

CO-OPERATION AND NOT CRITICISM IS NEEDED

As evidence of the thorough manner in which State's Attorney Bailey and Attorney-General Lane is investigating the hanging of Mathew Williams here December 4, every person known to have witnessed any part of the execution of that tragical affair is being grilled by the investigators. Every scrap of information that might lead to identification of the mob leaders is being traced to its source.

If further indication is needed to prove that a sincere investigation is being made, former Mayor W. Arthur Kennerly, foreman of the coroner's jury, has stated he will have a subpoena issued for Henry L. Mencken and the editorial writers of the Sunpapers.

If a resident of Salisbury stated in the presence of a member of the coroner's jury that the mob leaders are known, that citizen would summarily be brought to the witness stand to disclose any information he has in his possession upon which he based his remarks.

Mencken and the Sunpapers have stated and repeated that the mob's members are known, therefore they should make this information available to the coroner's jury by coming down here to testify without having to be subpoenaed or brought under police escort. And if they decline to give the jury such testimony then Mr. Mencken and the Sunpapers are not co-operating in bringing the guilty parties to account.

Mr. Kennerly is not only exercising a juror's prerogative in planning to get this evidence from Mencken and the Sunpapers, but he would be performing his duties with a thoroughness that is commendable.

If the Sunpapers and Mencken would give some amount of co-operation in this respect and less criticism of the investigation, the whole matter would be brought to a conclusion earlier than would otherwise be possible.