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TAKEN FROM JAIL AND LYNCHED

HELPED HIS SON TO RESIST POSSE.

Without Resistance Mob Takes Negro From Lenoir County Jail to Greene County and Kills Him—Son in State Pen Since Sunday—Craig Is Silent.

Kinston, April 5.—Joseph Black, 50 years old, a negro, was removed from the Lenoir county jail here early today by a mob of armed men and lynched. His body was found several hours later near Lizzie, in Greene county, a dozen miles away.

Black was the father of 16-year old William Black, who last Saturday was removed from the Greene county jail to Goldsboro, and Sunday afternoon taken by Sheriff Edwards, of Wayne county, to the State Prison at Raleigh. It was reported that Governor Craig requested Sheriff Edwards to take this action.

William Black is charged with having criminally assaulted a six-year-old white child in Greene county last Saturday. After the crime was committed, the boy went to his home, where, it was said, his father supplied him with guns and ammunition with which to resist the posse.

He was captured by a posse after a running fight in which one of the officers and several others were slightly wounded.

Joseph Black was later arrested and charged with having assisted his son in his effort to make an escape.

Jailor Offered No Resistance.

Jailor H. V. Allen did not offer resistance when nine unmasked men, at the head of a mob of more than 100, awakened him and demanded the prisoner. The officer, knowing that it was fruitless to attempt to resist, surrendered the negro. The mob acted in silence, and, with the exception of several officials, no one in the city knew of the affair until daylight.

Black was spirited away immediately after the mob gained possession of him.

His body, riddled with bullets, was found in the middle of a road about five miles from Snow Hill.

Greene Sheriff Suspected Violence.

Sheriff Williams, of Greene county, suspecting that violence was intended, brought Black to Kinston from Snow Hill last night for safekeeping. It is believed here that the mob was organized in Greene county and left for Kinston in a body.

Governor Craig Won't Talk.

Raleigh, April 5.—Governor Craig today declined to comment on the lynching of Joseph Black, declaring that he would remain silent until all the facts were before him.

The Governor said that late yesterday he ordered a special term of the Greene county Superior Court to be held to try William Black on a charge of criminal assault. The court will convene on Monday, May 15.

Health Department

The County Board of Health met in Louisburg on last Monday to hold its annual meeting. Capt. T. S. Collier, chairman called the meeting to order. Mayor L. L. Joyner, secretary, called the roll and all being present the minutes of the last meeting were approved. The County Physician made his report for the last year in which he stated that the town and county had enjoyed a fairly healthy year. Only a few cases of diphtheria, two or three cases of scarlet fever, only a few cases of small pox in the eastern part of the county. Not a single case of typhoid fever in town during 1915 and not many in the county. He also reported that Pellagra which was very prevalent in the county last summer had been successfully handled and that people had been fully instructed as to the cause, cure and prevention and at present we hear little or nothing of this disease. He also reported that he had entered into a campaign of war against the Great White Plague Tuberculosis in which work he was being assisted by the Civic League of Louisburg and the County Commissioners. The plan of work is to secure the names and addresses of all parties who are suffering with the disease, go to see them, make the diagnosis and if they have Tuberculosis to try and make arrangements to get them into the Tubercular Sanatorium at Montross. The cost at this State Sanatorium is one dollar per day, and the patient can arrange to go we make application for admission to the Institution. If they cannot be accept-

ed at once, while they are waiting we go to their home and establish patient in their home with surroundings as nearly like or approximating those at the Sanatorium as possible. Instruct them and the family how to handle the case in a manner to cure the patient and at the same time prevent them from giving it to the family and attendant. Verbal instructions are given and literature with full plain and sensible rules and regulations to be systematically and intelligently carried out. The Health Officer stated that it had been gratifying to see and know how many of these unfortunates who taken in time had been restored to health again. He said that his work did not interfere with the work and treatment of the family physician, the health physician work being almost entirely from a hygienic sanitary standpoint insisting on the open air concentrated diet idea. If we should not be able to get them into the State Sanatorium, we continue the treatment at their homes with bright hope that when the cases are taken in the early stages of the disease, it can be cured. At any rate they can be made more comfortable, life prolonged and prevent the disease from spreading. He said that when a patient moved from a house he went to the place, have the room cleaned up with soap and antiseptic and thoroughly fumigated before any one occupied it again. This plan was also pursued if patient should die. After a full discussion of the subject (Tuberculosis) Dr. S. P. Burt made a motion that the County Board of Health recommend and request the Board of County Commissioners to make a reasonable appropriation to aid in carrying on this work against Tuberculosis. The motion was seconded and voted on and carried unanimously and Dr. Burt was appointed a committee of one to present the resolution to the Board of County Commissioners at their present meeting. After accepting the Health Officer's report and discussing the necessity of having a public accommodation for the town and general public near the river the meeting adjourned with thanks to Dr. Perry for the use of his office in which to hold our meeting.

Mayor's Court.

Mayor Joyner had quite an interesting session of City Court on Monday morning.

The first case called was for disorderly conduct against Augustus Williams, Ed Perry, Zollie Holden, Clyde Williams, James Hinton, Bennie Brown. The evidence, although mostly circumstantial, was pretty strong against the whole crowd for crap shooting, and the Mayor's first action was to hold them for Court under bonds of \$100 each, but afterwards allowed them to pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs making a total of about \$9.00 each. There was one other in the number named Hampton who was expected to make a State witness, but as his evidence was so different from the statement made to the officers he was allowed to share with the crowd.

Angy Perry was called to answer to a charge of disorderly conduct by being drunk and cursing on the streets. She was allowed to pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs. During the development of the evidence in this case it was proven that Pearly Perry was also drunk on the streets. She was discharged by the payment of the costs.

Mrs. M. E. Strickland.

The funeral services of Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Strickland, who died Thursday in a hospital in Raleigh as a result of a very serious operation, was held Friday afternoon in the Rock Spring Baptist church, seven miles south of this place, Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, of Louisburg, conducting the service.

Mrs. Strickland was a highly esteemed lady in this county and has a large and prominent family connection. The following children survive her: Mrs. A. P. Strickland, Franklin county; Mrs. Clyde Brantley, of Zebulon; J. Burt Strickland, of Lexington, Ky.; Ellis Strickland, of Danville, Va.; Misses Mollie and Ina Strickland, and Mr. Seba Strickland, of near Louisburg. One sister, Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Bunn, and two brothers, J. W. Wheelless, of this city, and S. T. Wheelless, of Oklahoma, also survive her.

—Quite a lot of iron has arrived for the new bridge and it is expected that work will soon begin on the construction of the temporary bridge.

AUDITOR MAKES REPORT

WATER AND LIGHT COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR WATER PIPES.

Reports Received, Making Good Showing—Minor Business Attended to of Routine Nature.

The Board of Town Commissioners met on Tuesday night with all present. After reading and approving minutes of the previous meetings, business was disposed of as follows.

Report of A. W. Alston, Clerk, was received. He reports collecting light rents \$685.73; water rents \$331.40—total \$1,017.13. Taxes collected, General \$350.26, special light \$87.51, special water \$437.70—total \$875.47.

Report of D. C. High, Chief of Police for March was received and filed. He reports collecting costs \$27.75, licenses pool rooms \$20.00, licenses pressing clubs \$18.75, licenses cigarettes \$3.75—total \$70.25.

The matter of moving the water pipes now on the old bridge was left to the Water and Light Committee.

The report of Mr. J. G. Mills, who audited the town's finances was received and ordered recorded. It is as follows:

Louisburg, N. C., March 1, 1916. To the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg, Gentlemen:

I herewith submit a report of my investigation of the town books in the office of the City Clerk, beginning said investigation with May, 1909.

Report

1st. The final report of T. W. Watson, Treas. (See Book of Official Reports, Page 232) shows a balance on hand at the time of his succession by E. S. Ford of \$89.26. Mr. Watson submitted to your auditor a statement of his receipts and expenditures, accompanied by the proper vouchers which showed an error in the above report, and a balance due the town which has been paid.

2nd. The report of S. C. Holder, collector of Light and Water rents for February, 1912, shows a balance due the town of \$92.43 and Mr. Holden states that he has the amount in the bank ready to turn over to the town.

3rd. There is a discrepancy in the amount of Light and Water rents and Taxes reported collected and paid over to the treasurer, E. S. Ford, by R. H. Davis, Clerk and the amount reported by E. S. Ford, Treasurer, as received from R. H. Davis, Clerk as follows:

Report of R. H. Davis shows: Taxes 1911 collected and paid to E. S. Ford, Treas. \$12,210.14 Light and Water rents, May 1911 to June 1, 1913 13,513.45

Amount reported by E. S. Ford, Treasurer \$25,723.59

Deficit \$1,849.99

Amount reported by S. C. Holden, Collector, and not accounted for by E. S. Ford, Treasurer 281.75

Total Deficit \$2,130.75

Mr. Ford presents as an offset against this deficit paid vouchers to the amount of \$2,067.10 which a careful examination of the records show has never been paid by the town and for which he has not received credit—these paid vouchers represent a bill of \$452.85 presented at the termination of his term of office and \$1,614.25 in other bills marked "paid."

4th. All the records in the office of the town clerk were checked from May 1st, 1909, to February 1st, 1916, consisting of the Vouchers, Light and Water books, Tax books, Ledgers, Reports, etc.

5th. It is due your present clerk, A. W. Alston, to say that his accounts from the beginning of his administration are in admirable shape, every dollar accounted for by the proper vouchers filed in order and immediately accessible when called for; his books properly balanced and well kept; and his method of handling the town business efficient and accurate. The only recommendation that I have to make in regard to his present method is the installation of a daily, weekly or monthly balance sheet.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Justice Commencement.

The closing exercises of Justice High School were highly creditable to both pupils and teachers.

On Friday night, March 24th, the exercises by the Primary pupils were

very enjoyable, and showed careful training by the teachers, Misses Belle Wright and Oma White.

Rev. G. M. Duke came on Sunday night, the 26th, and delighted the audience with one of his very best sermons. He chose as his subject, "Jesus Christ, a Son, a Shield and a Rewarder." The sermon was a rare gem in thought, and was clothed in beautiful language.

On Monday night, the 24th, the exercises by the pupils of the Intermediate grades were very much enjoyed. The program bore evidence of much faithful work on the part of the teacher, Miss Clara Long.

The public debate on Tuesday night, the 28th, was a rare treat. The query, "Resolved, That we Should Have Woman Suffrage in the United States," was well discussed. The affirmative side was ably upheld by W. C. Stallings and Mattie Bowden, and the negative by Ollie Harris and Ellah Wheelless. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the negative. Mr. J. F. Wheelless, a former student, but now a student at Mars Hill, offered a medal for the best speech on debate. The judges decided that W. C. Stallings was the winner of this medal.

Wednesday, the 29th, was Commencement Day. The songs and piano selections showed excellent taste and training on the part of Mrs. T. H. Steggs, the gifted and accomplished music teacher.

Wayland Sledge and Bernard Stallings contested for a declaimer's medal. Both acquitted themselves well. The judges rendered their decision in favor of Bernard Stallings.

Rev. O. W. Sawyer, of Spring Hope, a very choice and appropriate words, delivered the speaker of the occasion. Prof. J. F. Mull, Principal of Spring Hope Graded School, the speaker announced as his subject,

in a thoughtful manner he discussed the physical, moral and cultural sides of his subject. His address was masterful and forceful and greatly pleased his hearers.

Rev. Mr. Sawyer, in his usually happy and characteristic manner, delivered medals, certificates and prizes as follows: Debater's medal to W. C. Stallings, High School Scholarship medal to Lucile Wheelless, Declamation medal to Bernard Stallings, Intermediate Scholarship medal to Little Boone, Speller's medal to Ray Bowden, Prize for best attendance to Bernard Stallings, Music Medal to Ernest Wheelless, Bible to Noel Bunn for second best average mark in High School work, Seventh Grade Certificate to Lucile Wheelless, Gladys Sledge, Monnie Stallings, Pauline Bowden, Vivian Wheelless, Mabel Vaughan, and Clara Hayes.

The dinner hour arrived, a sumptuous feast was spread, of which all partook heartily and happily.

In the afternoon a match game of baseball was played by the Wilder and Spring Hope teams. The score was four to nothing in favor of Wilder's.

At night a large and appreciative audience assembled to hear the play, "The Thread of Destiny." The twenty-five different characters acted their several parts admirably. Frequently the actors were greeted with cheers from the audience. All pronounced the play a great success, and the Curtain of Time fell on the best session of Justice School.

Stop! Look! Read!

If you want to miss the most enjoyable occasion of the year, stay away from Mapleville Academy, Friday night, April 14th. If you want to have an evening of real pleasure, be at Mapleville Academy by eight o'clock Friday night, April 14th.

The Fiddlers' Convention at Mapleville has always been a success and the one this year promises to be the best of all. The fiddlers are all practicing for the contest and several are expecting to walk away with the two dollar prize. The banjo contest will also be very lively.

Refreshments will be served after the music, so bear in mind that it is well to be on time. Admission, 25c and 15c.

Spring Opening.

The spring opening at I. J. Deitz Co., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week was well attended and a success. The many pretty fabrics were arranged in most tasty designs and presented spring in all its gaiety.

CEDAR ROCK ROAD ELECTION RETURNS

APPOINT TAX LIST TAKERS FOR COUNTY AND SCHOOLS.

Ladies Petition Granted Allowing them To Beautify and Make Sanitary Court Square—Other Business of Routine Nature.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meetings business was disposed of as follows.

Jennie Cooke was stricken from outside pauper list—she being at county home.

D. B. May was relieved of poll tax in Franklinton township for 1915.

Tom Moore was allowed the necessary piping to put on road from Franklinton township line near Sims bridge to Vance County line.

Mrs. Mollie Farrant was relieved of Graded School tax in Franklinton township—not being in district.

The returns from the Road Bond Election of Cedar Rock township was ordered received and recorded. The Chairman was ordered to call a mass meeting of the electors of said township to meet at the polling place on April 15th at 2 o'clock to select a Board of Road Trustees, consisting of five, to have charge of the road work.

Daniel Harris was placed on outside pauper list at \$2 per month.

The Sheriff was allowed credit for Bank Stock listed by Corporation Commission against Mrs. Falls—not being in the county.

R. H. Strickland was relieved of tax on bank stock, having none, and reported by Corporation Commission.

The valuation of the lot of C. M. Gattis in Louisburg was reduced to \$1,200.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Health Officer was received and filed.

Berry Perry, Jr., was relieved of poll tax until further notice—account of infirmity.

The following list-takers were appointed for the School Districts:

Bunn—B. M. C. Mullen.
Pilot—Gus Pearce.
Pine Ridge—A. C. Perry's Son.
Mountain Grove—Jack Parnell.
Moulton—J. B. Smith.
Ingleside—G. W. Brown.
Laurel—J. R. Parrish.
Cedar Rock—Eugene Fulgham.
White Level—W. N. Dickens.
Wilder—J. T. Wilder.
Justice—G. W. Delbridge.
Seven Paths—J. M. Sykes.
Mapleville—A. W. Perry.
Hayes—H. J. Hayes.

The following were appointed list-takers for Franklin County for 1916:

Dunns—J. M. Stallings.
Harris—M. L. Fowler.
Youngsville—Geo. N. Stell.
Franklinton—J. D. Speed.
Hayesville—A. A. Medlin.
Sandy Creek—Grover Parrish.
Gold Mine—Thos. J. Ricks.
Cedar Rock—H. S. Boone.
Cypress Creek—R. B. Harris.
Louisburg—J. E. Williams.

Mrs. M. W. Timberlake was relieved of Graded School taxes on 61 acres of land in Franklinton township—not being in said district.

Bond of J. W. Griffin, Standard Keeper, was received and ordered recorded.

H. F. Mitchell, of Hayesville township was allowed 24 feet of piping for road.

A resolution relative to the sale of the road bonds of Cedar Rock township was passed.

Through their president, Mrs. J. A. Turner, and secretary, Mrs. W. E. Uzzell, the Louisburg Civic League made a request of the County that they be allowed to beautify and make more sanitary the court house square. The petition was granted.

The board with the Sheriff proceeded to draw the jury for the May term of court which will be found in another column.

A number of accounts were allowed and the Board adjourned to meet again on Tuesday.

In accordance with the adjournment the Board met on Tuesday with all present.

The report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of County Home was received and filed. He reports 3 white and 15 colored inmates.

It was ordered that the automobile license tax paid over to the County Treasurer be prorated between the townships having duly constituted

road officers in proportion to the amount of licenses paid by each township.

Jim Henry was placed on outside pauper list at \$2 per month.

Jordan Perry was placed on outside pauper list at \$1.50 per month.

It was ordered that the County borrow of the First National Bank and of the Farmers and Merchants Bank \$1,000.00 each at 6 per cent interest for sixty days, and that said sums be deposited in said banks and drawn out as nearly equally as possible to meet the current expenses of the construction of the new bridge, to suffice until the money can be secured from the sale of the bonds.

The road from J. G. Bunn to the town of Bunn was declared a public road.

The report of P. B. Griffin, Treasurer, was received and ordered recorded.

R. K. Ball was relieved of tax on land listed by R. H. Bobbitt.

The Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Debate Between Louisburg and Bunn.

On Friday night of March the thirty-first there was quite an interesting debate between Louisburg and Bunn given in the Graded School auditorium. The query for discussion was resolved that: "We Should Adopt a Policy for Greatly Enlarging Our Navy." The subject was defended on the affirmative side by Messrs. Massenburg and Harris, of Louisburg, and the negative by Messrs. Weathers and Moses of Bunn.

Quite a large crowd assembled to hear the debates. First on the program was an interesting declamation by Miss Marion Hollingsworth. Then the debaters were listened to. The subject was first discussed by Mr. Clyde Harris, Jr., of the affirmative side, after he had delivered us an elegant speech on the subject Mr. Weathers of the negative was heard from. He in turn gave us a fine speech. Next came Mr. James Massenburg. He showed us very forcibly why we should greatly enlarge our navy so as to be prepared for any enemy that might attack us. Last but not least Mr. Moses very strongly defended the negative side. The rejoinders were equally as good as the debates. The climax of the occasion then came when the judges retired to render their decision. They admitted that the defenders of the negative side had given very interesting debates and had many good points but that the affirmative side won, there being a tie between Harris and Massenburg for the best debate. After the debate Hon. T. W. Bickett made a very short but interesting talk. The congregation was then dismissed after a most enjoyable evening.

The members of the Junior and Senior classes of the Louisburg High School were then escorted to Miss Louise Vandergrift's where they were delightfully entertained until about eleven forty-five when all left for their respective homes declaring Miss Vandergrift a most charming hostess.

Those present were as follows. Misses Una Mae Hayes, Lillie Mae Aycock, Beulah Cyrus, Sallie Lou Macon, Mattie Allen, Susie Meadows, Beulah Edens, Sallie Taylor, Jennie Southerland, Ruth Parrish, Marton Hollingsworth, Frances Barrow, Genevieve Macon, Bertha Fulgham, Annie Waddell, Mildred Scott, Louise Vandergrift, Florence Boone, Pattie G. Hill. Messrs. Clyde Harris, James Massenburg, Will Ruffin, Edward Williams, Hunter Harris, Marshall Hudson, Maurey Cralle, William White, Robert Smithwick, and Profs. Beam, Loy and Mills.

Dr. Pendleton Lectures.

Dr. Arthur S. Pendleton, Pathologist to the State Hospital at Raleigh, delivered in the Graded School Auditorium last Saturday evening a very interesting and instructive address. He is visiting various points in the State, with the object of giving the people a better understanding of mental hygiene; he gives parents some plain practical advice about training their children that insanity may be avoided. He places very great importance on the management of children until they are seventeen years of age; if no mental disease is concerned. He is decidedly of the opinion that we should speak of the Institution with which he is connected as a State Hospital, not as an Insane Asylum, and that we should not consider being a patient there as a reflection.

And will Mexico never end.