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## FRANK AYSUCUE KILLS BUTCH LITTLEJOHN

Deputy Sheriff Attacked and Threatened by Negro, While in Discharge of Duty as Officer.

Frank M. Ayscue, constable for Haysville township and Deputy Sheriff of Franklin County was discharged for the want of evidence showing probable cause of a crime having been committed at the preliminary hearing in Louisburg Tuesday noon.

Ayscue was given a hearing on the charge of murdering Butch Littlejohn, colored, at Mitchell's Chapel on Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock.

From the evidence submitted the Negroes in the Community were having a baptizing at Mitchell's Church about 11 miles North of Louisburg and a large number were present. Also that adjoining the grounds whiskey was being sold and as a result Ayscue was called to go down to keep down any disorder.

Ayscue called P. R. Ellis, a deputy Sheriff of Vance County, who was near by and together they went to the church. Ayscue having received information that whiskey had been carried to the grounds on two cars began an investigation. As he approached the place of sale, which was across the road from the church the owner ran, going across the church yard, with Ayscue in close pursuit. The whiskey was dropped and Ayscue picked it up and returned to the crowd that was gathering. In the meantime shots had been fired behind Ayscue in the chase, and officer Ellis, who had followed to assist Ayscue had come up behind several negroes and disarmed one arresting him. As Ayscue approached the crowd a negro known as Butch Littlejohn, but named Perry Littlejohn, ran out at him speaking an oath and wanted to know where he was going, halting him with a pistol in his hand. Ayscue ordered him to drop the gun, failing to do so shot beside him, then the negro raised the gun at Ayscue, when the officer slapped the gun aside and shot Littlejohn three times in the body, emptying his gun. After this the negro still advanced upon him, Ayscue calling to officer Ellis for help. Ellis had turned his prisoner loose and made his way through the crowd to Ayscue coming up behind Littlejohn. As he arrived he saw Littlejohn's left hand on Ayscue's and his right hand with gun in it rising to firing position. Ellis grabbed the gun, and wrung it away from the negro, who fell and soon passed out. It was in evidence that Littlejohn had been drinking.

These were the facts presented to Judge J. L. Palmer, with the additional evidence the negro was of a bad character especially when drinking and persistently carried a gun. One witness stating that he had heard the negro say that Frank Ayscue should never arrest him. The last statement was ruled out by the Court.

This evidence was given by two negroes, the two officers and a white boy who were eye witnesses, all of whom agreed on the point that only four shots were made by Ayscue and only three of them at the victim. In addition the two pistols were identified by witnesses.

In view of the facts, the court gave expression in arriving at its judgment that Ayscue had shot Littlejohn in the defense of his own person while in the discharge of his duties as an officer of Franklin County.

The negro bears a bad reputation, especially in his family matters and his community, is about 35 or 40 years old and leaves a wife and family.

Mr. Ayscue is one of Franklin County's most level headed and efficient officers and a popular and progressive citizen of Haysville township. His many friends feel assured that this was a case of absolute necessity or Frank would not have used the extreme means of defense that he did.

A calf club show will be held by members of the Iredell Jersey Calf Club at the Piedmont Branch Station near Statesville on September 21.

McDowell County has begun its first cream and egg route over 40 miles of county highways. W. M. Conley is carrier.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. H. W. Perry, Vice-President State Department, Elected President Local Unit To Succeed Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. Forest Joyner on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17. Mrs. H. H. Hilton, who presided, after calling the meeting to order, formalities being dispensed with, stated that in order to comply with the ruling of the State Department that local officers go into office simultaneously with the state officers, the election would have to be held at this time. The nominating committee brought in the following report which on motion duly made and seconded was unanimously adopted:

President—Mrs. H. W. Perry.  
1st. Vice Pres.—Miss Lynne Hall.  
2nd. Vice Pres.—Mrs. A. W. Alston.  
Sec'y. and Treas.—Mrs. J. Forrest Joyner.

Chaplain—Mrs. E. C. Perry.  
Historian—Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Mrs. S. P. Boddie.

This was the time for the report from the State Convention but same was deferred until the next meeting. Report was received from the Sequi-Centennial booth committee.

After discussions about Armistice Day and a contemplated play being given, the hostess served delicious sandwiches, tea and mints and the meeting adjourned to October, 15th, 1929, at which time Mesdames A. W. and T. C. Alston will be hostesses.

## LARGE NUMBERS ATTEND RECORDERS COURT

Large numbers of citizens attended Monday's session of Recorders Court, although only a small number of cases were on the docket. Judge Palmer's first jury case was held Monday with a victory for the State. The docket was disposed of as follows:

State vs Spurgeon Hartsfield, carrying concealed weapons, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads, to be suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

State vs Grove Young, operating an automobile intoxicated, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads, to be suspended upon payment of costs, and not to drive a car for six months.

State vs Addie Brown, assault with deadly weapon and disorderly conduct, not guilty.

State vs Melvin Young, assault with deadly weapon, jury trial, guilty, judgement suspended upon payment of costs. Appeal.

State vs Lonnie Robbins, distilling, pleads guilty, 12 months on roads to be suspended for two years upon good behavior and paying a fine of \$100 and costs.

State vs Nat Perry, larceny, pleads guilty, 4 months in jail, Commissioners to hire out.

State vs Sylvester Harris, aiding and abetting in distilling, pleads guilty, 6 months on roads to be suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Maurie Harris, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty, 6 months on road, suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

State vs Worth Puckett, trespass, guilty, 12 months on roads, upon payment of costs capias not to issue until Sept 17th.

State vs Morris Williams, non support, assault, guilty, 12 months on roads, suspended for two years upon payment of costs and good behavior to an adequate support of his wife and children.

## GENEVIEVE TABORN STRUCK AND KILLED BY CHIEF CLARKE'S AUTO

Genevieve Taborn, a 14 year old colored school girl was struck on the head and instantly killed Friday night about 10 o'clock by a car driven by Chief of Police R. Z. Clarke, of Franklinton just outside the Southern City limits. Chief Clarke waived a preliminary hearing before Mayor H. C. Kearney and gave an \$800 bond for his appearance at October term of Franklin Superior Court.

According to information the TIMES received from Chief Clarke and other citizens of Franklinton the accident happened while Chief Clarke was enroute to Youngsville. He was traveling South on his right side of Route 50 when he noticed three girls ahead also on his right. The girls were dancing and playing along, holding hands, as he approached the girls pulled apart and Genevieve's hold loosened and she fell towards the car as it passed, striking her head against the hinge on the door, which projects about two inches from the car. At the time it is stated, the car had advanced to the extreme left of the pavement.

The accident, according to Chief Clarke, so completely unnerved him that he drove on down the road until he could compose himself and then returned home. He did not go back to the scene because he knew there was nothing he could do.

He then tendered his resignation as Chief of Police of Franklinton, which had not been acted upon Monday, and was relieved of duties pending a trial.

LATER—The Commissioners of Franklinton held a meeting on Monday night at which time they did not accept Chief Clarke's resignation, but granted him leave of absence until after Court in October.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF SAINT PAULS' CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of Saint Pauls' Church met with Mrs. R. C. Leck Monday afternoon. Mrs. L. E. Scoggin opened meeting with prayer and creed.

The program included three topics. The Thank Offering, Corporate gift and Faiths of Africa.

Mrs. Beck read an article on the meaning of the Thank offering and Mrs. Robt. Smithwick read one on its objectives. Mrs. R. F. Yarborough read the concluding article on Faiths of Africa.

At the conclusion of the program the thank offering was presented with prayer.

The Auxiliary will meet with Miss Sadie Jarman Monday, Sept. 30th. All blue boxes that have not been sent in to the custodian, Mrs. Beck, must be in by Friday or Saturday.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon at 11 o'clock will be "Individual Responsibility for Character." The topic of the evening sermon at 8 o'clock will be "Witnessing for Christ." Both sermons by the pastor.

SCHOOL MEETINGS HELD

Supt. E. L. Best reports that he has just closed a series of meetings with the teachers and school board members of the county. These meetings were held on the following days and place:

Tuesday, Sept. 10—Bunn.  
Wednesday, Sept. 11—E. B. H. S.  
Thursday, Sept. 12—Epsom.  
Friday, Sept. 13—Gold Sand  
Monday, Sept. 16—Youngsville.

At these meetings policies for the year were discussed and definite objectives set up. Many interested patrons attended these meetings and such good we hope will result from them.

## FIRST BALE OF COTTON BRINGS 20 CENTS

The first bale of cotton from the crop of 1929 was sold in Louisburg Tuesday morning by Mr. O. T. Inscope and was bought by the First National Bank at twenty cents. The cotton was sold at auction by Mr. W. A. Jones who in a well-directed manner told of the farmer's plight in raising money crops and suggested splendid remedies. Following his talk he proceeded with his ability as an auctioneer.

This bale was gained by the Franklin Cotton Seed Company, and weighed 415 pounds.

## SHOWERS BRIDE-ELECT

Mrs. R. F. Yarborough was hostess to the younger set Friday afternoon, complimentary to Miss Eleanor Scott Yarborough, whose engagement has been announced. Tables were arranged for bridge in the drawing room and dining room where exquisite autumn flowers formed a lovely background for the players in their charming afternoon frocks. Shaded lights cast a soft glow over them.

Miss Temple Gee Yarborough received them at the door and Mrs. W. B. Barrow introduced them to the receiving line, Mrs. R. Y. Yarborough, Miss Eleanor Yarborough, Mrs. J. B. Yarborough, mother of the bride-elect, and Miss Edith Yarborough.

The bride-elect wore a lovely and becoming gown of satin in the new tone of gray.

The tally-place cards for the game of bridge were decorated with diminutive child bride and groom, with the lines, "making good on the contract", on each.

After several progressions, the hostess presented Miss Lonnie Meadows a dainty handmade hankiechief for the top score. To the bride-elect she gave a lovely suit of lingerie in satin, at the time toasting her in clever lines, reminding her of "unlucky in cards, lucky in love".

Assisting Mrs. Yarborough and Miss Eleanor Collie in serving were little Martha Ballard Yarborough, Peg Ford Rose Malone and Bernice and Virginia Lane, wearing pink and blue green frocks, carrying out the color scheme used in decorations and refreshments. Block cake and ice cream, mints and salted nuts were served.

While sitting at the tables the guests were surprised at the appearance of a ground-hog followed in procession by little Martha Yarborough in fairy costume, and Peg Ford, Rose Malone, Bernice and Virginia Lane, in flower costumes representing a lily, pansy and violets. Never would the guests have recognized dainty, petite Mrs. James B. King in the ground-hog costume but for her voice when she began to toast the bride-elect in charming, original verse, exclaiming upon "the noise like thunder that had aroused her from her February slumber".

Advised by the fairy and her flower-maidens of the pre-nuptial celebrations, they "hid from the woods" to bring gifts to the bride-elect. Martha Yarborough then called her flower-maidens to present to the bride-elect the dainty pink and green decorated basket filled with prettiest linens, saying:

"Here's for you my sweet cousin, Dainty pieces by the dozen, Some to wear, some to use Just the way that you may choose, Now this basket, please open wide And let us all peep inside."

The guests crowded around the bride-elect while the basket was emptied of its exquisite household linens and dainty wearing apparel.

Invitations to the party included: Mesdames James B. King, Weldon D. Egerton, J. D. Earle, E. F. Griffin, James E. Malone, W. B. Tucker, W. E. White, Jr., Clyde Burgess, J. Albert Wheelers; Robert Redwine, I. H. Rouse, W. B. Barrow, J. B. Yarborough, Misses Lonnie and Susie Meadows, Ida May Yow, Edythe Bradley, Eleanor Yarborough, Babbie Turner, Katherine Pleasants, Mary and Fannie Mumford, Temple Yarborough, Eleanor Collie, and Annie Perry Neal, all of Louisburg; and out of town, Mesdames W. Y. Bickett, Walter D. Egerton, and Miss Evelyn Graham of Raleigh; Mrs. S. B. Berkley, of Goldsboro; Mesdames N. Y. Chambliss, Frank Rose and Frank Fagen, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Allen Dale, of

## TRUSTEES HOLD WELCOME MEETING

On Friday, September 13, at 11 o'clock, the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, held a call meeting in the office of the college, for the purpose of welcoming the new president, Dr. C. C. Alexander, who assumed his duties at the college this week.

A brief report which showed that conditions about the college were encouraging was made by the President. The work of the new year which began September 5th, is starting off very satisfactory with a good enrollment in all departments.

This meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. H. Shore, of Weldon, Chairman of the Board. After the transaction of some minor business matters, the meeting adjourned to meet again on Tuesday evening during the session of the North Carolina Conference, which meets early in November at Kinston.

Those attending the meeting were Rev. J. H. Shore, of Weldon, Mr. F. B. McKinnis, of Goldsboro, Rev. S. A. Cotton, of Weldon, Mr. W. E. White, of Louisburg, and Prof. C. C. Alexander.

## ANNUAL COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Officers of the Franklin County Sunday School Association announce that the Annual County Sunday School Convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 with the Baptist Church, Youngsville, N. C.

Helping in the convention will be Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Also helping on the program will be several of the best known Sunday School workers in the county. The convention is interdenominational and workers from all Sunday Schools in the county are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements for the convention are C. E. Jeffreys and C. A. Moore, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday School leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the Convention the largest average attendance of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday Schools of the county.

EPSOM NEWS

On Sunday Sept. 29th, Home-Coming Day will be observed at Liberty Church. This is the 70th anniversary of the church and all pastors or members that have served the church are cordially invited to come and spend the day with us. Remember if you belong to another church now but once belonged here you are invited to come back Home-Coming day.

The Epsom school is going just fine, and we are glad to welcome Miss Elizabeth Timberlake as our new teacher.

There was a very large crowd to attend the funeral and burial of Mr. P. D. Dement last Sunday, at the Weldon cemetery.

The Epsom Woman's Club will hold a meeting Thursday, 2 p. m. At this time Miss Esterbrook, State Demonstrator will be present to demonstrate the correct way to furnish the living-room.

Mrs. George Dickie has just returned home after a pleasant visit to Bunn.

Mr. G. W. Eaves and others visited his cousin Mr. Sidney Eaves in Flat Rock vicinity, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Foster announce the birth of a daughter, Friday Sept. 13th, Hilda Jane.

REPORTED

## LOUISBURG READY FOR TOBACCO OPENING SALE

Louisburg is now ready and awaiting one of the most noteworthy openings of its tobacco warehouses it has witnessed in many years.

It is expected, as it has been led to believe, a better price than the eastern and southern markets because of the different type of tobacco in this section.

All three warehouses are in ship shape and ready to handle the week. Two of the best auctioneers in the State will be here to cry it off. The very best and most experienced warehousemen are busy looking after the interest of the farmers and a full corps of buyers are expected to be on hand when the coin is tossed for the first sale.

All tobacco growers are invited to sell in Louisburg with the assurance from the town as well as the warehousemen, that no effort will be spared to see that everything possible will be done to their advantage.

## "WANTED A MAN."

This will be the subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Methodist church by Rev. Daniel Lane, at which time the Men's Bible Class will attend in a body. The evening sermon subject will be "Attending upon the ordinances of God."

All are invited to attend these services.

The banquet held on Wednesday night by the Men's Bible Class was a most enjoyable occasion. About forty were in attendance and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent.

## MRS. WATSON ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. T. W. Watson was hostess to the Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Main Street. The pretty home was thrown en suite and was decorated with lovely fall flowers in profusion arranged artistically throughout the house.

After a spirited game of bridge, a delicious salad course, iced tea, crystallized ginger and nuts were served by the charming hostess who was assisted by her attractive daughter Miss Anna Gray Watson.

Those who were present to enjoy Mrs. Watson's hospitality were: Mesdames O. Y. Yarborough, A. W. Person, E. S. Ford, M. S. Clifton, S. P. Boddie, L. H. Malone, B. B. Perry, G. M. Beam, G. W. Cobb, H. H. Johnson, K. K. Allen, L. E. Scoggin, William Andrews, W. D. Egerton, J. W. Mann, J. M. Allen, W. T. Person, J. B. King, and Misses Edith Yarborough and Eleanor Yarborough.

## RECEPTION TO DR. ALEXANDER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church extends to the people of Louisburg and vicinity a cordial invitation to attend a reception in the Church Parlors to meet Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Alexander, Friday evening September the twentieth, from 8 to 10:30 o'clock.

## TAKE TREASURE HUNT HIKE

The Neithan Society of Louisburg College with a most unusual form of entertainment was hostess to the entire student body and faculty of the college, early Tuesday morning. All the residents of the college hiked to a place on the Tar River back of the College, known as Flat Rock, where they cooked breakfast, which consisted of bacon, wieners, coffee, apples and bread, over an open camp fire.

Immediately following an exciting Treasure Hunt ensued which carried the indulgers in distant and scattered places. At the close of the hunt Miss Marion Bagley, the finder of the treasure, was presented a beautiful box of candy.

Two solid cars of ground limestone have been ordered by farmers of Stokes County for use under legumes this fall.

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