

LARGE MOB STORMS JAIL

Negro Is Found In Woman's Bed

Hounds Follow Trail To Home of Weldon Bryant and He Is Arrested; Others Held For Hearing

A mob of fully one hundred people gathered in the street in front of the jail on Monday night about 1 o'clock, while a committee of about ten went to the home of Jailer A. S. Wiggs on Middle street to demand the jail keys, bent upon taking Weldon Bryant, who is charged with having committed rape upon Mrs. Algy Perry near the Nash county line in Dunns township early Sunday morning, to a nearby tree and hanging him. Aside from firing a dozen or so shots to convince all who saw them they meant business, the crowd was orderly and when assured that the negro they wanted, by Chief of Police B. H. Meadows and Deputy Sheriff W. N. Fuller, was in Raleigh in the State prison begun to leave and the town was again quiet.

Sheriff Justice received a message about 8 o'clock Monday night that a mob was forming to come and lynch Bryant and Deputy Sheriff W. N. Fuller, Constable A. S. Wiggs and Police Officer C. E. Pace, immediately took a prisoner to Raleigh where he was held in the penitentiary for safe keeping. When the mob gathered the night policeman turned in the fire alarm and pretty soon large numbers of citizens were on the streets.

From the best information we could get Sunday morning at 3 o'clock when Algy Perry of Dunns township returned to the room where he and his wife were sleeping he saw a form rise from the bed and make a wild dash for the open window. He asked his wife who it was. She replied that she did not know. It was ascertained that the negro had committed rape.

Mr. Perry aroused several of his neighbors, procured bloodhounds from Enfield and went on the chase. The dogs trailed to the home of Weldon Bryant, negro. Bryant could give no clear account of his whereabouts during the night and he was arrested and brought to the Franklin county jail here.

The dogs were placed on the trail at the window where Mr. Perry saw the retreating form. They went with out hesitation to the house where Bryant was found, baying as they went. They proceeded around the house to the back door and when the door was opened started upstairs where Bryant was sleeping. To make sure that the right man was found, the men took the hounds back to the scene of the crime and again unleashed them. They followed the identical course previously taken.

It was learned that Bryant who is about 20 years old, had been riding around Saturday night with three other negroes and that at least two houses had been robbed. His companions on the carouse were Cleveland Nathan, and Luther and Homer Pulley. All three were locked up in jail with Bryant but in separate cells. All told conflicting stories.

One of the houses broken into was that of J. W. Acre. Nothing was missing except all the edibles in the kitchen. The dwelling of Robert Wright near Bunn was entered and a pair of trousers containing twenty or thirty dollars in money and a watch was taken.

Another mob of a hundred or more men visited Louisburg Wednesday night to get Weldon Bryant for the purpose of lynching him. Supt. O. C. Hill was taken into custody and caused to pull the electric switch that threw the town in darkness and the homes of Deputy Sheriff W. N. Fuller, and Constable A. S. Wiggs were heavily guarded by members of the party. The crowd had evidently heard that the Sheriff was going to bring Bryant back to Louisburg last night, which was his intention, but when the mob arrived too early the officers were telephoned to while in Raleigh not to bring Bryant home. Therefore the plans of the mob were again foiled. No damage was done, and nothing otherwise of a disorderly nature was reported.

LOUISBURG COLLEGE OPENS

Louisburg College opened with formal exercises at the Methodist church yesterday morning. All available space has been taken and a fine lot of pretty girls were here at the opening.

Quite a large number of our town people attended the opening exercises.

EDWARD BEST HIGH SCHOOL

The Edward Best High School had a fine opening on Monday, September 5th. The enrollment is about 100 in the high school department, and about 40 in the seventh grade. Already the work is becoming well organized, and the pupils seem interested in the work. The prospects are fine for a most prosperous scholastic year.

FIND YOUNG MEN MAKING STILL

Officers Capture Two In Vance But They Get Away

Deputy Sheriff Joe Rowland, of Franklin county, and Deputy Sheriff Ernest Fuller, of Vance county, with the assistance of Jack Rowland, Saturday caught W. B. ("Buck") Harris and Edwin Dement, in the woods on the Tar river, making the officers said, a copper whiskey still of 75 gallons capacity.

After the capture Deputy Rowland forced the car in which the officers traveled to the neighborhood and returned and were assisted by Harris and Dement in loading the still and equipment. In the meantime officers went to a Sunday school picnic nearby and got a nice dinner for Harris and Dement. When all was loaded and ready to go the boys made a get away by running in opposite directions.

When the officers attempted to stop them by shooting their guns, the fleeing men returned the fire, and for a time a little war was in progress. When all the guns had been fired and the smoke had cleared away it was found that Harris and Dement had made good their get away. No one was hit during the shooting.

It is reported here that the two men sent here during Saturday night and got their personal effects with the purpose of leaving this part of the country.

MAKING A SURVEY

Dr. W. R. Bass, chairman of the special dairy committee of the Chamber of Commerce, informed the TIMES this week that his committee is now making a survey of the surrounding territory to ascertain how many cows are now being milked and how many cows will be added from which the cream will be sold to a creamery. From this information they hope to be in position to say about what time a creamery can be established in Louisburg. Dr. Bass would be glad if every person who is not now selling cream, and would sell cream if a creamery was established in Louisburg and all those who expect to begin milking cows or those who expect to add more cows would see him and give him this information. It will assist the committee greatly in getting the necessary data to complete its survey.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met in regular session on Monday with all members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The Board approved the following petition from the Louisburg Graded School Board:

"To the County Board of Education of Franklin County: We, the undersigned trustees of Louisburg Graded School hereby make application through you to the State Board of Education for a loan of ten thousand dollars from the State Literary Fund, this sum to be used in the erection and equipment of a school house, or houses, for the colored people in Louisburg Graded School district."

The secretary was instructed to run the Cedar Rock elementary lighting plant without batteries and to allow the church the use of the plant if they would furnish gas and oil for the teacherage and school lights.

The purchaser of the Garner school house was left with E. L. Green and the secretary.

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

ENTERTAINS AT DANCE

Lovely in every detail was the dance Friday evening from 8 to 12 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hill given by Misses Pete Hill and Eugenia Perry.

The entire spacious porch was lavishly decorated with flowers and shrubbery, making a lovely setting for the dancers. The dining room was especially beautiful with red zenias everywhere, the centerpiece being a large basket of red zenias tied with white tulle, and banked by a number of smaller baskets containing varied zenias. At the punch bowl, artistically placed under pine and ivy presided over by Misses Margaret Hill, Louise Griffin and Minnie Lancaster.

Those who were present to enjoy their gracious hospitality were: Misses Kitty Boddie, Liah Allen, Gladys Allen, Mary Best, Louise Cooper, Margaret Hill, Louise Cooper, Minnie Lancaster, Kate Allen Saline Perry, Frances Turner, Anna Watson, Elsie Woodriddle, Betty Mohn, Frances Green, Monroe, and Gladys Northy, Tenn. Messrs. Kenneth White, Lewis Scoggin, Fuller Malone, W. N. Fuller, James Wheelless, Hop Stovall, Wilson Morton, George Griffin, Francis Allen, Fred Hicks Bill Mills, Wingate Underhill, Brantley Hicks, Ernest Ferguson, James Cooper, Edward Perry, Johnnie Wilbourne, Tommie Harris, At Newell, Arthur and George Rogland, John Williamson, Donald Cooke, of Richmond, Gene Adcock, Booker, Smith, Eddie Finch, Pender Blue, Cleveland Moore and John York of Weldon, Sam Wilder, Dick and Ed Yarborough.

LET CONTRACT FOR BRIDGES

Col McGhee Authorized To Let Contract For Bridge At Moore's Pond; Many Reports Received; Details For New Financing Arranged; Draw Jury For October Court

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After approving the minutes of last meeting business was transacted as follows:

Report of J. A. Hodges, County Accountant was received and filed.

Upon motion all the banks in the county were made depositaries of county funds with the provision that each be required to give satisfactory bond.

Upon motion it was required that all persons collecting money for the county from any source turn same over to the County Accountant on Friday of each week.

The County Accountant was instructed to make a complete audit of the tax books preparatory to turning same over to the tax collector October 1st.

E. H. Malone brought before the Board the question of taxes charged to B. H. Perry on land given by Dr. Gill at Balance Rock as a play ground. The matter was deferred pending investigation and H. P. Speed was appointed to make such investigation.

J. A. Hodges, County Accountant, brought the matter of exhausted accounts before the Board and was instructed to charge items accruing for welfare work to emergency fund.

The contract for building three bridges and one fill as advertised was awarded to R. E. Garbee and L. L. Whitaker for \$3,997.20, and that they be required to give bond equal to fifty per cent of this amount.

A motion was passed to borrow \$75,000 for funding outstanding indebtedness in accordance with the new county finance act.

The Board authorized the advance of \$7,500 to the Youngsville school to be returned upon the sale of financing bonds.

The accountant was authorized to liquidate a note for \$12,500 given for school in anticipation of collection of taxes, and to replace same from the sale of financing bonds.

Mrs. B. M. C. Mullen was given a drawback for \$50 for taxes for 1926, listed through error.

The Board with the assistance of the Sheriff drew a jury for October term of court.

Upon motion it was ordered that Mrs. Pearl Strickland be stricken from mothers aid list.

Report of E. C. Perry, Superintendent of Public Welfare, was received and filed.

Report of Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Health Officer, was received and filed. Reports from the following township Road Trustees, were received and filed: Gold Mine, Cypress Creek, Youngsville, Louisburg, Sandy Creek.

Upon motion the colored undertaker at Franklinton was paid \$12 for a coffin.

Upon motion H. P. Speed was instructed to have ten coffins made as cheaply as possible for the use of the county.

Upon motion C. L. McGhee was authorized to advertise for bids for building a bridge at Moore's pond and to let contract for same.

The accountant was authorized to purchase four chairs for the welfare and demonstration office.

It was ordered that Herbert Satterwhite be transferred to Granville county.

It was ordered that Q. S. Leonard be reimbursed for money paid A. O. Perry for listing taxes.

The resignation of G. M. Raynor, Road Trustee for Gold Mine township was accepted and Washington Leonard was appointed in his place.

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

LIST OF JURORS

The following list of jurors have been drawn for the October term of Franklin Criminal Court, a one week term:

- Dunns—J. S. Baker, D. D. Pearce, D. B. Brantley, J. R. Ballentine, J. B. White, W. C. Green, W. J. Martin, Ellis Arnold, J. H. Weathers.
- Harris—J. H. Fuller, A. R. Strickland, R. T. Harris, John W. Baker, H. K. Johnson, M. L. Fowler, Jr., A. W. H. Arnold H. P. Rogers.
- Youngsville—E. M. Mitchell, C. A. Garner, W. T. Glenn, H. L. Little, B. H. Patterson, W. R. Tomlinson.
- Franklinton—R. L. Layton.
- Hayesville—H. S. Hayes, R. J. Newton, R. C. Anabon.
- Sandy Creek—D. F. Reavis, J. R. Mosley.
- Gold Mine—J. T. Andrews, D. K. Guppton, S. T. Leonard.
- Cedar Rock—C. D. Long, Z. B. Davis, James H. Griffin, W. D. Bowden, W. R. Dean, S. R. Boone.
- Cypress Creek—J. W. Creekmore, C. M. Moore, H. W. Wilder, J. A. Creekmore, Oliver Coppedge, W. H. Creekmore.
- Louisburg—L. W. Parrish, E. A. Roberts, L. C. Perdue, J. J. Place.

TO MAKE TAX RATE TONIGHT

Dr. R. F. Yarborough Made Permanent Sanitary Officer; Other Matters Before Town Commissioners

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular monthly session on Friday night for the transaction of business. On roll call there were present, Mayor Williamson, Commissioners Person, Allen, McKinnis, Joyner and White. Absent, Ford.

Mr. E. H. Malone was before the Board and offered the resignation of Dr. J. E. Malone. Mr. Malone stated that he as the son of Dr. Malone appreciated the action of the Board at a former meeting in that they had retired Dr. Malone as health officer on pay by reason of ill health, but that on account of the fact that Dr. Malone would not be able physically to render service longer that he thought the proper course would be his resignation. Mr. L. L. Joyner paid tribute to the efficient and painstaking interest that Dr. Malone had given to the town and stated that the excellent health record of the town was due largely to his work through sanitary measures and giving attention to the proper condition of the water shed. The Board accepted Dr. Malone's resignation with regret.

On motion of Mr. Joyner and second by Mr. White Dr. R. F. Yarborough was made permanent sanitary officer of the town.

The question of street paving was discussed but no action was taken.

On motion of Mr. Joyner and second by Mr. White the Louisburg College was given a rate of three cents per k. w. for heaters.

Mr. M. S. Davis was before the board with reference to making a map of the town but no action was taken. However the matter was to be taken under consideration.

On motion by Mr. Allen it is ordered that the board proceed to a levy of the different rates for taxation for the current year. After considerable discussion and it appearing that the total valuation, personal and real, situate in the town of Louisburg, due to subsequent reappraisal and assessment is not available the consideration and action of said body is continued until Friday night, Sept. 9th, 1927.

The clerk was ordered to order pipe and one hydrant for water extension to the Baker section.

On motion by L. L. Joyner second by W. E. White the clerk was instructed to issue orders for bonds and interest when due and place order with the treasurer.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the treasurer to keep all sinking funds in one account, however the Clerk was ordered to keep an account of the collection and disbursement of funds in his books.

The Clerk was ordered to have interest due the town from the different funds figured to date and collect interest monthly.

On motion of Mr. Allen and second by Mr. Joyner that renewal notes of \$5,000 for general purpose fund and \$10,000 for street improvement fund be made in favor of the Farmers and Merchants Bank said notes to be signed by the Mayor and Town Attorney and attested to by the clerk.

The matter of street light for S. Main street near E. N. Dent's residence was referred to the water and light committee.

The matter of reduction of light bill for A. W. Mohn was deferred.

STOUT-MCKINNE

Invitations reading as follows have been mailed:

Mr. and Mrs. David Freeland McKinnis request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Dorcas Elizabeth, to Mr. Hernay Elton Stout on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of September, at eight o'clock in the evening, the Methodist Church, Louisburg, North Carolina.

Cards were enclosed reading: "Reception immediately after the ceremony, four hundred and one Sunset Avenue."

No invitations have been mailed in town but an invitation is extended to all to attend both the marriage and the reception.

The bride is one of Louisburg's most charming and accomplished young ladies. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McKinnis, one of the States most prominent and popular business men. She was educated at Louisburg College and Greensboro College for Women and for the past year has held a responsible position in the high school at Burlington. She is amazingly popular among a host of friends at home and abroad.

The groom is a popular and capable young man of Siler City, and holds a responsible position in the sales department of one of High Point large furniture factories.

The coming events will be watched with much interest.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindly assistance rendered us during the sickness and death of our father. Their kindness will ever be remembered by us.
MR. and MRS. J. C. LOYD.

LARGE QUANTITIES TOBACCO OFFERED

On Opening Sales Tuesday; Prices Range From Few Cents To Fifty and Sixty

Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets were the scenes of intense activity Tuesday as the daily sales of bright leaf got under way.

On every market there were large receipts, it being generally conceded that the production is ten or fifteen per cent greater than it was last year. Wilson, which always sells more tobacco than any of the other markets, was so overwhelmed with receipts of the product that figures could not be given out, but sales were estimated at a million and a quarter pounds. Offerings were two and a half million pounds. Greenville made no estimate on sales but calculated the amount of tobacco on the floors or waiting to get there at two and a half million pounds. Winston and Rocky Mount, the other two of the larger markets, also had gratifying receipts, Rocky Mount estimating sales at a million and a quarter and made a start on the season in every way auspicious. Farmville, another large market, crowded the million mark.

Prices varied from a few dollars per hundred to fifty and sixty dollars a hundred. One report was that the poor grades brought satisfactory prices, but the better grades went at figures that occasioned some disappointment. Twenty cents was the average most generally mentioned in the reports. In some instances an average of a few cents greater and in others a few cents less were made.

Students of the market are wondering if the heavy receipts may not tend to reduce the price. On the other hand it is pointed out that the demand for bright leaf owing to the increased use in cigarettes, will more than offset the increased production.

—News and Observer.

JAILER WITH BACKBONE

Under the above heading the Raleigh News and Observer of Thursday has the following to say concerning Franklin County's jailer:

"Reports from Louisburg indicate that Franklin county has a jailer with a backbone, who also has a proper conception of the dignity of the office he holds. When a mob demanded a negro prisoner, who had already been taken to Raleigh, Jailer A. S. Wiggs told the visitors of the removal. When the keys were demanded, he refused and thereby showed himself to be a jailer worthy of the trust that has been reposed in him.

"Jailers are placed in charge of jails to keep prisoners but not to put on personally conducted tours of inspection for every mob that may demand the privilege. It has happened in North Carolina, and may happen again, that after removal of a prisoner the jailer would open the doors to the mob to prove to the visitors that he hadn't lied.

"When a jailer has to resort to opening jail doors to prove to a mob that he isn't lying, he is unfit for the trust placed in him. No liar ought to be trusted with a jail in North Carolina. The mob learned that in Louisburg lived a jailer with a proper regard for his own integrity.

"Nobody contends it is the business of a jailer to open the doors of his jail every time a man demands the keys, but some have felt that after a prisoner has been taken away, it is proper for him to open the doors to corroborate his own statement. It is just as much the business of a jailer to keep his jail intact from lawless mobs without a single prisoner as it is with a jail full of prisoners."

\$30,000 DAMAGE CASE BEING TRIED

About the only case of any particular public importance to be tried at the present term of Franklin Superior Court in the civil term is that of Mrs. Furlough vs. Nell O. Teer, in which \$30,000 damages are sought because of the death of her husband in an automobile wreck near Nashville. This case was started last week but was reset on account of the illness of a witness making it necessary to make a mistrial.

The other cases disposed of were of a small public interest.

Judge N. A. Sinclair arrived Monday and is holding this week's court. He is a straightforward jurist and is making many friends among our people. This is the Judge's first official visit to Louisburg and our people are glad to have him with us.

This being a two week's term and this being the second week the term will come to a close this week. The docket is pretty well cleaned up and is now in fine shape.

THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY

The pastor of the Louisburg Circuit will preach at Shiloh Sunday 11 a. m. on "The Christian's Joy."

The festival at Pinky Grove church will be brought to a close Sunday with two services 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. with the pastor preaching from the following subjects: "The Prodigal Son," "What Will You Do With Jesus?" 7:30 p. m.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

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

Supt. E. C. Perry paid Henderson a business visit Tuesday.

Mr. M. W. Lincke, of Nashville, was in Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. J. R. Solite, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cox and children spent Sunday at Richlands.

Messrs G. C. Harris and S. S. Meadows visited Wilson Wednesday.

Mr. H. D. Cooley, of Nashville, was in attendance upon court this week.

Mr. Ed Bateheor, of Nashville, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. R. N. Sims, of Raleigh, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. F. N. Spivey left Monday for Baltimore to purchase his fall stocks.

Mr. Marcus C. Winstead, of Milton, was a visitor to Louisburg Wednesday.

Mr. R. E. Ward and little daughter, of Oxford were visitors to Louisburg Monday.

Dr. W. R. Bass attended a veterans picnic at Panacea Springs Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Strickland of Mebane, were visitors to Louisburg the past week.

Messrs. D. T. Curran and E. E. Bullock, of Oxford, were visitors to Louisburg Tuesday.

Messrs. G. C. Harris and G. M. Perry attended the opening sale at Zebulon and Wendell Tuesday.

Mr. J. D. King, of Cape Charles, Va., visited his brother, Mr. J. W. King, the past week.

Misses Sue Griffin, Margaret Hill and Minnie Lancaster visited Henderson and Raleigh Wednesday.

Mr. Leon T. Vaughan and Mr. W. J. Boone, of Nashville, were in attendance upon court this week.

Mrs. Roy Grim and children, Roy, Jr., and Alice Joyce, of Oxford, are the guests of Mrs. W. T. Person.

Messrs. A. Tonkel and J. Friedlander attended the opening of the leaf market in Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. G. V. Tilley, of Newton, attended the funeral of Mrs. Tilley's brother in Louisburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Roth left Sunday by automobile for the northern markets to purchase his fall stocks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Oakley and Mr. E. H. McFarland and family visited Danville and other Virginia points Sunday.

Misses Mildred Bell, Mary Randolph and Marvin Bell and Dr. Beales Bowden, of Faison, visited Miss Louise Griffin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster were in Louisburg Monday. The left that afternoon for Wake Forest where they are opening a hotel.

Mrs. E. P. Bowen and little son, Braxton Cates, of Durham, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Layton, of Franklinton, the past week.

Mrs. Florence May Underhill came over from Summer School at Chapel Hill to visit her brothers, Messrs. W. D. and F. N. Egerton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Person and Mrs. Roy Grim and children, guests of Mrs. Person, and Mrs. M. H. Aycock spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mr. R. C. Whitley, of New Bern, vice-president North Carolina Streamers Association, was a visitor to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howell the past week.

Mrs. W. O. Lee, of Lumberton spent Sunday night in Louisburg en route to Washington, D. C., to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, who is in a hospital there.

Mr. Pete Hoffman, who has been visiting friends in Louisburg, left last night for his home in Baltimore preparatory to resuming his road job with Stetson D. Clothing Company.

AT GOLD SAND

Saturday night, September 10, the play, "Eyes of Love," will be given by special request by the members of the class of 1927. The popularity of this play is shown in the fact that this is the fourth time it has been given in this community. Admission 25 and 35 cents. Everybody come.