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Killers Of Patrolman Steal License Plate In Louisburg

The two escaped convicts that shot it out with patrol officers, killing Trooper James Hugh Marshburn, 21, of Carolina Beach, near Lumberton last Saturday passed through Louisburg sometime between their escape on Wednesday and the gun fight on Saturday.

Olin (Junior) Fowler, 40, of Nichols, S. C., who was fatally wounded in the gun battle, and William G. Perry, 32, of Franklinton, N. C., stole a license plate off an automobile belonging to Graham Griffin while the car was parked at his home on East Nash St. here in Louisburg, according to Police Chief William Dement.

Dement said that Griffin had not missed the tag, and Dement knew nothing about it until he was called by officials after the patrolman was killed near Lumberton. The tag was on the car found nearby, and re-

ported to have been stolen by Fowler and Perry.

The Franklinton man was serving 20 years for robbery with firearms and housebreaking in Wake and Granville counties. He and Fowler, serving a 50 year term for accessory to murder, walked away from a work gang in Raleigh last Wednesday, to start a three-day reign of terror. During the time, the two escapees were reported to have broken into the Youngsville National Guard Armory in Youngsville, shot and seriously wounded a Whiteville couple, stashed the armory and other loot near the Vance County line, stole an automobile and a license tag, plus the murder of a highway patrolman five miles from Lumberton.

Reports on the Franklin County man, who survived the gun battle to face charges of accessory before the fact of mur-

der, has a long history of misconduct. He was convicted of housebreaking in Oxford; robbing a motel and drive in movie in Wake County. He had been paroled twice. He joined the army when he was 17 years old and received a dishonorable discharge, spending most of his hitch in the brig, according to reports.

Perry's father lives in California and the convict had lived with his father until 1957 when he came to live with his mother in Franklinton. Because of the residence, he is known in Franklinton as "California." Two years ago he was arrested by local sheriff's officers for having two pistols in the seat of his car, taken from a man identified as Smith of the Bobbitt Community where Perry worked at the time. Smith did not press charges and the matter was dropped.

James Yarborough, 45 year old Franklinton, Rt. 1 Negro, became "Franklin County's eighth highway fatality of the year Saturday night when he stepped into the path of a State Highway Patrol car north of Franklinton, on U. S. 1 by-pass.

According to a report from Cpl. J. E. Rawls of Oxford, the accident occurred, "Saturday night at 9:40 p.m., three tenths of a mile north of Franklinton, when a Patrol car operated by Dwight Moody Hinton, Trooper (of Louisburg, N. C.), was pursuing a speeder south on U. S. 1, when James Yarborough, Rt. 1, Franklinton, n/m/45, walked into the path of the Patrol car and was struck and killed."

"Trooper E. M. Roberts, (of Franklinton, N. C.), who was riding in the Patrol car, received a cut on the right forearm and abrasions on the neck and glass cuts. He was treated at Franklin Memorial Hospital. Hinton was not injured. Investigation is still in progress and an inquest may be called," Rawls continued.

The speeder that was being chased by Hinton and Roberts,

Inquest

Franklin County Coroner James H. Edwards announced this morning that an inquest has been ordered in the death of James Yarborough, 45 year old Franklinton, Rt. 1, Negro, who was struck and killed by a state highway patrol car early Saturday night near Franklinton. The inquest is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in Franklinton.

Hospital Bond Vote Is Official

The Franklin County Commissioners, in session Monday, made the hospital bond vote in November official. At the called public hearing, there was no opposition to the election and upon motion duly made and carried, the Board announced that bonds totaling \$325,000 would be voted on November 3, 1964.

The vote will be "For" or "Against" on the ballot and will read as follows: "FOR the order finally passed September 21, 1964, authorizing the County of Franklin, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said county may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract and in evidence thereof to issue County Hospital Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$325,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for improving and enlarging the

escaped. Hinton is said to have reported that he would recognize the car should he see it again. The speed clock had been set up a short distance north of the accident spot, and the speeder was clocked at 70 miles per hour, when Hinton pulled out in pursuit.

Yarborough, reportedly returning home from a nearby cafe, had crossed U. S. 1 leading to the downtown section of Franklinton and apparently waited in the traffic island for the speeding car to pass. Then, thinking he could make it across before the approaching vehicle arrived, he started across. He was reported to have been run-

ning at the point of impact. The victim was cut in to by the impact, with the upper portion of his body crashing through the windshield of the car on the riders side and finally rolling off the hood a short distance away. The lower portion of the body was carried underneath the car yards

further down the road. The patrol car finally came to a halt across the road and down a slight embankment.

Yarborough lived with an unidentified sister near the scene of the accident. He was married and the father of a daughter. The wife and daughter are reported to live in New Jersey.

Patrol Car Kills Negro



Accident Scene

Pictured above is intersection of U. S. 1 and U. S. 1-A north of Franklinton where James Yarborough, 45-year-old Rt. 1, Franklinton negro, was killed instantly Saturday night when struck by a highway patrol car. Yarborough stepped from be-

hind numbered signs and was struck (1) with the upper part of his body being thrown to the right (2) and the lower portion being dragged to point (3). The patrol car finally came to a halt off the highway (4).

-Times Staff Photo.



Market Flooded

Solid line of trucks loaded with tobacco are shown above as local warehouses were flooded with the leaf last Thursday night, after the announcement of the three-day holiday this

week. Every warehouse was filled for last Friday's sales and are expecting more of the same when the market resumes operations Thursday.

-Times Staff Photo.

Market Resumes Operations Thursday

The Louisburg Tobacco Market will resume operations Thursday morning here, after a three day holiday, called to alleviate congestion in the plants of the Stabilization Corporation. The market will open Thursday and Friday. Some erroneous reports had the market closed on Friday, but they will be open this Friday.

The markets will be closed, however, each Friday after this week until further notice.

Sales last week were good on

Dick Collier Is Manager For Goldwater

P. Huber Hanes of Hanes Knitting Company of Winston-Salem, State Chairman of the North Carolina Citizens for Goldwater, has appointed R. C. (Dick) Collier of Louisburg chairman of the Franklin County Citizens for Goldwater. Dick Collier operates Dick's Drive-In on Bickett Blvd. in Louisburg. Finance chairman of the Goldwater group is Mrs. Frances Duke, also of Louisburg. Both are registered Democrats.

Citizens for Goldwater is a bipartisan national organization which in North Carolina is led mostly by Democrats, most prominently Mr. Hanes as State Chairman. Dr. John H. Hall, Citizens for Goldwater Director for Eastern North Carolina, resigned from his medical internship at Duke Hospital to work full time for Goldwater's election.

Full time Citizens for Goldwater headquarters have already been opened in many Eastern North Carolina counties including Durham, Vance, Halifax, Craven, and Cumberland.

Thefts And Break Ins Reported

Two break ins and two stolen motor vehicles have been reported over the weekend, according to the Sheriff's Department here. Break ins occurred at J. O. Higwood's Store near Bunn early Saturday morning, and near the same time another break in was reported at Whitaker's Store on U. S. 401.

Both robberies are being investigated and no arrests had been made late yesterday. Another break in was reported in Wake County on Highway 98, but no details were available.

Two motor vehicles were reported stolen in the Pearce community Friday night. One was a panel truck and the other a passenger automobile. Tommy Pearce, 18, Route 3, Zebulon youth, was arrested by Louisburg police early Saturday morning in possession of the stolen car.

The other vehicle theft and break ins are being investigated by Sheriff's officers.

To read, without thinking, is not to become informed.

Never argue with friends over a nonessential.

Caught In The Act

A 20 year old Louisburg Negro was caught in the act, early Monday morning, as he was discovered inside Louisburg Milling Company on South Main St. by policeman Hubert Shearin. James Yarborough, Rt. 3, Louisburg is lodged in the county jail under \$500 bond for breaking and entering.

The milling company had been broken in to Saturday night but the buglar had not been apprehended. Officers kept an eagle eye on the place for future developments. Around 12:45 a.m. Monday, Shearin discovered the youth inside the building and called policeman Thurston Bottoms to assist in the arrest. A hearing in the case is set for October 6, 1964.



Plant Work Progresses

Work progresses on new Gay Products plant here as workmen pour floor and start on walls of building. The new water tank is nearing completion at the plant site and

Boxscore

Raleigh--The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, September 21:

KILLED TO DATE	1099
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR	912

Franklin Memorial Hospital and acquiring any necessary equipment therefor, and a tax therefor."

In other action, the Board allotted \$4,000 of excess county road funds to the new Gay Line Drive road at the site of the new plant on the Franklinton road. The funds to be used to complete the paving of the road at the plant. The Board heard Mr. Sam W. Pope of Rocky Mount, Project Supervisor of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Food Distribution Division, explain the Food Stamp Program. The Board took no action in this matter.

Boarding Home Patient's Death Attributed To Heart Attack

The death of a 66-year-old male patient at Benjamin Franklin Boarding Home earlier this month, has been the cause of a number of rumors and some unsubstantiated statements locally, according to reports.

The patient, Charlie Birchette, formerly of Granville County and a resident of Franklin for a number of years, died in Franklin Memorial Hospital on Friday, September 11, of what the attending physician described as a heart attack. According to reports from the Boarding Home, Birchette was

given a bath by an attendant in the presence of two other patients. After the bath was completed and Birchette had been returned to his room, the attendant noticed that some skin was peeling from several areas of the man's body and called Mr. Rufus Place, manager of the Home. The areas appeared to be burns, according to Place and he called Dr. Carey Perry, who instructed that the patient be brought to the hospital, where the patient was admitted.

Dr. Doyle Medders, a partner in the Medders-Perry Clinic here with Dr. Carey Perry, also treated Birchette during his stay in the hospital and signed the death certificate. Dr. Medders said that while the wounds appeared to be burns, they were limited to the victim's hands, feet and back and that they, in no way, contributed to his death. Medders said the wounds could have been from disease known as "Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis."

The New England Journal of Medicine in its September 17 issue refers to this disease as "A diffuse bullous eruption of acute onset associated with marked tender skin." Pictures accompanying this article show skin peeling very similar to those caused by burns.

Place said that he and the attendant both checked on the temperature of the water and found it "luke warm," and that he could not understand how Birchette requested a cigarette and did not complain of any discomfort. He also said that even when the ambulance came for him, the other patients did not realize anything was wrong with Birchette.

It was reported that the victim suffered from loss of memory and that his physical and

mental condition made it impossible to find out from him, how he felt. One observer said that "He probably would have been dead a long time ago, without the splendid treatment he has been receiving at the Boarding Home."

Mr. Place, Monday afternoon, said he was perfectly willing to have the entire matter investigated. He said he had done nothing wrong and had nothing to hide and would cooperate 100% with any investigating agency. He also said that he had another patient that showed signs similar to those on Birchette last week but that they seemed to be clearing up now. Birchette, who had suffered from a stroke and heart trouble died at the local hospital early Friday morning, September 11. He was taken to the hospital on Tuesday, September 8, according to reports.

Fox Signs Contract

The Louisburg District School Committee gave Coach Al Fox a principal's contract last Thursday night. The move had been expected following the resignation of E. H. Stallings as principal on Tuesday.

Fox is to assume the duties of principal as soon as a replacement is found for his social studies department and coaching duties. It is reported that a replacement has been selected, but has not yet been officially announced by the school.

Education: The understanding that you do not believe what somebody tells you to believe.