North Carolina law.

The Board of Conservation and Development, at its recent meeting in Morehead City, decreed that this method of fishing will be prohibited in North Carolina in the future in acting favorably upon requests made by numerous fishermen, J. D. Chalk, State game and inland fisheries commissioner, said today.

Frequent appeals, according to the commissioner, have been made to the board through this office to place the ban on "jiggering," which has been termed as wasteful of game fish life. Members of the board pointed out that the game fish population of some states has been greatly depleted by this method of fishing.

"Jiggering" is a method of fishing by means of a jerking motion of the lure along the near stream banks and other places where the fish seek protection. The line used for this purpose is short and is usually held out by a long pole extended from a boat. Almost any shiny substance may be used on the hook for bait.

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FARM LEADERS HOLD MEETING

Instructions Given Su- pervisors of Conserva- tion Program.

More than 150 Pitt County farm leaders held an all-day session in the Pitt court house in Greenville on Monday, at which time R. R. Bennett, farm agent, conducted a school of instruction for compliance supervisors of the Soil Conservation program.

Agent Bennett was aided in the work by B. C. Norris, district compliance supervisor, with headquarters in Wallace.

The duties of the supervisors, as outlined by the instructors, will be to determine to what extent each farmer is to benefit from the Conservation program this year.

Two more meetings will be held to give further instructions, the first to be some time next week and the second the following week.

As soon as forms and other data are received from Washington the supervisors will begin measuring acres of crop and on each farm to determine to what extent each farmer will benefit from the Federal farm program.

A farmer may divert up to 36 per cent of his cotton acreage, 30 per cent of his tobacco land and 20 per cent of his tobacco acreage and receive benefit payments for planting soil conserving crops.

Under regulations of the program a farmer will receive five cents a pound for cotton and tobacco he would have grown on land diverted to soil conserving crops.

The payments will be based on the average yield per acre on the farm. He will be paid at the rate of one and one-half cents a pound for diverted peanut land.

A participant in the program may utilize the diverted land for any purpose he desires, provided he plants at least 20 per cent of his base acreage to soil conserving crops.

Germany and Austria, it seems, have made up their minds to cooperate, which might mean another war.

Wonder what became of the man who was asking for hot weather a couple of months ago?

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FOREST FIRE TOLL REACHES \$71,488

Careless Smokers Are Responsible for Most of the Damage.

Raleigh, July 23.—A total of 530 forest fires last month caused \$71,488 worth of damage, and blame for 115 of these fires was placed on careless smokers and their pennyworth of matches.

Lightning, the only natural cause of forest fires known in this State, caused the largest number of fires recorded for years—which was 10. "All the other fires were started by humans and were preventable," W. C. McCormick, assistant State Forester, said.

The monthly report of the Forestry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development showed that the \$71,488 worth of damage was the second highest toll of the year. The record was set in May when 1,057 fires and damages of \$144,988 were reported.

Drought, particularly in Eastern North Carolina, kept fire-fighting forces constantly on the alert during the month, McCormick said.

Other causes of fires during the month: Incendiaries, 67; brush-burning, 35; recreationists, 27. A total of 52,450 acres was burned over last month, compared with 84,350 in June, but the average number of acres per fire, McCormick said, increased from 79 to 159. Prolonged drought was partly responsible for this, McCormick said.

M. E. CHILDREN'S WORKERS
MEET.

Representatives from Rocky Mount, Walstonburg and Farmville Children's Sunday School Workers met together in a group meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, with Mrs. H. M. Wade, of Durham, Director of Children's Work of the Board of Education of the North Carolina Conference, presiding. Other distinguished speakers were Mrs. J. C. Wooten, Secretary of Children's Work of the N. C. Conference and Mrs. Stewart, of Rocky Mount, District Director.

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