

SIX NEGROES JAILED

Cheatham Evans, Believed To Be Involved, In State Prison.

MISSING CHAUFFEUR SHOT THREE TIMES

Hesitating Statement of Evans Throwing Blame on Others, Probably Saved Him From Mob, Resulted in Other Arrests and Recovery of Body of Chauffeur Last Seen Saturday Night When He Answered Call To Make Trip With Negro Whose Description Tallies With That of Evans

A chattering statement from Cheatham Evans, 23-year-old frightened mulatto, barricaded in Taylor's store nine miles from Nashville, Monday afternoon saved Evans from the hands of a determined mob outside, resulting in the recovery of the body of A. J. Joyner, 40-year-old chauffeur of Evans, missing since Saturday night. Evans behind the stone wall of the state prison for safe keeping and five other negroes in the hands of authorities of Nash and Halifax Counties.

Evans, mutely terrified, withstood the threats of the mob that surged about the automobile in which he was being hastened from Hollister to the Nashville jail, and flatly refused to make any statement for three hours while in the custody of officers who, in their own judgment, dared not to make an attempt to move him. At last he made a statement that Ernest Lee had confessed to him, in the presence of five other negroes, that Saturday night he had killed a man three miles below Hollister and had thrown the body in Fishing Creek, near an iron bridge.

The mob scattered immediately in search of Ernest Lee and the body of the missing chauffeur. Forty or fifty men remained at the store where Sheriff C. A. Johnson, of Nash, and Sheriff J. A. House, of Halifax, held their prisoner, refusing to be bound to a pledge to keep the negro there until the return of the searchers.

"I can't make any promises. I have called for help," Sheriff Johnson told them.

At 4:30 the Wilson Company of the National Guard, ordered out by authority of the Governor under command of Captain J. C. Dempsey, arrived, and while Evans was placed under guard of a detachment of the company and hurried in an automobile to the State Prison, the other part of the company headed for Hollister.

Others Arrested

The other negroes arrested on the statement of Cheatham Evans were: Elijah Lynch and Walter Evans, who were placed in the Nash county jail yesterday afternoon late; Ernest Lee, charged by Evans with the killing; Tom Lee and George Brown, held by the authorities of Halifax county.

Apparently little difficulty was involved in the captures. Search for the missing chauffeur began Sunday morning, when he did not return from a trip which, ordinarily, would have required an hour at most. The trace led toward the creek in which his body was finally found, when a cushion, identified as one belonging to him, was found in the wake. There had been reports, also, that an automobile bearing the same license tag had been seen on the streets of Rocky Mount and had been reported by the members of the police department of that city for speeding.

There was nothing particularly suspicious about the trip which Joyner made Saturday night. At eight o'clock, it appears, he was called from a tent attraction showing at Hollister to make a trip for a negro passenger to Aventa Store a distance of nine miles. He did not return.

Had Joyner's Watch

Yesterday morning, Deputy Sheriff W. T. Mitchell, of Halifax County arrested Cheatham Evans, near Hollister, because he tallied with the description of the negro last seen in the Joyner's automobile. On his person were found a watch, bearing the initials of A. J. J., and identified as Joyner's property, and also a knife, declared to belong to the missing man.

Because of the feeling which the disappearance of Joyner had created and the assurance that there might be trouble in the event of the arrest of anyone charged with the murder, Sheriff C. S. Johnson realizing that he was taking a prisoner to Nashville,

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OLD BELT CO-OPS PAID 2 1-4 MILLION

Association Open 40 Markets In South Carolina Belt Tuesday August 5.

The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association began distributing \$2,300,000 Saturday, July 26, to the 50,000 farmers of the old belt of North Carolina and Virginia who delivered tobacco of the 1923 crop. Large crowds of the associated farmers gathered at the cooperative warehouses all the way from Hamlet, N. C. to Petersburg, Va., to take home the money which comes at the most convenient time to assist them in caring for the crop of 1924.

The payment of the millions of dollars by the association to its members in the Carolinas and Virginia has become so common an occurrence that the organized farmers showed little excitement over the division of two and a quarter millions last week. There was real satisfaction evident among the crowds who gathered at the association's receiving points, due to the fact that this payment has come earlier than many anticipated and is to be followed in the near future by another equal payment according to the latest news from headquarters of the tobacco cooperative.

Merchants, bankers and business men of Western North Carolina and Virginia are enjoying the results of this mid-summer distribution of cash at a time when business is usually at its dulllest, when extended credit rather than cash payments have been the general rule. The tobacco association has made payments to its members amounting to \$5,500,000 in the three states where it operates since April 1, which together with first advances from the 1923 crop has brought its members approximately twenty-five million dollars.

The association will begin its marketing operations for the crop of 1924 next Tuesday, August 5, when its 40 warehouses in South Carolina and border counties open for deliveries by its members.

All reports from South Carolina indicate that this year's crop will be scarcely more than half the size of that of 1923, owing to the heavy rains and reduced acreage. The marketing association which increased its receipts in the South Carolina belt last season from twenty million to over thirty-four million pounds is expected to further increase its proportion of receipts from the crop this year, the smaller deliveries to both the cooperative floors and auction warehouses will result from the heavy decrease in production throughout the Palmetto State.

The associated growers who began delivering their tobacco a week in advance of the opening date set for the auction warehouses last year and scheduled to begin their deliveries on the same day next week. The recent law passed by the South Carolina Legislature which requires all warehouse men in the state to place the names of the producers of tobacco upon every pile which is offered for sale will prove a distinct benefit to the cooperative association, according to the opinion of its officials, and the registration of association contracts at the county courthouses is regarded as another safe-guard gained by the organized farmers.

PASS STATE BOARD

Drs. Arch H. Perry and Leslie Perry, both of Louisburg, were successful in passing the required examinations before the State Board the past week. Their many friends will receive this information with much satisfaction.

DAVIS DEFINITION OF A DEMOCRAT

"He is a liberal with a liberal's outlook on life; loving freedom for freedom's sake; believing in the wholesome virtue of self-help; hating privilege in whatever form; wishing nothing for himself from the government that his neighbor cannot enjoy; willing to think of the rights and interests of other men equally with his own; trusting the best and not the worst in human nature to prevail; and looking to a reign of good will, mutual aid, and co-operation as the ultimate goal not only of men but also of nations."

The N. C. Christian Advocate suggests that it is also a very accurate definition of a good Christian.

The true test of civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor crops, nor the kind of man the country turns out.—Emerson.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC

TO BE GIVEN AT LOUISBURG GRADED SCHOOL

School to Open Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
—Four New Names On Faculty List
—Games Already Scheduled for Athletics

The following faculty has been selected for the Louisburg Graded School for the coming season which will open on Tuesday, September 2: Misses Onnie Tucker and Emily Ward, first grade; Mrs. Frank Rose and Miss Genevieve Macon, second grade; Mrs. W. E. Uzzell, third grade; Mrs. S. P. Boddie, fourth grade; Miss Susie Hayes, fifth grade; Miss Glenn Dunavent, sixth grade; Miss Louella Jarman, seventh grade; High School: G. D. Underwood, principal and teacher of science and civics; Miss Ethyl Robinson, Latin and French; Miss Helen Welch, English; Mr. C. W. Hook, Mathematics; Miss Emily Moore, History and Math; Miss Maye Fisher, Home Economics; Mrs. J. B. King, Expression; Miss Ruth Hall, Public School Music and Piano.

An examination of the above list shows four new names in our faculty: Miss Emily Ward a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College comes to us well recommended. Mr. C. W. Hook, an honor graduate of Elon College has high endorsements from those who know him. Miss Emily Moore, a graduate of University of North Carolina, class of 1924, has flattering testimonials from the University and from others who know her. Miss Ruth Hall, one of our own folks, needs no introduction to Louisburg people. She will conduct classes in Public School Music, in the grades and will also give piano lessons to such as may desire to take this work. She is now studying at Columbia University, New York City, but will be home in time for the opening.

This is the first time that we have been able to offer a course in the grades in Public School Music on a regular schedule. For the past two years we have been doing something at it; Mrs. Frank Rose has had this in charge part of the time, but to teach a grade and an extra subject is too much to ask of one teacher.

Mr. Underwood will continue to manage the athletics. He has foot ball games scheduled for the third week of school. Our teams made creditable showings last year and we expect to do better this time.

With the College drive brought to such a splendid conclusion, let us now begin to plan to make the public school the best ever in Louisburg. The public school is for all the children of all the people and makes it possible for boys and girls to enter college, or to fill the duties of citizenship efficiently. We want our school to be good enough for the richest boy or girl in Louisburg and none too good for the poorest; its doors must swing wide open to all.

JOSEPHINE ROUSE NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH

On last Friday afternoon near 6 o'clock a most fatal accident was averted by the closest margin possible when a large automobile driven by a Mr. Fogleman ran into, knocked down and dragged little Josephine Rouse, the five year old daughter of Mrs. Ina Rouse. Had the car moved further it would in all probability crushed the skull of the little girl, is the opinion of those who saw it.

From the information we got it seems the little girl had started across the street from Mrs. Ned Fords where she had been playing with her little play mates, to her home, and in doing so she passed behind a car that was parked. Mr. Fogleman, who is interested in some of the work at the college, was leaving and on his way down the street. Just as he went to pass this car the little girl ran out and the accident occurred. It is said the driver of the car did all he could to avoid it but could not do so. The little girl was taken up and given immediate medical attention by Drs. Yarbrough and Johnson and was later taken to a hospital in Rocky Mount. Late reports show that aside from a badly bruised and mangled cheek and a few other bruises she is doing nicely. There were no broken bones.

The family of the little girl attached no blame to the driver and Mr. Fogleman was very considerate and sorry as could be, offering all the attention it was possible.

MR. HENRY MAY DEAD.

Mr. Henry May, of Lynchburg, Va., who was visiting relatives in Franklin County, died at the home of Mr. J. O. May near Cedar Rock on Monday in a ripe old age.

His remains were interred at the old May burying ground on Tuesday at noon, with all the Masonic honors and rites. Many Masons from Louisburg took part in the funeral rites.

Large crowds attended the services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of a large host of friends.

TO LEAVE SATURDAY

BOYS WILL BE IN CAMP FIFTEEN DAYS

Battery B, 117 Field Artillery, N. C. N. G. To Encamp At Fort Bragg, N. C.

Battery B, 117 F. A., under the command of Thos. W. Ruffin and Lieutenants, George D. Underwood, Edward F. Griffin, and William Y. Bickett, enroute for Fort Bragg, N. C., for the annual summer encampment on Saturday morning August 2, 1924. An active recruiting campaign has brought the enlisted strength of the Battery up to sixty six men, at least forty five of whom are new recruits. The organization is practically made over and the men therefore cannot be expected to look like regulars until sufficient training has been experienced, but the prophesy is advanced confidently that the men will take care of the honor of the town and county. The spirit and morale of the battery is splendid; every man trying to do his part, and willingly taking instruction from the officers and trainers. It is hoped that the two weeks training will show its effect upon the return of the organization, and that the people will be proud of the battery. The officers of the battery are giving largely of their time and energy to the end that Louisburg can have a creditable military organization, and the earnest co-operation, good will and boosting of the community is solicited. Whether you realize it or not this organization is a training school for young men, where they are taught the duties and obligations of good citizenship as well as military training. The Government is spending more than fifteen hundred dollars every month in this town to keep this battery going, the men drawing this money as drill pay and care takers. The battery expects your co-operation and asks for it.

While at Fort Bragg the battery will be brigaded with the 17th Field Artillery of the Regular Army, and comfortably quartered in barracks. All expenses of the men are paid by the Government and the food is as good as the best served anywhere. The men draw pay according to their respective ranks as in the Regular Army. The men have all been vaccinated for small pox and Typhoid fever and every precaution has been made to see that their health is cared for both in Louisburg and at Fort Bragg. Personal hygiene is part of the military training, and the men are especially drilled and taught to take care of themselves.

The Battery has been ordered to report for duty Friday August 1, 1924 at 1 o'clock and will encamp on the Graded School Campus Friday night, entraining the next morning. All letters to the members of the Battery should be addressed to the member in care Battery B-117, F. A. N. C. N. G., Fort Bragg, N. C. The people who can visit the battery at camp are cordially invited to drive down, especially on Sundays.

GET INTERESTED IN ROADS

Louisburg's Business Mens Association To Get Active on Question

At a special meeting of the Louisburg Business Mens Association held in the Court House on last Monday night the president appointed a committee to go to see Mr. John Sprunt Hill as soon as possible relative to the road from Franklinton via Louisburg to Woods Store and Rannoms Bridge into Halifax County. (Later information states that the committee ascertained on Tuesday that Mr. Hill would be out of his office until August 6th after which time the committee expects to call on him.)

The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr. J. F. Metts, of Henderson, with reference to the renting of the two prize houses owned by the Southern States Tobacco Co.

The Tobacco Committee and Factory Site Committee were both retained and requested to report at the next regular meeting.

TO ORGANIZE BAND

Will Meet in Court House Friday Night at Eight O'clock

Mr. W. H. Basden, of Goldsboro, will meet with the younger and older citizens of Louisburg who are interested in the organization of a brass band, in the court house Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Quite a number of our people have already expressed their interest in the organization of a brass band for Louisburg, and think it can easily be done. Louisburg has as much good material for musicians as can be found in any town of its size and a real good band will add much life to the community.

Make your arrangements to go out and attend this meeting and lend your assistance to the many younger people who are willing to produce the necessary effort to make a real band.

Brilliance won't get a person much of anywhere unless there is honesty combined with it.

MR. J. J. BARROW DEAD

ONE OF FRANKLIN'S MOST POPULAR CITIZENS

Was Clerk of Court For Twenty Years
—A Prominent Mason—End Came Friday Noon—Funeral Saturday Largely Attended

Mr. Joseph J. Barrow, who was Clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin County for twenty years died at his home on North Main Street Friday about noon as the result of a long affliction which caused him to have to give up his public duties about a month ago. Mr. Barrow was in his 64th year, and besides his wife leaves two daughters, Mrs. Norman Chambliss, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Francis Barrow, of Louisburg, and one son, Mr. W. B. Barrow, of Louisburg. Also surviving him is his mother, Mrs. J. S. Barrow, of Greensboro, and two brothers, Messrs E. C. Barrow, of Greensboro and W. J. Barrow, of Youngsville. All the family were present when the end came.

Mr. Barrow was one of Franklin County's most prominent and popular citizens. In addition to being elected Clerk of the Superior Court for five successive terms, he was for many years the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in the county, and a little over a year ago was elected a Commissioner for the town of Louisburg, afterwards being elected Clerk of the City by his Board.

He was a most kind and accommodating gentleman, always showing a pleasure in doing a service for a friend, of which he did many and much during his terms of Clerk of the Superior Court. Joe Barrow was a popular name among the people throughout the county, and it was deservedly so.

For many years prior to being Clerk of the Court, Mr. Barrow was Louisburg's efficient postmaster after which he was connected with the wholesale interests in Louisburg.

In religious matters he was a consistent and true Methodist and gave much of his time and means in the cause of his Master as he saw it. For many years he took an active part in the choir of the Louisburg Methodist church.

As a Mason he was most studious of Masonic customs and works being many times Master of his lodge—Louisburg Lodge No. 413 A. F. and A. M. He was especially well posted in the secret work and was active in conferring degrees upon those seeking the mysteries of the order.

In his home life he was gentle, kind and affectionate. Always mindful of the wishes and pleasures of his family. And as a neighbor he was kindly and accommodating. To know him more was to appreciate him more.

The funeral was held from the home on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. H. M. North, of Rocky Mount, and Rev. O. W. Dowd, of the Louisburg Methodist church. The ceremonies were taken in charge by the members of Louisburg Masonic Lodge who tenderly laid them to rest in Oaklawn Cemetery with all the honors and rites of the order. A large number of Masons were in attendance and both services were largely attended by friends of the family.

The floral tribute was especially large and beautiful speaking a tender message of love and esteem as can only be expressed in the beauty of beautiful flowers.

The pallbearers were as follows: Honorary—F. B. McKinnis, W. E. Tucker, W. H. Ruffin, Dr. J. E. Malone, Dr. R. F. Yarbrough, W. H. Yarbrough, L. L. Joyner, Ben. T. Holden. Active—T. W. Watson, R. C. Beck, Malcolm McKinnis, S. C. Holden, J. L. Palmer, J. H. Best.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

ANNOUNCEMENT

For the purpose of building Sunday school rooms, the W. M. U. Circle No. 2 of Mt. Zion Baptist church will present the play "Sewing for the Heathen," Saturday night August 2, at the old Laurel school building, at 8:30 o'clock.

Admission 15c and 25c. After the play ice cream and other refreshments will be sold. Don't forget the time and place, be sure to come.

FIRE AT S. C. HOLDEN'S.

The fire on Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. S. C. Holden on North Main street, was caused from a short circuit of electric wires to a washing machine. They were disconnected and the fire extinguished before the fire department arrived.

The fire department answered promptly, however, and were soon on the scene.

No damage of any consequence was done.

The American Olympic team won the field events, even though the Finns tried to put the finishing touches on the U. S. Athletics.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mrs. L. S. Bryan of Oxford, is visiting her people here.

Mr. Geo. Scoggin, of Warrenton, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. W. R. Martin, of Cary, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. Ivey Allen, of Oxford, is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Z. Egerton.

Mr. Francis Yates, of Hamilton, Ontario, is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Jennie Yates.

Messrs. F. A. Roth, A. S. Wiggs and A. B. Perry spent Sunday and Monday in Norfolk.

Mrs. W. K. Martin, of Wake Forest, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas visited their Uncle, Mr. H. L. Thomas in Raleigh Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cobb and children returned Monday from a trip to Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. J. S. Barrow and son, Mr. E. C. Barrow, of Greensboro, were in Louisburg Saturday to attend the funeral of his son, Mr. J. J. Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davenport and Mrs. —, —, Simpson, of Rocky Mount, visited her brother, Mr. A. F. Johnson, at Oakhurst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Johnson and children and Mrs. C. C. Simms, of Rocky Mount were visitors to Oaklawn Sunday.

Misses Anna Grey Watson, Felicia Allen and Hazel Allen returned yesterday from a visit to Keystone Camp, Brevard, N. C.

Mr. E. C. Perry returned Wednesday from Raleigh where Mrs. Perry is a patient in Rex Hospital. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is some improved.

MRS. DICKENS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Farmers Convention Held in Raleigh Last Week—Other Visitors From Franklin.

That the work of farm women in Franklin County is being recognized by the State is evidenced in the fact that Mrs. T. H. Dickens, of White level, has been elected Vice President of the State Farmers Convention held in Raleigh last week. The choice is a wise one and the convention is to be congratulated upon being so fortunate in getting Mrs. Dickens to serve.

Among those visiting the convention from Franklin County were Messrs. S. B. Nash, L. W. Mitchner, Will Wilder and J. A. Mitchner, Misses Ella Clifton Mitchner and Helen Alston, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fuller and Mr. D. T. Fuller, Mrs. T. H. Dickens.

ENTERTAINS

Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:00 o'clock little Miss Eloise and Elizabeth Taylor of Greensboro were at home to a number of the younger set of Louisburg at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor, on Nash Street. In spite of the fact that threatening storm prevented an afternoon out of doors the little guests were entertained at several indoor sports and one prize game of which Miss Mary Fuller Beasley was winner. Upon their arrival each guest was presented with a paper cap in various colors, and immediately entered into the spirit of the occasion. Later in the afternoon refreshments were served.

Among those attending were Misses Hazel Howell and Athelia Boone, Frances Edens, Lena and Sudie Young, Gertrude Holden, Peggy Ford, Mary Anna Clifton, Ethel and Edith Mumford, Mary Fuller Beasley, Kathrine Woodbridge, Dorothy Dennis, Viola Williams, Edna Earle and Prescilla Farish, Melba Dean, Virginia Pleasant, Maxine Tharrington, Grace Johnson, Rebecca Holden, Dorothy Wiggs, Josephine Rouse and Mable Davis Beam. Masters Bob Elmore, Rob Johnson, Sid Holden, Ben T. Holden, Bill Ragland, Jack Rouse, Dave House, Fisher Beasley, Jr., Dick Farris, David Earle Cooke and Wesley Williams.

FAMILY REUNION

Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarbrough, in the observance of a family reunion yesterday had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joyner, Mr. J. B. Cheatham, Mr. W. J. Ballard, Misses Kate Ballard, Nell Joyner and Elizabeth Cheatham, Masters Julius Joyner and Ballard Cheatham.

It's the bathing suit, not the bath that shrink at the bathing machine.