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OFFICER SHOTS NEGRO SUNDAY WHILE RESISTING ARREST

Coroners Jury After Hearing The Evidence on Monday Morning Completely Exonerates Chief Tucker.

Freddie Green, a negro barber of Louisburg was shot and instantly killed on Sunday afternoon about four o'clock by Chief of Police J. C. Tucker, after he had been arrested and when in the act of resisting.

It seems that on Saturday night Ed Gill, colored who has been recognized as Louisburg's most notorious blind tiger, was arrested and placed in jail upon a bench warrant issued by Judge E. B. Cline, and through some source Chief Tucker found out where a lot of his liquor was. Tucker summoned Mr. H. C. Williams on Sunday afternoon to assist in finding and seizing this whiskey. They went to the home of Nina Ruffin and Keran Shaw, two respectable negro women, and began the search. Here, Tucker informs us, he found five or six negro men and women in and near the house drunk. Soon after he entered the house Freddie Green came up exclaiming "he would let no g-d-d-m man search his house and get his liquor." Fred entered the house and several times Chief Tucker had to force him from out of his way. However Tucker succeeded in getting practically all the booze there was in the house and put it in the buggy.

After getting this far Freddie continued his mouthing and was assisted by Tom Green. Upon instructions from Chief Tucker Tom shut up but was reprimanded by Freddie by saying "Hell you are over the river and he can't do anything with you." By this time Tucker was in the buggy preparatory to leaving and after this remark he got out and ordered Freddie to get into the buggy to go to jail, whereupon he was told he won't go to do it and then began to advance upon Tucker, who retreated, trying to get a chance to club him with the butt end of his buggy whip, but the negro's advancement was so swift he failed in this mode of stopping him. Tucker was going backward up hill, and Green getting near enough struck him under the jaw—Tucker dodging sufficient to keep the blow from causing him any damage, but the force caused him to fall backward when Green jumped upon him. Tucker immediately reached for his pistol and began firing, placing five shots in Green's body before stopping, killing him instantly. In the mix up when Chief Tucker fell, Tom Green stepped up and took hold of Tucker's left shoulder. His explanation to the coroners jury was that he intended assisting Tucker, and thought he had hold of Freddie.

The evidence of Mr. H. C. Williams, Tom Green, Otho Pettiford and Pratt Perry was practically the same up until the shooting began when there was no one left to tell the remainder of the tale but Mr. Williams and Chief Tucker.

The above is about the gist of evidence that was presented to the coroner's jury which was composed of W. K. Massenburg, K. P. Hill, D. F. McKinne, B. N. Williamson, M. F. Houck and B. G. Hicks, on Monday morning in the court house before special coroner J. A. Turner.

After deliberating over the evidence about two minutes the jury gave out the following verdict, which together with the report of the coroner is as follows:

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of March, 1913, J. A. Turner, Special Coroner, of said county, attended by a jury of good and lawful men, K. P. Hill, M. F. McKinne, W. K. Williamson, D. F. Houck, B. N. Williamson, B. G. Hicks, by me summoned for the purpose, according to law, and after being by me duly sworn and empanelled in Louisburg township, Franklin county, did hold an inquest over the dead body of Fred Green, and after inquiring into the facts and circumstances of the death of the deceased from a view of the corpse and a consideration of testimony to be procured, the jury finds as follows to wit: That the deceased came to his death by a pistol ball fired by Chief of Police Claude Tucker, a lawful officer, in the discharge of his duty in self defense. And the said Tom Green and Otho Pettiford be discharged from any blame.

M. F. HOUCK, K. P. HILL, B. N. WILLIAMSON, D. F. HOUCK, W. K. MASSENBURG,

B. G. Hicks. Inquest held and record signed in presence of J. A. Turner, special Coroner of Franklin County.

Union Meeting at the Baptist Church.

Beginning this Friday 7:30 P. M., the Franklin County Union will hold its present session with the Baptist Church of this place. The introductory sermon will be preached tonight by Rev. Geo. M. Duke, of Mapleville, who is perhaps the most widely known and best loved man in this entire section of the country, and this announcement will bring joy to his host of Louisburg friends. An unusually fine program has been arranged for Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock and continuing through the day. Such men will speak as Hon. R. Bruce White, Prof. Beam, Prof. Tanner, Prof. Sledge, Rev. M. Stamps, Rev. G. M. Duke, Rev. W. L. Griggs, and Rev. I. P. Frazier, of Wake Forest, and others.

Sunday will be a great day. At 9:45, the Sunday school will render a special missionary program. At 11 o'clock, two strong young men from the Volunteer Missionary Band at Wake Forest will speak. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Rev. W. L. Griggs will speak on the Judson Memorial movement. Mr. Griggs is a preacher of marked ability.

Dinner will be served to the guest in the basement of the church on Sunday. All the members of the Louisburg church are urged to bring a well filled basket and to spend a social hour together and with our guests from the other churches.

The Big Land Sale.

The big sale of the King property which will take place here next Thursday gives promise of a big day for Louisburg. To this sale has been added the Pernal hotel property which will be cut up into four lots on the front and one lot on the back, the house to be moved on the lot facing Franklin street. The putting in shape of the King property preparatory to the sale is in progress and quite a change in this section of the town will be made before the time for the sale. The sale will be conducted by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., who have been so successful in the past with such sales. Mr. Vick, the clever representative of the above company and Mr. Turner the owner of the property have shown a determination to get the crowd by putting on a lot of prizes. These prizes are on display in the windows of the firms from whom they were purchased as follows:

A majestic range—McKinnis Bros. Co. Sideboard—W. E. White Furniture Co. Refrigerator—Howell-Bunn-Hudson. Ladies Coat Suit—Candler-Crowell Co. Suit of Clothes—F. W. Wheelers. Barrell of Flour—B. G. Hicks.

A full description of these prizes can be seen in the page advertisement of the sale on the last page. We are requested to say everybody who attends the sale will have an equal showing for the prizes but no one person shall be entitled to but one of them should they be lucky enough to draw more than one. In the latter case the next ticket drawn will be declared the winner.

Box Party.

There will be a Box Party at Hickory Rock academy Saturday night 29th of March for the benefit of Mt. Gilgild church. All the girls in the neighborhood and all others are requested to come and bring a box and all the boys come with your pocket-book full of money. There will be other things to sell.

To Make Ice Cream.

Mr. E. L. Harris, who has had his home near town moved to face the good roads and other improvements made about his place, informs us he has purchased a most modern creamery apparatus with the necessary fixtures for freezing ice cream for the market. He says that as soon as the season opens he will begin his new enterprise at once.

Town Commissioners Meet.

The board of town commissioners met in a called session Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of granting the change of the street at the King property. The board authorized the Mayor and the Clerk to receive a deed for a street—the continuation of Middle street from Elm street to the power plant and to execute a deed to Mr. J. A. Turner for the present street near this point. The effect of this change is the straightening of Middle street making a great improvement in that section.

TORNADO DOES DAMAGE

PRACTICALLY DESTROYS RALSTON NEBRASKA

Tremendous Damage to Both Property and Life in the City of Omaha—Streets Filled With Wreckage.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—One hundred and forty killed, 240 injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed was the toll of a tornado which swept Omaha and its suburbs last night, according to the estimate made at four o'clock this afternoon.

Accurate figures are not available. It is thought that 350 houses were destroyed and a total of 1,250 buildings damaged. The path of the storm was from four to six blocks wide, and more than eight miles long.

The streets are filled with wreckage of houses, uprooted trees and tangled electric wires. Street car movement is impossible, wagon and automobile travel almost so.

The list of dead, although already a long one, is believed by those that have been over a good part of the devastated territory to be but a beginning. Twenty or more fires were reported in the tract of the storm and every peice of fire fighting apparatus of Omaha as well as companies from South Omaha were kept busy day and night. This and the fact that torrential rain followed the blow the flames were under control late today.

The eastern half of the city—generally composing the business section—was out of the path of the storm but suffered greatly.

The section damaged is the residential portion of the city.

A number of outlying business thoroughfares also are in the destroyed area.

The greater part of the damage was done west of twenty-fourth street, north and south cross streets extending the entire length of the city. Numerous streets with retail stores are in this section with the residence portions of the city scattered in intervening sections.

Many of the best parks of the city are within the district covered. Hanson park near where the storm originated, was greatly damaged, and Benson park one of the show residence districts of the city, was struck with sufficient force to practically wreck all of its homes.

One part of the storm area was between Cumming street on the south and Ames avenue, on the north, and from Twenty-fourth street on the east to 5th 50th street on the west. This is the most thickly populated resident districts in the city and contains some of the largest public schools.

Many of the large churches are in that part of the city. Omaha University was in the path of the storm and is presumed to have been badly damaged.

The little town of Ralston, three miles west of South Omaha, first felt the fury of the storm, which there took a toll of a half dozen or more lives and practically destroyed the town. In a northeasterly direction and almost in a straight line traveled, wrecked many homes in the fashionable, the western portion, of the districts.

FIFTEEN PERISH AT YUTAN.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—Ten persons are known to be dead and it is believed the list will reach fifteen at Yutan, about thirty-five miles northwest of here, where the tornado, which later did such havoc at Omaha, first began its destructive work. Berlin and Ashland, Neb., also suffered serious damage.

Farmers Union Meeting.

The regular county meeting of the Farmers Union of Franklin county will be held in the court house at Louisburg on Thursday, April 3rd, the first Thursday. A full attendance is especially desired.

T. J. HARRIS, Pres. T. H. SLEDGE, Secy.

At St. Paul's Church.

The congregation of St. Paul's church in Louisburg, began the observance of Easter with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. The church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of lilies banked around the chancel. The Sunday School had a special service with appropriate music at 10:00 a. m. and at which time the children made their Easter offering of their lenten work for missions. The offering of this small band of little workers was \$65.00. Owing to the ap-

pointment of the rector at Kittrell in the morning, the regular Easter services of the adults were held at 8:00 p. m. and the attendance was full. At this service the offering was devoted to assessments on the parish for missions etc, and one-third of the offering was set apart to the building of a chapel for the mission now established at Franklin. The junior order of the brotherhood of St. Andrew, recently established in the parish, also received by initiation six or seven of the youths and boys of the parish into full fellowship. The close of the church year showed progress made which was gratifying to the rector, Rev. E. Lucien Malone, who serves this parish and Kittrell's jointly.

Get Your Copy Before April 4th.

The Sales Manager of The Life and Speeches of Governor Aycock is closing out the entire edition of the book, the plan being to dispose of all the copies now left before April 4th, the first anniversary of Gov. Aycock's death. No man among all our readers who followed Aycock in that memorable and historic campaign of 1900 ought to lose this opportunity to get a book that will be treasured in after years. It is really a great book.

Supt. J. Y. Joyner says this about it: "For me, Aycock lives again in these pages as I knew him and loved him. One of the charms of the book is its freedom from fulsomeness and cold analysis . . . it is a bit of his rich life, his gentle sweet character, his great sympathetic heart, his matchless eloquence set out with rare discrimination and taste."

The regular price of the book is \$1.50 and you can get your copy by sending the amount direct to Mr. W. F. Marshall, the Sales Manager, at Raleigh. Better still, get a friend to order with you and you can get two copies for \$2.50; or better still, send \$3.00 and get three copies. But better yet, just send of bring us \$2.00 for one copy of the book and THE FRANKLIN TIMES one year. We will have the book forwarded by next mail and send our paper as promised. Order to-day. Make sure of a copy for yourself and one for each of your friends before the book goes out of print.

The Way it Looks to the Taxpayer.

As will be seen from the figures below, which in the absence of a public statement one is entitled to toss about in their mind, the town of Louisburg should not be in an awfully bad hole after all. These figures are not intended to be absolutely correct, nor to include everything, but will give a little light on the subject.

RECEIPTS	
Taxes assessed	\$ 13,000.00
Revenue from Water and Light plant	7,200.00
Revenue from costs, licenses, etc., est.	1,000.00
Total,	\$ 21,200.00
EXPENDITURES	
Salary, Mayor	\$ 300.00
.. Clerk	600.00
.. Treasurer	300.00
.. Chief of Police	480.00
.. Night Police	480.00
.. Manager of Firehouse	416.00
.. Superintendent Water and Light Plant	900.00
.. Fireman Water and Light Plant, est.	365.00
Cost Feeding horses, est.	275.00
.. Shavings or Coal, est.	2,009.00
.. Street work, est.	500.00
.. Interest on bonds	3,200.00
.. Sinking Fund, est.	1,000.00
Allowance for items not mentioned and for error in above calculations	5,000.00
Total,	\$ 15,816.00

From the above figures there seems to be, even with the allowance for error of \$5,000.00 or about 33 1-3 per cent which in all business calculations is considered extremely excessive above \$5,000.00 more received each year than is necessary. Just what becomes of all this money, between five and ten thousand dollars each year, the people can't understand, and it looks to us the present administration would be only too glad to give such information to the voters, especially when each member of the Board knows full well it is required by law and that they are personally liable to heavy fines for not doing so.

We will take pleasure in publishing anything that will throw more light upon these conditions. But in the meantime the voters should demand that a full showing be made of the town's condition in detail.

THE MOVING PEOPLE THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

Mr. J. R. Bunn went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. C. C. Hudson visited Vaughan the past week.

Mr. P. B. Griffin visited Rocky Mount last Friday.

Miss Lucy Reavis, of Cary, is visiting her brother Mr. P. A. Reavis.

Mr. John Burt Hill came home from Horner's school to spend Easter.

Mr. G. L. Crowell left Wednesday for a trip to Philadelphia.

Miss Lula B. Person returned from a visit to New York the past week.

Mayor and Mrs. B. T. Holden spent Easter with her father in Portsmouth.

Miss Alma Peggam, of Henderson, visited Misses Bessie and Lillie Hale Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Ruffin, who is attending school at Chapel Hill came home to spend Easter.

Mrs. G. C. Hicks and children, of High Point are visiting at Mr. F. L. Herman's.

Mr. W. D. Morris who has been spending some time at Goldsboro, has returned to Louisburg.

Mr. C. E. Gupton, who has been on a visit to his son in Georgia, returned home Monday.

Mr. Frank C. Hicks, wife and little daughter, of High Point, are visiting his sister, Mrs. F. L. Herman.

Rev. A. D. Wilcox left Wednesday for Greenville to attend the Washington District Conference.

Miss Annie Sutherland, of Danville, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Williams, returned to her home the past week.

Mr. Sam Turner who is coaching baseball at Horner, Oxford, also a former Louisburg ball player, spent Monday in town.

Those attending the State Convention of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, now in session at Raleigh, from the Louisburg church are: Mesdames Emma Allen, W. M. Gilmore, Misses Edna Allen, Grace and Lyph Hall.

Run Over Small Boy.

On last Saturday afternoon while the school children were crossing the river bridge Sid Driver, a white man, through reckless and careless driving ran over Joseph, the little six year-old son of Mr. D. G. Pearce. From what we can learn the boy together with other school children was on his way home and was on the sidewalk when run over and that the horse driven by Driver was apparently under control. The ugly part of the occurrence was that Driver after knowing what he had done did not even stop his horse and see if the child was hurt. The child was brought back up town and examined when it was found no serious damage was done.

Wreckless driving of this kind is not only prohibited by law but is foolish in any man to indulge in and the officers under whose jurisdiction this case comes should make such an example of it that it will discourage any such practice again, as there are so many children who necessarily have to cross the bridge to go to and from school.

Box Party

We are requested to state that there will be a box party at Rock Springs School house on Friday night, April 4th. The public is cordially invited to attend. The proceeds will be contributed to the improvement of the school.

Bunn High School.

The Bunn High School commencement will be somewhat different this year from what it has been. The grammar school department will have their closing exercises on Friday night, April 4th. The high school department will have their closing exercises Friday night, April 18th. The music department, under the direction of Miss Cora Ferebee, will furnish music on both these occasions, as well as for the exercises during the day, Friday, April 18th.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, head of the department of pedagogy in the University of North Carolina, will deliver the annual address, Friday morning, April 18th.

18. Prof. Noble is a noted educator of long service in the state. He is thoroughly at home as a speaker, being clear, forceful, and entertaining. He has the rare combination of keeping you smiling as you listen, and sending you away thinking when his speech is ended.

Superintendent White has consented to speak in the afternoon, along the line of the past work of the school and the progress it ought to make in the immediate future. Mr. White is too well known to Franklin county people to need any introductory as a man or as a speaker. We always hear him gladly and with profit. His address will be followed by a brief summary of the Betterment Work for the year, by the President, Mrs. W. A. Mullen, Jr., or some one appointed to that work.

This will be followed by a ball game—likely between Bunn and Wakelon. Dinner will be served on the ground as usual.

A full program will be announced next week, in the TIMES.

The school has enrolled during the year 145—44 of these from outside the district. The revised census for the district is 110.

Work on the new school building has begun. The contract calls for it to be finished August 1. This assures us a modern, well equipped house to work in for the coming year. This fact increases many times over the usefulness and possibilities of the school. For one thing, it gives us more room—more class room space, and more encouragement to put in laboratory equipment and increase the library. It gives us a splendid auditorium. And it makes it possible for us to increase the school faculty—a thing that is even now necessary.

The Betterment Ladies gave a circus in the Academy, Friday night, March 14th. And in spite of bad weather conditions they cleared \$25.00 in addition to giving those who came a pleasant evening of wholesome fun.

Dr. Arthur Hayes Fleming has made public his intentions to enter the contest for the nomination for Town Commissioner in the coming primary. Dr. Fleming tells us that the first thing he expects to bring about if elected is to have the town's business audited and a statement of its condition published, and to continue the practice of publishing annual statements in detail so long as he remains a member of the Board. Dr. Fleming is a capable and experienced young man whose energies to bring about what he thinks to be right, as is well known to our people, never cease until he becomes successful.

U. D. C. The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. W. E. Uzzell next Wednesday, April 2nd, at 4 o'clock. The life of Jefferson Davis will be the study for the afternoon. All members of the chapter are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. J. P. WINSTON, Pres. Mrs. W. E. UZZELL, Secy.

List of Letters. Remaining in the post office at Louisburg uncalled for week ending March 28, G. M. Alston, E. Creekmore, Lee Johnson, Levassa McMillon, Mrs. Chest King, Amanda King, Leslie King Leslie Perry, Mrs. Allie Perry, Roberta Whitley, Mrs. Eliza Williams 2, Theodore K. Vogel.

Persons calling for any of the above, letters will please say they saw them advertised.

M. W. YARBOROUGH, P. M.

Pope Items. We are sorry to state that Mrs. S. W. McGhee's family is not much better. Mrs. McGhee and her two daughters have been sick for some time. We hope that she will soon recover.

Mrs. W. A. Fuller and daughter and Miss Zelma Holmes spent Easter with relatives in Vance county.

Messrs. R. L. and Wyatt Conyers left Sunday for Granville to spend Easter with their sister, Mrs. Fuller.

Mr. Carrinna Ray, of Wake county, is spending a few days at Poconoke with relatives.

THANKS. Many thanks to my many friends who have helped me in my loss by fire of two weeks ago that destroyed my house and everything that I had. But my loss has been replaced by the good people of Franklin and all around my section. Money, clothing and furniture have been given to me abundantly. I did not know that we had so many good people until this last week.

Yours sincerely, M. H. P. Mallie Perry.