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## MAD MAN BELIEVED TO HAVE KILLED 11

### Four Adults and Seven Children Thought Murdered Before House Is Fired

#### Officers Think Lawrence Suddenly Went Insane

(By Associated Press)

Mayfield, Ky., June 27—The county authorities today are working on the theory that Ernest Lawrence murdered ten persons in the farm home near here Saturday night, drenched the place with oil, set it on fire and killed himself.

Investigation has revealed it as announced today that Lawrence, a number of years ago, was clubbed by a Mayfield policeman when he resisted arrest on the charge of intoxication. Acquaintance today told Sheriff Marion McCain that Lawrence shortly after that event suffered from what is described as "spells" which led the officer to reiterate the belief that Lawrence's illness suddenly developed into a fit of insanity, during which he slew his own family and the family of Otis Drew, his brother-in-law, and Drew's brother, Delmer Drew.

The bodies of the dead, two women, three men and five infant boys and one infant girl, are so badly burned that physicians are only able to guess how they were slain. One woman, however, bore what is believed to be wounds, indicating she was killed with an axe, which was found near her body. A revolver with six exploded shells, a rifle containing an empty shell and a shot gun were also found in the ruins of the house, indicating, according to authorities that some of the victims at least were shot to death.

Mayfield, Ky., June 27—Graves county today was brought face to face with the most ghastly and shocking tragedy it has known in a generation, when the charred bodies of eleven persons, four adults and seven children, were brought here from the Hickory section to be prepared for burial.

All of the eleven victims were cremated when fire destroyed the residence of Ernest Lawrence, a farmer, living seven and one half miles northeast of here shortly before midnight last. Ten of the eleven constituted the membership of two entire families.

Circumstances surrounding the tragedy leads to the suspicion of foul play at the hands of a mad man, believed to have been Lawrence.

### The List of Dead

Ernest Lawrence, 31; his wife, 28; and their three children, Fred 5; Evelyn 3 1-2; and a baby 7 months old. Otis Drew, 28; his wife, 29, and their three children, Harry, 4, Adele, 3 and a baby 4 months old. Delmar Drew, brother of Otis Drew.

A number of circumstances caused officials to advance the theory of foul play. First, they have the testimony of William Holmes and Jacob Perkins neighbors of the Lawrences, who were attending a meeting of the Modern Woodmen at Hickory and on seeing the flames from the fire, drove quickly to the scene. The men arrived too late to rescue any of those in the doomed house. Both Holmes and Perkins climbed a tree, however, overhanging the Lawrence home and were able to peer in the flame lit windows and discern and recognize the bodies of each of the victims.

A second circumstance is the report that on the body of one of the women, believed to be that of Mrs. Drew, two wounds were found which are believed to have been inflicted with a two bladed ax found in the bed on which she and her young babe lay. The infant's clothing was saturated with blood and the moistened clothing of both mother and babe kept their bodies from being charred as much as the others.

It is further reported Lawrence had suffered a series of mental breakdowns in recent months but had never shown a disposition to do violence to members of his own family or others. He is a brother-in-law of Drew, members of whose family had come to the Lawrence home to spend the night. The belief is freely expressed that Lawrence went suddenly insane, shot or stabbed members of his own family and

that of Drew's, set fire to the house and then killed himself. This theory is based on the belief that some one of the eleven victims would have escaped if the fire had been the only peril.

Further support of this theory is found in the fact that a 10-gallon coal oil can was found inside the house. Neighbors were positive this can was never kept in the house.

## GRAND JURY TO PROBE SCHOOL BOARD

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, June 27—The Fayette County Board of Education will be thoroughly investigated by the grand jury. Circuit Judge Richard Stoll today instructed the jury to "go to the bottom of the whole affair." Investigation is caused by charges of private accountants that the Board's books were badly kept and it was impossible to trace all funds.

## ORDINATION SERVICE AT PAINT LICK

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the ordination of Mr. Wm. Rogers took place at the Mt. Tabor church at Paint Lick. Visiting pastors and deacons were asked to assist in the service. Dr. O. Olin Green, pastor of the First Baptist church, Richmond, was chosen as chairman of the council and directed the ordination service. Mr. Edward Fothergill, of Berea, was elected secretary. Dr. J. W. Beagle, of Georgetown, was asked to conduct the examination of the candidate for the ministry.

After relating his religious experience and call to the ministry, Mr. Rogers was asked to state clearly his belief as to the inspiration of the Scriptures, and the teaching of the Bible about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Sin, Redemption, Faith, Repentance, the Future Life, the Church and its Ordinances and Officers. The questions covered a wide range of religious subjects, the other ministers also asked questions at intervals.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers showed a thorough knowledge of all the subjects on which he was questioned giving Scriptural references which he called for to substantiate his doctrinal statements. All the members of the ordaining council were well pleased and thoroughly satisfied with statements of the young brother and the ordination service was continued.

Rev. A. T. Ross, pastor at Kirksville, was asked to deliver the charge to the church emphasizing its duties to the young minister who was then being set apart to such a sacred work. Rev. J. B. Skaggs, pastor of the Mt. Tabor church, delivered the charge to the candidate, urging especially a thorough preparation for the work of the ministry. Rev. John Cunningham, of Berea, led in the ordaining prayer.

Rev. Rogers was recently called to the pastorate of the Gilead church and has entered upon his duties there. He expects, however, in the near future to enter one of the denominational schools of the state to prepare himself for the ministry. Rev. Rogers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Rogers on Smith-Ballard street, Richmond, and is a young man of splendid character and has been active in religious work for several years. All his friends are glad to see him enter this noble calling and predict for him a useful ministry.

## Meeting Begins At Calvary Tonight

Dr. D. Edgar Allen, pastor of the First Baptist church of Barboursville, and teacher of Bible in the Baptist Institute there, arrived this afternoon to begin revival meeting at the Calvary Baptist church tonight. Song service at 7:45 conducted by the pastor, L. A. Byrd, and preaching at 8:00 p. m.

Dr. Allen is a man of very pleasing personality and deep conviction. The church is better prepared for a revival than ever before in its history, and a great revival of the old time religion is anticipated. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

FOR SALE—1918 Ford touring car. Call Warfield Hall, phone 483. 2tp

## 'SHINE SAID TO BE FATAL TO NEGRO

Tom Goode, a local negro who has been working at Ravenna, Estill county, died soon after he arrived back home Sunday afternoon. He got in on the 1:30 train and died at 4:30 o'clock. Witnesses say he had taken a few drinks of moonshine on the way home, and it was said that once before he had suffered from drinking 'shine and doctors had pumped it from his stomach. A jury was impanelled by Coroner Muncy said that he came to his death from an unknown cause.

## YOUNGSTER IS MISSING FROM HOME

Mr. C. W. Davis, a well known farmer on the Red House pike, is looking for a youngster named George Davis, aged 15, who disappeared from his home Sunday morning. The lad was taken by Mr. Davis from the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home six years ago and since that time has made his home with Mr. Davis. He is large for his age, about five and a half feet, weighs about 130 pounds, has dark hair and keen black eyes and was wearing a blue work shirt, new brown suit with green stripe and button shoes, when last seen. Mr. Davis will appreciate any information about the lad, to whom he has become much attached. He knows of no reason why he should have left his good home.

## "Curb" Now In Own Home

(By Associated Press)

New York, June 27—After several decades of nomadic existence, along the main highway of the financial district, the "outside market," corporately known as the New York Curb Association, today moved into its own spacious quarters on the western fringe of Wall street.

The new building of the New York Curb Market, now virtually completed at a cost of about \$2,250,000, including the ground, is an impressive structure located on Trinity Place, directly back of the famous Trinity raveyard and extending westward to Greenwich street.

## Loose \$12,000 On Farm Sale

Ex-Senator R. L. Hubble has sold his 210-acre farm to his son-in-law, W. O. Martin, for \$12,000. The place cost him \$24,000 last year.—Stanford Journal.

## Horse's Kick Fatal

Mr. John O. Bogie, who was well known in this section, was instantly killed near his home at Iliseville in Garrard county the other day by being kicked by a horse. While going down a hill in a buggy, accompanied by his stepson, the backing strap of the harness broke, which frightened the horse and it began to kick, striking Mr. Bogie in the head, rendering him unconscious from a crushed skull, from which he died two hours later. Burial took place at Iliseville.

## \$25,000,000 In Long Time Loans To Farmers

(By Associated Press)

Washington, June 27—Legislative action on the Curtis-Nelson bill to add about \$25,000,000 to the capital of Federal Farm Loan Banks for long time loans to farmers, was completed today with acceptance by the Senate of the House reduction from fifty million dollars to five million dollars. The bill now goes to President Harding.

Mary Bickford's divorce from Owen Moore, granted in Nevada, shortly before she married Douglas Fairbanks, has been sustained by the Nevada court.

The Paris city council passed an ordinance making the office of Police Judge appointive instead of elective, and reduced the salary from \$600 to \$200 per year.

Louisville, Ky., June 27—Cattle 1,000, slow; tops \$7.50; hogs 1,000 25 cents higher; tops \$8.75; sheep 2,000, lower, \$3.50; lambs \$9.75.

J. Miller Ward, well known Bourbon county farmer and horseman, is quite ill, with appendicitis.

## It's Hot In Looeyville

(By Associated Press)

Louisville, June 27—One white man and three negroes were prostrated by heat here today. Prospects were that Sunday's 92 degree maximum will be exceeded.

## NOTED EDUCATOR TO WORK AT NORMAL

Supt. J. W. Ireland, of the Frankfort city schools, arrived here Monday to teach English and school administration during the summer school at Eastern. Prof. Ireland is one of the best known educators in the state, and a man of unusual attainments and personal popularity wherever he teaches. A number of those who know him best are suggesting him as a suitable man to take charge of the English department at Eastern since the resignation of Dr. James D. Bruner. Prof. Ireland is a graduate of Centre College and has received his Master's degree in English. He is in every way qualified to occupy this chair with much credit and ability and that he would bring a virility and wide experience to the position that would have a marked effect.

## CHANGE IN LOCAL GROCERY FIRM

Announcement is being made today in the advertising columns of an important business deal in Richmond by which Joe Arnold has purchased the interest of J. S. Sewell, in the well known Main Street grocery firm of Sewell and McKinney. Invoicing was completed Saturday night and Mr. Arnold took charge of his work Monday morning. He is one of the best known young business men of the city, a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Arnold, a hustler, and esteemed by everyone who knows him. Mr. Sewell, who retires, has not yet determined what he will do, but says that he will not leave Richmond, which will be good news to his many friends. The new firm should be an exceptionally strong one and starts off with the best wishes of all.

## WACO

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McKinney, of Howard, Kansas, visited friends here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kulkel, of Cincinnati, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy McKinney Thursday evening.

Miss Lena Taylor is in Irvine, the guest of her brothers, Messrs. M. F. and George Taylor.

Andrew Conroy Wallace has returned to his home in Irvine after a two weeks visit with friends here.

Messrs. D. Z. Taylor and Meyer Grinstead have given their home a nice new coat of paint, adding greatly to the appearance of our little town. Others should follow their example.

Mrs. G. R. Combs and childer who have been visiting Mrs. Vardy Taylor the past two weeks have gone for a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mr. Tom Clouse and Mrs. Clouse, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bonny of Red House and Mrs. William Clouse.

Mrs. Davis, of Latonia, is visiting Mrs. Elbridge Broadus.

The revival service at Bybee conducted by Rev. Vogel, of Berea, is still in progress. Large number have been converted and about thirty united with the church.

James Wesley McKinney, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Dick and Lewis Cobb.

Mrs. Hall and little daughter, of Indiana, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Cornelison.

Mrs. Betty McFarland, 88, of Georgetown, was killed and three others seriously injured when a car being driven by W. H. Thompson overturned on the Georgetown and Lexington pike. Officers say that Thompson drove too near the edge of the road when passing another car.

Golden Dream Coffee tastes better; goes further. Get it from your grocer. 151 ft

## LADIES TO HANDLE CHAUTAUQUA TICKETS

Definite plans are being laid by the local committee for making Chautauqua which begins Friday, the biggest Richmond has ever had. The advance sale this year will be in the hands of about sixty ladies headed by Mrs. R. E. Turley. On Tuesday morning a systematic canvass of the town will be made. By this method it is hoped to put the sale over in a short time. There are about 400 signed pledges from last year, in the ladies' hands and signers of these will help in a great measure by taking these up at once. About 600 student tickets will be had for the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School as in the past. The tent will be erected on the College campus Thursday.

Parties last year who pledged to take one or more tickets will please call at Southern National Bank and Mrs. Willis Kennedy will furnish as many as desired.

## JUNCTION CITY ALMOST WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Danville, Ky., June 27—Fire of undetermined origin which threatened to wipe out the entire business district of Junction City early Sunday morning, destroyed six buildings with a loss estimated at \$41,000. No insurance was carried on the houses burned, which were frame structures. Several persons were overcome by heat, but none was seriously injured.

Mrs. Mary Carter, night telephone operator, discovered the flames about 1 o'clock in the grocery store of H. H. Reynolds, and gave the alarm. Citizens formed a bucket brigade but were unable to make any headway against the blaze which was well underway when discovered. The fire was finally checked when the frame building occupied as a barber shop by Joseph Reynolds was torn down by the fighters.

Buildings destroyed by the flames were: H. H. Reynolds, grocery, estimated loss \$8,000; Cumberland Grocery Storage House, \$6,000; drug store and pool room belonging to Dr. J. T. Hammond, \$5,000; grocery belonging to Dr. Hammond, \$5,000; grocery and residence owned by E. R. Galbraith, \$6,000; grocery and residence owned by James Coppace, \$8,000.

## DISABLED SOLDIERS MEET AT DEROIT

Detroit, Mich., June 27—Detroit today hung out the "welcome sign" to American soldiers wounded in the World War.

From very part of the country veterans were arriving to take part in the opening sessions tomorrow of the first gathering of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War.

Addresses of welcome will be given by Governor Alex. J. Groves and James Couzens, mayor of Detroit. The report of Judge Robert S. Marx of Cincinnati, national president, also will be given. Among the speakers on the program tomorrow will be Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Chaplain Michael Aarmon, of Baltimore, who will speak on "Victory Over Blindness."

The afternoon tomorrow has been set aside as uniform parade day of all the wounded soldiers. Features of the parade will be a float drawn by six jet black horses, in honor of the meritorious older dead, and a jet black horse with inverted boots and a crepe sash on the saddle pommel, escorted by a detail of six men with inverted loots in memory of Colonel Frederick Galbraith, late commander of the meritorious Legion, recently killed in an automobile accident. Colonel Galbraith was to have taken a prominent part in the convention.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our customers and friends for their much appreciated patronage given us during our years in the grocery business, and hope they will continue their patronage with the new firm. Gratefully,  
SEWELL & MCKINNEY.

## Weather For Kentucky

Partly cloudy weather with local thundershowers tonight or Tuesday; little change in temperature.

## Today's Livestock Markets

Cincinnati, June 27—Hogs steady; Chicago lower; lambs steady; calves lower; cattle slow.

## CUTTING ON STREET SATURDAY NIGHT

Newland Agee is to appear in police court tonight and answer for the cutting of Lew Baldwin, which took place on First street Saturday night. Baldwin received a pretty bad cut on the side of the head which Dr. Sandlin, dressed the wound, said might have proven fatal had the knife gone a quarter of an inch deeper.

## KOFFMAN ELECTED TO FRANKFORT SCHOOL

His friends here who expected him back next year, were surprised to note in a dispatch from Frankfort that Prof. Gladstone Koffman, who has been principal of Madison High School, was elected principal of the Frankfort High School by the Frankfort Board of Education. He will succeed Prof. M. J. Clarke, resigned. Prof. Koffman is a graduate of Union University, Tennessee, and is attending summer school in Chicago.

## MADISON BOY TO PREACH IN OHIO

His friends at home here are interested to know that Rev. Edward Lawson, of the Big Hill section, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Centerville, O. He has been acting pastor at Gilead, this county, while finishing his work at the Georgetown College. He has just graduated from that famous institution in the ministerial course the A. B. degree, standing close to the head of the class which contained 51 members. Mr. Lawson is a splendid, consecrated young man and his friends at home will watch his career and work in the Master's vineyard with much interest and gratification.

## KELLOGG RE-ELECTED BY CREDIT MEN

M. C. Kellogg, of this city, was re-elected a director of the Lexington Credit Men's Association at their outing on the river Thursday. A feature of the meeting was an informal discussion of the country banking paper by R. E. Turley, cashier of the State Bank & Trust Co., and R. R. Burman, cashier of the Madison National Bank, of Richmond, who were invited guests.

A. B. Bleidt of Lexington, was made president and G. B. Lindsey, of Burnside, vice president. John D. Allen is the executive secretary.

The following board of directors was chosen: B. J. McGarry, Lexington, chairman; C. S. Bishop, of Winchester, J. W. Morrison, M. C. Kellogg, Richmond, and H. A. Power, of Paris. About 35 members were present for the outing. They went to Boonesboro in automobiles and then enjoyed a barge trip to Valley View.

## 2,171 Graduates of State University Are Living

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., June 27—Out of a total of 2,244 who have been granted degrees for studies at the institution, there are 2,171 graduates of the University of Kentucky living, according to the Alumni directory of the institution issued today by the Alumni Association. This directory is the first issued since 1916.

During the period since the founding of the university in 1865 15,000 young men and women have been students within its walls. The oldest living graduate of the University is William Benjamin Munson, of the class of 1869. He is president of the Denison Cotton Mill Company, Denison, Texas.

## MADISON GROWERS RALLY TO BIG PLAN

### Almost A Million Pounds of Tobacco Signed Up So Far With Some of Biggest Farmers

Encouraging reports come from all sections of Madison county in regard to tobacco organization under the Sapto plan. The local organization committee plans to have a close organization of farmers and growers in every precinct in the county, and to make Madison one of the first to report its 75 per cent of crop signed, if possible.

About 100,000 more pounds were signed up Saturday by growers, making close to a million pounds that have been signed by Madison growers so far, with many others ready to sign as soon as the papers are presented to them. A partial list of those farmers who have signed up their tobacco so far and are doing all they can to make the plan a big success is as follows:

- J. M. Adams.
- Sam Weeks and Son.
- C. P. Wagers.
- Mrs. S. J. Mason and Son.
- Charley Hollingsworth.
- Charles H. Gilson.
- Sam Hockaday.
- Speed Taylor.
- E. H. Wagers.
- Parks Bros.
- E. W. Turner.
- Hiram Hughes.
- Floyd Coy.
- C. C. Ramsey and Son.
- Green Merritt.
- H. Blakeman and Son.
- Jno. Mappin.
- E. M. Ross.
- W. O. Hendren.
- Oscar Helton.
- Hargis Brandenburg.
- J. B. Cox.
- Bennett Bros.
- J. W. Stewart.
- Tom E. Hendron.
- Smith Hagin.
- J. S. Cotton and Bros.
- Jno. Haynes.
- H. W. Coy.
- C. F. Reynolds.
- Hendricks and Blakeman.
- L. P. Tudor.
- Walter Tisdale.
- H. L. Francis.
- R. G. Woods.
- Charles Weeks.
- W. O. and E. C. Moore.
- Jack and Gny Duerson.
- P. H. Moore.
- W. P. Moore.
- H. W. Noland.
- A. K. McQuinn.
- T. S. Birnam.
- T. S. Hagau.
- Jas. J. Neale.
- C. F. Chenaunt.
- T. D. Chenaunt.
- H. W. Rodgers.
- L. M. Neale.
- Waller Bennett.
- Ike Hutelinson.
- Jack Wagers.
- C. H. Jett.
- W. B. Turley.
- Jno. D. Goodloe.
- Jno. Blevin.
- H. B. Hanger, Jr.
- Jake Lawson.
- E. W. Carson.
- Geo. W. Phelps.
- M. F. Ar buckle and Son.
- Vernon Lear.
- Mrs. Pattie Stone.
- T. J. Curtis and Son.
- J. R. McKinney and Son.
- H. B. Hanger.
- James Bolin.
- J. C. Pope.
- J. C. West.
- Campbell Cousin.
- Robt. H. Long.
- Blakeman and Rose.
- Harry S. Morgan.
- Lyman Whittaker.
- B. J. Broadius.
- Jephth Jett.
- G. W. Brown.
- John Gordon.
- James J. Neale.

## Today's Produce Prices

Quoted and paid by the Renaker Poultry Company.

Eggs	18 cents dozen
Hens	17 cents lb
Large Broilers	35c lb
Small Broilers	25c lb
Roosters	6c lb
Ducks	14c lb
Geese	8c lb
Turkeys	15c lb
Hams	25c lb
Beef Hides, No. 1	3c lb
Horse Hides, No. 1	\$2 each