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WPA WORKERS STRIKE

DON'T LIKE SUPERINTENDENT

Quit Job At Noon Friday; Mr. McKeithan, Supervisor, Investigates; Practically Whole Force Returned Monday; Mrs. Mitchiner, Welfare Officer, Says No Food For Strikers

Around fifty employees of the WPA, including both white and colored, employed on street work in Louisburg pulled a strike Friday afternoon when all but less than a dozen walked off the job, some quitting after they had begun the afternoon work.

A strike was so unusual in Louisburg especially among those workers who are given employment more as a measure of charity than as a necessity for the work being done that quite a bit of interest and resentment was manifest.

Upon interviewing several of the workers the TIMES reporter found that the trouble started over the fact that George T. Meade was placed back on the job as foreman replacing Ennis Lancaster who has resigned to go to Canada to cure tobacco, and that so much complaint on the slowness of the job had been expressed by citizens that instructions had been given to speed up the work and Meade was attempting to carry out this view. The men objecting to being pushed up decided to quit until Meade was replaced. One negro worker said he did not quit, although he was working by himself, until told by a white man "he had better get off the job."

Another worker claimed he had not quit his job, but stopped on account of illness in his family, another said "we are not going to work any more until Meade is replaced." So the sentiment ran among the workers. At the same time citizens on the streets were freely saying the workers should not be put back on the job, but sent to the roads for vagrancy, or be allowed to starve.

With these feelings flowing freely, Mr. McKeithan, Supervisor in charge of the work, came over and made investigations Friday and Saturday. It is said he let go the information that Mr. Meade would continue on the job as foreman, with instructions to get a fair days work from all workers and that those wishing WPA assistance had better report for work Monday morning. The result was that practically all reported for work Monday morning.

These workers we understand are paid 20 cents an hour and given eight hours work a day for five days a week, or a total weekly pay of \$8 each. The slowness of the work in the past has built up an idea that WPA workers did not have to produce a day's work, but only required to be on hand the necessary number of hours. This spirit has been the source of much public criticism. It is understood that the WPA officials are now bringing about a change and requiring a reasonable day's work from each worker or he must be laid off. This will be good news to the public.

It is also understood that Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, Welfare officer, stated that none of the workers who quit the job under Friday's strike influence would be given food supplies from that department.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Friday, July 29th:

Last Times Today — Friday — Henry Fonda and Madeleine Carroll in "Blockade."

Saturday — Double Feature — Charles Staret in "West of Cheyenne" and the Jones Family in "A Trip To Paris." Also first chapter new serial "Fighting Devil Dogs."

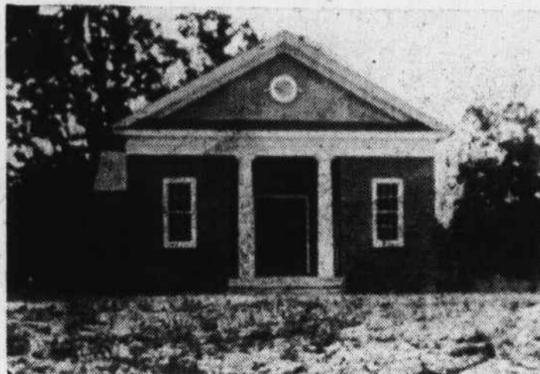
Sunday — Preston Foster and Made Evans in "Army Girl."

Monday — Tuesday — Harold Lloyd in "Professor Beware."

Wednesday — Robert Page and Jacqueline Wells in "Highway Patrol."

Thursday-Friday — Dick Powell, Pat O'Brien, Priscilla Lane, Dick Foran, Ronald Reagan, Ann Sheridan and Johnnie Davis in "Cowboy From Brooklyn."

Prospect Methodist Church



TO BE DEDICATED ON NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31st, 1938

The new church at Prospect will be dedicated, the Lord willing, with appropriate exercises next Sunday, July 31. There will be preaching at 11:00 o'clock by Dr. M. T. Plyler, of Durham, followed by the dedicatory service. After an intermission of an hour or more during which dinner will be served, there will be another service in the church with special direction to the Sunday School work and the children—in which several of the former pastors of the church will take part. Friends of the enterprise are invited with a special invitation to all former members of the church.

The church as an organization dates back to 1841, when a deed to a lot of land 100 yards square was given by Elias May, grandfather of W. E. May, who with his esteemed family are valued members of the present church, to the following gentlemen as Trustees: Joel King, William King, W. O. Green, James E. Twitty and William Spivey. It may be of interest to state that Joel King and Wm. King were sons of Rev. John King, M. D., a contemporary and co-worker with John Wesley, who as minister of the Gospel and physician and friend to Education made a lasting impression on this section. His name appears as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Franklin Academy, the pioneer of all schools in or around Louisburg—an institution chartered by act of Legislature before the University at Chapel Hill was chartered. W. Oscar Green, whom some of us who are older, remember well was the father of Co. W. Furney Green and J. O.

Green whose son of the same name is an honest citizen of Franklin. The descendants of William Spivey are numerous in the county, especially in Louisburg, Cypress Creek, Dunn and Harris townships. It is not known if any of Mr. Twitty's name or posterity are now resident here. At the time this deed was made he lived at and owned what is now known as the Herbert Harris place.

The original church at Prospect erected in the early 40's of the last century was as those living now remember it a rather unsightly wooden structure sitting parallel with the road, neither painted nor ceiled and with its open roof and exposed rafters seemed to be more popular with wasps and lizards than with the scattered people of the neighborhood. It gave place in 1907 or 1908 to a small neat wooden building painted and plastered. Erected largely through the efforts of the late Mrs. M. S. Davis, who for a number of years attended regularly there and taught in the Sunday School. Agitation for a new building in this developing community began during the pastorate of Rev. A. M. Williams and continued during that of his successor, Rev. H. E. Lance—each of whom remained but a year. Under the pastorate of Rev. M. W. Warren, the present energetic incumbent plans materialized, work started and the building has been pushed to a successful completion. When offered for dedication on Sunday it will be with no collection to be taken and no debt impending either on building or equipment.

A. B. Allen Dead

Mr. Arthur Bruce Allen, died at his home on North Main Street Friday afternoon at about 5:30 o'clock. He had been in ill health for several years. He was 68 years of age and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lillian Perry, of near Mapleville, three sons, Messrs. James, Neal and Newell Allen, and three daughters, Mrs. Eva Tomlinson, of near Charlotte, Mrs. Bernard Smith, of Wilson, and Mrs. Carroll Garrison, of Reidsville, one brother, Mr. T. V. Allen, of Warrenton, and one sister, Mrs. —, Hilliard, of Warrenton.

Mr. Allen was one of Louisburg's oldest and most highly respected citizens. He came to Louisburg from Warren County about forty-six years ago. Soon after the government established the rural free delivery he became Carrier on Route No. 3 and served in this capacity until he retired in 1934. He was a conscientious and kindly gentleman who made many friends.

The funeral services were held from the home at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by Revs. M. Stamps and J. G. Phillips, and interment was made at Oakwood Cemetery. Large numbers of relatives and friends attended both services and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty. The pallbearers were R. W. Smithwick, J. A. Newell, Bill Ragland, Wallace Neal, Allen Hilliard, of Warrenton, and J. W. Weaver.

Among the flower girls were Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Mrs. Forrest Joyner, Misses Helen and Lucy Smithwick, Mrs. Karl Allen II, Mrs. W. A. Andrews, Misses Maria Perry, Edna Earl Perry, Ernestine Perry, Bettie Neal, Helen Holmes, Cora Beasley, Mrs. Harry Banks and Mrs. F. B. Leonard.

The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire public.

MISS LOUISBURG

Miss Edna Earl Parrish has been selected by Mayor Webb to represent Louisburg in the contest for Queen of the 2nd Annual Tobacco Exposition and Festival in Wilson, August 15-18.

Schedule

The following is the schedule of Battery B, N. C. N. G. 113th F. A., which left Louisburg early yesterday morning:

7-28, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Society Hill, Cheraw—Vicinity Cheraw, S. C.

7-29, U. S. Route No. 1—Vicinity Louisville, Ga.

7-30, Millidgeville, Macon, Tallboton, Columbus, Opelika—Vicinity Auburn, Ala.

7-31, Montgomery, Selma, Demopolis—Vicinity Meridian, Miss.

8-1, Enterprise, Laurel, Hattiesburg—Vicinity Brooklyn, Miss.

In case of dire necessity only members may be reached on the above days at the bivouac address by telegram.

Mail should be addressed as follows:

Pvt. John Smith, Battery "B" 113th F. A., 30th Division, Ashe Nursery, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Each letter or parcel should have the return address thereon. Members of the Battery may also be reached by telegram, at the above address, after August 1st.

BOBBITT RE-UNION

The Bobbitt family reunion for 1938 will be held on Sunday, August 7th, at the home of Mr. R. A. Bobbitt, on East Nash Street, in Louisburg, according to announcement, which also says there will be a basket lunch.

LOW ROAD BIDS TOTAL \$902,869

Franklin County Projects May Be Held Up; Bids Termed "Very Good"

Low bids on 13 new road projects, considered Tuesday by the State Highway Commission, totaled \$902,869.30, and low bidder on three projects was C. A. Ragland, of Louisburg.

Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise commented that as a whole, the bids were very good, adding that for the past several months, bids have been less than amount programmed for construction work. The amount allocated for the 13 projects on which proposals were opened yesterday was \$1,058,000.

He also said that awarding of the contract on the Franklin County project from Wake County line to Louisburg would be held up until sufficient top-soil could be obtained from persons owning land along the right-of-way. Efforts have been made during the past few weeks to obtain necessary top-soil; but so far owners have declined to sell.

The Highway Commission as a body met in Raleigh Wednesday to canvas the bids.

Projects and low bidders were as follows:

Franklin County, 10.68 miles of grading, bituminous surfacing and structures on route 59 from Wake County line to southwest of Louisburg, roadway to C. A. Ragland, \$96,671.10; structures to Hobbs-Peabody of Charlotte, \$32,927.40.

Wake County, 7.30 miles grading and structures on route 59 west of Neuse River to Franklin County line; roadway to C. A. Ragland, \$63,624.80; structures to Kiker and Yount, Reidsville, \$40,046.90.

(The above is the Louisburg to Raleigh road by Rolesville. It is understood the contract had been previously let for this road from Neuse River to Raleigh, something over two miles having already been built.—Ed.)

In addition to the above our townsman, Mr. C. A. Ragland, got the following contract:

Wayne County, 14.28 miles grading, bituminous surfacing and structures on route 55 between Mt. Olive and Seven Springs; roadway, C. A. Ragland of Louisburg, \$115,656.70; structures to E. W. Grannis, of Fayetteville, \$20,679.40.

ORGANIZES LIONS CLUB

A Lions Club was organized in Franklin Friday night, July 22. The club was organized by Lion J. Bennett Napier, International organizer and was sponsored by the Henderson club. Several Henderson members were present.

President Clarence White, of the Henderson club welcomed the Franklin club and following officers were elected:

W. H. Green, President.
W. H. M. Jenkins, 1st Vice President.

A. B. Allen, 2nd Vice President.
John J. Joseph, 3rd Vice President.

H. E. Pearce, Jr., Secretary.
Directors: W. W. Cooke, P. H. Massey, and Everett L. Moore.

G. B. Harris, Lion Tamer.
P. P. Purnell, Tail Twister.

The membership consists of leading business men and citizens. The meetings of the club will be held twice a month—first and third Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

The people of Franklin appreciate the organization of the Lion's Club as the town has long felt the need of a civic organization.

GOES TO BERTIE-HERTFORD

Mr. Wm. A. Banks, who recently graduated from State College, has accepted a position as Assistant under the Farm Rehabilitation department in Bertie and Hertford counties. His many friends in Franklin extend congratulations and good wishes, feeling confident he will do credit to himself and his new position.

DURHAM HOST TO YOUNG DEMOCRATS

The State Convention of Young Democrats will be held in Durham on September 8, 9 and 10, it was announced today by John F. Matthews, secretary of the Franklin County Club.

A meeting will be called in the near future for the selection of delegates from Franklin County.

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"Lighting Up In Dark Company"



SOUTH BOSTON, Virginia . . . These three South Boston, Virginia, girls, left to right, Misses Helen Johnston, Jean Hill and Hallie Hubbard, practicing for their roles in the fourth annual National Tobacco Festival to be held here on September 8 and 9, stop by a Negro cabin and secure lights for their cigarettes from the Negro mammy's pipe, much to the interest of the pickaninnys

EDITORIAL

ITS UP TO FRANKLIN

The State Highway Commission in receiving acceptable bids for the Louisburg-Rolesville-Raleigh road, has put it **SQUARELY** up to **FRANKLIN** whose people have been so critical and so eagerly interested in its construction. According to reports from Raleigh the work will have to be delayed until the people whose property the road passes through will sell sufficient top soil to the Highway Commission for road construction purposes. The TIMES understands this situation cannot be held open very long as other counties are eager for roads and will sell the top soil. This makes it possible for the money allotted for this road to be transferred to another County and then **FRANKLIN** will **LOSE** again. Let's hope the people along the line will wake up and sell the necessary soil immediately to the end, that the work may begin right away on the road. The Wake County side, we understand, has cooperated with the Commission one hundred per cent. **FRANKLIN COUNTY** shouldn't do less.

MARKET OPENS EARLIER

Published reports show that the tobacco markets in the Middle Belt will open on September 13th, instead of later as heretofore published. Louisburg is in this Belt and this will be good news to the many farmers and warehousemen of this section.

Louisburg led in high prices paid last year and if the farmers will cooperate it will lead both in prices and accommodations this year.

Watch for formal announcements from Louisburg's three big warehouses.

COMES TO LOUISBURG

Mr. S. T. Anderson, of Winston-Salem, a licensed embalmer, has taken a position with W. E. White Furniture Co., and will have charge of the undertaking department. Mr. Anderson is a young man of much energy and ability and comes highly recommended.

CHANGE OF HOURS

The Franklin County Library will be open on Monday and Friday from 1:00 o'clock till 5:00 o'clock until further notice. Observance of these hours will be greatly appreciated.

Recorder's Court

Only one case was before Franklin Recorder's Court Tuesday and was disposed of as follows:

Owen Wheelless was found guilty of assault on a female and given 6 months on roads.

W. M. S. MEETING

The Fannie Heck Circle of the W. M. S. of the Louisburg Baptist Church will meet Monday afternoon with Mrs. Florence Underhill at her home on Church St., at 3:30. Every member is urged to be present.

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THARRINGTON ON TRIAL

DEFENDANT A FRANKLIN BOY

McMillan, The Slain Man, A Brother of a Louisburg Lady; Smithfield Court Room Scene of Interesting Trial

(News-Observer)

Smithfield, July 27.—James E. Tharrington, former Raleigh and Smithfield banker, tonight took the witness stand in Johnston Superior Court and contradicted State's evidence of premeditated murder in the slaying of John McMillan, popular young Selma oil dealer.

The 33-year-old Tharrington, on trial for his life, was called to the stand as first witness for the defense after Judge Hubert E. Olive ordered a night session to speed up proceedings in the sensational trial.

Tharrington asserted he fired on McMillan after the latter attacked him without warning. The shooting occurred on the night of March 31, after McMillan returned to an apartment in Selma in company with Mrs. Rosalie Hales King, pretty divorcee.

Crowd Jams Courthouse

Earlier today, a crowd that packed every available inch of space in the court heard a State's witness swear that Tharrington fired on McMillan without any provocation whatever. Solicitor Claude C. Canaday and his assistants called more than a dozen witnesses before court recessed in late afternoon after the State had rested its case tentatively.

The State attempted to build up a case of unprovoked, murderous assault, with jealousy over a woman, Mrs. King, as the motive. Tharrington contradicted this with testimony that McMillan was beating him "viciously" when he fired, that he was not infatuated with Mrs. King, and that McMillan was a total stranger to him. He said he was at the apartment house on a business matter.

His relations with Mrs. King, Tharrington told the jury, were merely as an "old friend" of her sister, Mrs. Maude Moseley. He denied ever "dating" her at any time.

Self-Assured

Tharrington gave the appearance of self-assurance throughout his direct and cross-examinations. He asserted that McMillan had uttered a threat, "Damn your soul, I'm going to kill you," and insisted that he was in fear of his own life when he pulled his gun.

The ex-banker, in explanation of why he had the weapon on his person, said that he usually carried it in his car but had put it in his pocket earlier that night upon leaving his machine, "because one pistol had been stolen from me and I didn't want to lose another."

Solicitor Canaday failed to shake Tharrington's story in any major particular. The cross-examination required more than an hour, but the ex-banker held firmly to his contention that McMillan was the aggressor and that he fired while believing his own life was in danger.

In his version of the shooting, Tharrington said he was sitting with Mrs. Moseley on the front porch of a house in which the sisters shared an apartment when Mrs. King and McMillan drove up to the house after a "date." Accompanying Mrs. King and McMillan was Walton Parker, 30-year-old Selma salesman.

Mrs. King left the car and went into the house, Tharrington said, and after about five minutes, McMillan came to the steps of the porch. Tharrington quoted Mrs. Moseley as saying: "John, you'd better go home now."

Says McMillan Cursed

McMillan turned away and walked toward the car, Tharrington said, but as he approached the car, he turned and came back to the porch and, with an oath, asserted that he was "not scared" of anyone.

McMillan turned to him, Tharrington said, and declared: "There is no better time than now to settle it."

Tharrington said that McMillan then swung at him and struck him on the forehead, that they fought "about a minute," and that McMillan made a threat to kill him.

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