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## MORE MURDERS MAY BE FOUND

KILLINGS SAID TO HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE 1910.

WITNESSES TELL STORIES.

Declare Old Negro Man and Wife Knocked Off On Account of Their Age.

Atlanta, April 14.—Announcement that indications pointed to eighteen or twenty negroes in all having been killed on the John S. Williams farm in Jasper county through a period extending as far back as 1910 and of their intention to widen the scope of their investigations into alleged peonage in Jasper and other Georgia counties was made here today by agents of the Department of Justice. Names of three more negroes alleged to have been killed were made public.

Jasper county is in the southern district of the Federal District Court of Georgia, and simultaneously with the announcement by Department of Justice agents, Hooper Alexander, Federal attorney for the northern district, said it was probable he would turn all evidence his office has gathered over to John W. Bennett, Federal attorney for the Southern District. Mr. Bennett said tonight over the long distance telephone that as soon as he received an official report from Federal agents he would arrange to place the evidence before the grand jury, which meets in Macon May 2. Indictments in the Northern District would be for "kidnapping into slavery," it being charged negroes were forcibly taken from Atlanta to work in peonage, while those in the southern district would charge actual peonage and also be for the "kidnapping" charge where negroes were taken from towns in that district. The Federal grand jury here meets April 25 and Mr. Alexander indicated "kidnapping" charges would be placed before it.

**Negroes More Communicative.**  
Since the conviction of Williams and his sentence to life imprisonment in the state court at Covington on a charge of murder of one of the negroes alleged to have been taken from his farm into Newton county and drowned, and indictments against his sons and Clyde Manning, negro farm boss, negroes who formerly worked on the farm are more communicative, according to Vincent Hughes, in charge of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation here.

Newspapers were allowed today to listen to stories told by several negroes with the proviso that they would not reveal names. Three witnesses declared they knew that Aleck Dyer, Nick and Mamie Walker, all negroes, were killed on the Williams farm in 1910 and 1911.

"Dyer was killed because he ran away twice," one of the negroes declared. "It was said, though that Nick and his wife, Mamie, were knocked off because they were too old to do any more work."

Another negro declared about forty farm hands were worked on the Williams farm back in 1910 and that they were kept locked up at night and had balls and chains fastened to their legs in the day. One negro said he was kept on the farm for six years and was well fed and clothed but given only one dollar. He also charged that negroes were whipped when they lagged at their work.

### Griffith-Griggs.

Hartsville, April 16.—The marriage ceremony of Miss Annie Maybanks Griffith and Charlie Clarke Griggs was solemnized April 10, at six o'clock by Rev. W. O. Henderson at the home of Jesse R. Howle. The ceremony was simple yet very impressive. The bride entered on the arm of the groom and the Rev. Henderson met them at the altar. She wore a becoming traveling suit of navy blue with accessories to match. They left immediately after the ceremony accompanied by Miss Alice Griffith and Thomas Griffith, sister and brother of Mrs. Griggs.

The bride is the daughter of J. T. Griffith, of Denmark, and a popular teacher in the Antioch Industrial school of Darlington county. Mr. Griggs is a prosperous farmer near Hartsville. A host of friends await their return to the community where they will make their home.

Seventy-eight per cent. of New York brides are thirty years old or less.

### JOHN SWEAT DEAD.

Paralytic, Pauper and Murderer Takes His Own Life.

The suicide of John Sweat, paralytic, pauper, former convict and convicted murderer at his home at Bannockburn in Berrien county, Georgia, a few days ago, removed from that section a character as strange as ever was pictured by a novelist.

Fate visited great afflictions on Sweat. When he was 27 years old he was stricken with a baffling form of rheumatism that paralyzed his lower limbs and so affected his spine that his head was drawn backward, leaving his eyes always staring upward. His arms were not touched and their strength was remarkable until the day he sent a load of shot crashing through his brain.

From the time he was stricken until his suicide, a period of about 40 years, Sweat was neither able to lie down nor stand up. When he slept it was in a rolling chair. He got about in a small cart to which he drove an ox he managed to train to an amazing degree.

In this cart, Sweat frequently hunted, being able to kill game when found in trees. It was only by rolling his eyes that the afflicted man was able to see in any direction except straight up.

Sweat's physical condition did not prevent him from marrying, and he was the father of seven children. Neighbors asserted that he controlled his family with an iron hand. His suffering caused him to develop a violent temper and he was generally feared.

One of Sweat's neighbors was John Faulkner. It was for Faulkner's murder that he was given life imprisonment. Testimony at the trial seemed to show that Sweat became angered at Faulkner, who was 70 years old, over some trivial incident and drove to his home and called him to the door, explaining that he had come to kill him. Faulkner replied that he was old and that his fighting days were over and turned to leave. From his ox cart the paralytic opened fire with his shotgun. Faulkner fell to the ground dead.

Sweat then turned to one of his young sons who was in the cart with him and commanded him to catch Mrs. Faulkner and bring her to him. The boy tried to carry out the instruction but the woman ran.

Sweat then drove to Nashville and surrendered to the sheriff. While in jail, Sweat spent his time in his rolling chair and was described as being the most troublesome prisoner ever confined in the Berrien county jail.

At the trial he was convicted of murder, the jury recommending that he be given a life sentence. At the state farm Sweat was a troublesome prisoner. There was practically no work that he could do. He spent his days and nights in his rolling chair, alternately singing, praying and swearing.

In a few months his family began a long fight to secure his freedom. He was released under parole about five years ago. It was fear that he would again be carried back to prison that prompted Sweat to get into his cart, drive down the roadway about two miles from home and end his life with his shotgun.

### Ehrhardt Gets Smothered.

The Dunbarton ball team did the steam roller act to Ehrhardt Monday. When the flattening out was over the score stood 9 to 2 in favor of Dunbarton. Ehrhardt wallowed continually in a streak of errors and misjudgments. The only redeeming trait was the pitching of Purcell, though the way he fielded his position was below par. The Dunbarton team played good ball and their pitcher, Pate, held the heavy hitting Ehrhardt team to four scattered hits. The score by innings:  
Dunbarton...400 004 01\*—9 5  
Ehrhardt...000 002 000—2 4  
Batteries: Pate and O'Reilly, Purcell and Zeigler. Two base hits, Pate, Williams, and Copeland.

### Physician Kills Chief of Police.

High Point, N. C., April 16.—Chief of Police J. E. Taylor, of Thomsville, near here was shot to death by Dr. J. W. Peacock, a physician, on the main street of that town today. Henry Shaver was seriously wounded when struck by a stray shot and was brought to a local hospital afterwards. Dr. Peacock was arrested after the shooting and taken to Lexington and jailed. He claimed Taylor was responsible for the late burning of a garage belonging to the physician.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Is the last date on which you can secure a registration certificate to vote in the municipal election on May 3. Get it now. The ladies are qualified to vote in this election, and may secure their certificates the same as men. Quite a number have registered. Have you?

### MANY CARS STILL MISSING.

Said to be 20,000 Vehicles in State Without a License.

A statement recently issued by the state highway department is authority for the statement that there are about 20,000 motor vehicles in South Carolina on which no state license has been paid according to law. This figure is arrived at by comparison with the figures of 1920, during which year approximately 94,000 licenses were issued for automobiles and trucks in the state. Up to this time approximately 76,000 licenses have been issued in 1921.

In Bamberg county 736 licenses have been issued for motor vehicles of all kinds in 1921; last year 1,121 licenses were issued. Last year the county boasted of some motorcycles, but, according to the license books, there are none in the county this year.

Last year Allendale had 714 motor vehicles; this year 461 have been licensed; Aiken had last year 2,283 motor vehicles, this year 1,764 have been licensed. Barnwell had last year 1,161 motor vehicles; this year 834 have been licensed. Barnwell, too, is not paying license on any motorcycles this year.

Colleton county last year had 915 licensed cars of all sorts and varieties, but this year the number has dropped to 734. Hampton had last year 1,052 cars of all kinds; this year only 779 have been licensed. Orangeburg enjoyed a big drop. Last year there were 4,071 motor vehicles in that county carrying licenses and to date this year licenses have been issued to 3,026.

The question that is worrying the state highway department is, what has become of the trucks, cars and motorcycles that were in the state last year? Many have been discarded, no doubt; but likewise, a good many have been bought.

### STOVE BURNS GRASS.

Fuel Problem Would Seem to Be Relieved by Invention.

Among the novelties reported in the popular technical supplements of the German dailies is a coalless heater. This is an ornamental stove, suitable for living apartments, which burns grass, pine needles, shavings, sawdust, waste paper, coal dust, and pretty nearly everything, apparently, that would find its way into an ordinary incinerator.

The stove requires filling once in eight or 10 hours and is extraordinarily economical. A large room may be heated for 20 German pennings, or in our currency, considerably less than one cent an hour. It is easy to kindle and to keep going. The damper temperature reaches nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and a single stove can be so arranged as to heat two or three apartments.

### Shipped Car Load of Beets.

The first car shipment of beets ever made from Colleton county was sent off last week from the farms of Cleveland Sanders, Ritter and E. T. H. Shaffer, Walterboro. The car was a joint one, and will be followed by many others. Mr. Sanders has ten acres of very fine beets, while Mr. Shaffer has one. This is proving a profitable venture for these farmers.—Walterboro Press & Standard.

### Amen!

Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador at Washington, was talking at a luncheon in Philadelphia about seasickness. "There are numerous remedies for seasickness," he said. "Some advise cotton in the ears; others recommend smoked glasses; a champagne diet has its virtues; fasting has its advantages as well; but I, for my part, however, incline to the old skipper's view. 'Oh, captain,' moaned a lady passenger, 'my husband is frightfully seasick. Can you tell me what to do?' 'It ain't necessary to tell him, ma'am. He'll do it,' said the old skipper gruffly."

### FINE COURT HOUSE FOR BABY.

Augusta Firm to Draw Plans and Supervise Work.

Allendale county will build in the near future a modern court house and jail costing \$100,000. The firm of G. Lyod Preacher and Co., of Augusta, architects, has been retained to draw plans and supervise the work.

Money for the building was obtained by the sale of 6 per cent. bonds. The bonds were authorized some time ago, but were only recently sold and brought a premium. With a par value of a hundred dollars, the bonds sold for 101. W. I. Johns, largest individual farmer in South Carolina, chairman of the county commission, of Allendale county, said that it was no surprise to him that the bonds sold rapidly and above par, as the great majority of farmers in the Allendale section had not been hit hard by the low price of cotton as they had diversified extensively.

Bids for the construction of the buildings will be asked for in the near future by the architects. The addition of an up-to-date court house to the little city of Allendale, capital of Allendale county, will round out the city which is now one of the most progressive and prosperous in the state.—Augusta Chronicle.

### HONEA PATH BOY KILLED.

Loses Life When Feet Become Entangled in Harness.

Anderson, April 16.—The 13 year old son of Cliff Lollis, of near Honea Path, died late Thursday afternoon as a result of the injuries received from being dragged by a mule for a mile. Young Lollis was riding the mule home from work, from which the harness had not been taken, when the mule became frightened and threw the young boy to the ground, and his foot got tangled in the harness, and he was dragged the entire distance to his home, which was about a mile. He was alive when he was rescued but died shortly after.

### CHARITY BRINGS MONEY.

Buys Clothes for Needy Friend and Pays Nothing.

Greenville, S. C., April 13.—A man who purchased a suit of clothes as a gift of charity for a needy friend was one of those to whom the purchase money was returned today at a department store here, which was conducting a special sale in which every thirteenth cash conveyor was sent back unopened to the purchaser.

### U. D. C. Birthday Party.

The birthday party given by the F. M. Bamberg chapter of the U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. B. D. Carter Friday afternoon was an enjoyable occasion, over which the president, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, presided with her usual grace. Mesdames B. D. and J. F. Carter, with Mrs. Lewis, received at the door and extended a cordial welcome to all. The spacious home presented a lovely springtime scene. The long reception hall, the living and dining rooms were thrown together, and the gray walls blended beautifully with pink roses and pink sweet peas for the decorations. In the center of the room on a long table the guests were directed to place their pennies—which amounted to a nice little sum when counted. After the singing of America, announcement was made of the serious illness of Mrs. Cliff Johnson, a member of the chapter, and a chain of prayers were offered in her behalf. Then a very enjoyable miscellaneous musical programme, interspersed with readings, was listened to. Those taking part in this programme were: Mesdames E. H. Henderson, Frank Moyer, B. D. Carter, Laurie Smoak, H. N. Folk, Glenn Cope, and Miss Margaret Jennings. Misses Rowley Williams, Nell Bamberg, Mary Cleckley, and Maytrude Brabham served the guests sandwiches and iced tea. Altogether it was a very delightful party and the informal atmosphere contributed largely to the enjoyment of the conversational hour.

### PROGRAMME.

Rivers Bridge Memorial Association Thursday, April 28.

The following is the programme of the Rivers Bridge memorial exercises on April 28:

Invocation — Rev. Weissinger, Chaplain of Association, Ehrhardt. Band Concert—Carlisle School, Bamberg.

Remarks—F. C. Chitty, Supt. Fairfax school, Chairman programme committee.

Vocal number—Chicora College Girls, Columbia.

Short Address—State Pres. U. D. C., Mrs. Lawton, Charleston.

Vocal number—Bamberg Quartette.

"Eulogies, Deceased Members"—Hon. J. F. Carter, Bamberg.

Music—Carlisle band.

Reading, "High Culture in Dixie"—Miss Amabel Neeley, Olar.

Instrumental number—Bamberg Orchestra.

Memorial Address—Hon. George Warren, Hampton.

Committees and officers of Memorial association—Committee on grounds and order of day: J. D. Jenny, G. M. Kearsse, J. A. Peters, H. W. Chitty, A. L. Kirkland, G. W. Jenny; Chairman programme committee: Prof. F. C. Chitty, Fairfax.

**A Word to the Public.**

All numbers on programme will be short. Every minute of our entertainment will be jammed full of good things. There will be variety enough to excite the comment of the casual observer. As you will note, there will be woven in such numbers as will break the monotony of preceding numbers. The warmth and brilliancy of all renditions will be such as to make you forget "Old Father Time." Come and bring your friends, little, big, young and old, a warm welcome awaits you.

### PETITION FOR RECALL.

Columbia Mayor and Four Councilmen Are Named.

Columbia, S. C., April 15.—A petition for the recall of Mayor Blalock and four members of the city council has been placed in circulation by R. J. Person, who previously had sworn out warrants for the city officials, charging them with compounding a felony. Mr. Person charged that a former city engineer was permitted to refund to the city \$1,050.99 which Person charges he received by selling for his own use certain junk owned by the city.

### The Party.

The manager of the English village baseball club asked the captain to postpone play for half an hour.

"Just had a wire," he explained, "to say that a party of between sixty and seventy won't be able to get here under 3:30. We can't afford to lose 'em."

"Right-o," replied the captain. "We'll wait."

At 3:30 an elderly man appeared. "Got my wire" asked the man.

"Yes," answered the manager. "Of course, it is unusual to delay the start of a match, but as the party is between sixty and seventy we decided to make an exception."

"Thanks," said the elderly man. "Very good of you."

"Eh—where is the party?" asked the manager.

"Where? Here!" said the elderly man, pointing benignly to himself. "I'm sixty-five today."

### Diplomacy.

During the after dinner speaking, the toastmaster saw Jones, a somewhat shady character slip two spoons in his vest pocket. When the last orator had finished he rose.

"Gentlemen," he said, "there is nothing to add after this brilliant speaking, so I will try to entertain you with a little parlor magic. You see, I take two spoons. I slip them in my vest pocket. Presto—and they are in the pocket of Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones will you please corroborate my statement?"

Jones, not to be outdone, rose.

"I'm rather handy at that sort of thing myself," he said. "Presto—and they are back in the pocket of the toastmaster. Mr. Toastmaster, if you don't corroborate my statement, I'll have you searched on the spot."—Legion Weekly.

"You say the doctor has a large practice?"

"It's so large that when a patient has nothing the matter with him he tells him so."—Legion Weekly.

## HUNDRED LOSE LIVES IN STORM

PROPERTY LOSS FROM WIND AND RAIN AMOUNT TO MILLIONS.

### SOUTHERN STATES SWEPT.

Wire Connections Not Yet Established With Many Sections—Hundreds of Homes Demolished.

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—That the death toll from tornadoes and heavy rain storms which swept over six southern states late Friday and Saturday will reach 100 was indicated by reports from isolated sections tonight while the loss to property and crops will run into the millions. The known dead tonight total 97.

Many of the storm swept sections are still shut off from wire communication and reports of additional casualties are slowly coming in from relief parties.

The list of dead and injured, according to reports available early tonight, is as follows:

Texas: Avinger six, Atlanta one, Queen City, Cass county, two, and several missing, and probably three near O'Farrell.

Arkansas: Pike county, one dead, two injured, four probably fatally; Yelle county, one dead, ten injured, two probably fatally; Miller county, ten whites and seven negroes dead, 23 seriously injured; Pope county, three dead, a number seriously injured; Hempstead county, 20 white persons and eight negroes dead, 14 seriously injured, several fatally. A number of sections hit by storm have not been heard from.

Mississippi: Five dead at Steen, one at Sontag, one at Rural Hill, and one in railroad washout near Mosell.

Alabama: Five dead at Cave Springs, near Tusculumbia; five at Ralph, Tuscaloosa county; three at Sulligent, Lamar county, and one in Dallas county.

Torrential rains which followed the wind in all the states hit by tornadoes have delayed relief work and hindered the compiling of accurate lists of casualties.

In Arkansas where the greatest havoc was wrought, the Red Cross is at work in Hempstead and Miller counties where hundreds of families are homeless. Tents have been furnished by the national guard and blankets are being rushed to the sufferers.

The extent of property loss can not be determined for days. In Arkansas on many plantations in Miller and Hempstead counties, a rich farming section, practically every building was destroyed; newly planted crops washed out, orchards ruined, roads and bridges badly damaged, almost all telephone and telegraph wires destroyed and railroad tracks washed out at many places. Farm houses some distance from the direct path of the storm were damaged. Estimates of the property loss in these two counties tonight exceed \$2,000,000.

At Atlanta, O'Farrell and Avinger, across the Arkansas line in Texas, many farm houses and outbuildings were destroyed and crops in these sections are said to be almost a complete loss.

Heavy property loss in Tennessee is reported at Newport, Lynville and Connersville. In Shelby county alone the county commissioners tonight estimated the loss in roads and bridges was \$75,000.

In Mississippi, in addition to actual loss from the high winds, much farm land will be inundated by the rapidly rising streams throughout the state. A number of railroads in that state report tracks washed out and damage to road beds by the unprecedented rainfall. A report received tonight from Amite county says ten farm houses were destroyed by a storm late Saturday and ten persons injured, one fatally.

In Alabama property loss in Birmingham is estimated at \$200,000 with ten injured. Heavy rains and high winds in several parts of North Alabama, also are reported to have caused heavy property and crop loss.

In Georgia, where a heavy wind and rain storm struck Rome, the property loss will exceed \$200,000, it is reported.

### The Hurry-Up Kind.

At the post-office a little girl deposited a dime in front of the clerk and said, "Please I forgot the name of the name of the stamp mama told me to get, but it's the kind that makes a letter hurry up."—Boston Transcript.