



Fire Bomb Damage

Pictured above is the Little Acorn, a Negro nightclub located on NC 56, two miles east of Louisburg where some type of fire bomb is believed to have been set off last night around 10:30 p.m. The blast, reportedly heard in Louisburg, did minor damage to the middle window in the front of the building and broke a number of window panes in the other windows along the front of the building. Sheriff William T. Dement and Deputy Sheriff Dave Batten are continuing their investigation this morning. The place was the scene of a shotgun murder of a former county Negro Vietnam veteran on the night of May 7.

Former Local Woman In Critical Condition Following Accident

A former Louisburg woman is listed in critical condition in Cape Fear Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, N. C. and has failed to regain consciousness following an accident in front of the hospital on Friday night, May 12, according to information received here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tharrington Tyson, a former secretary at Joyner Wholesale Building Supply Co. here, suffered severe head and neck injuries when the car in which she was riding was struck at an intersection on the Wilmington-Carolina Beach Highway about two miles east of Wilmington.

Reports say that a car driven by an unidentified bank employee ran into the right side of the Tyson vehicle throwing Mrs. Tyson from the car. An unidentified couple riding in the back seat of the Tyson car and the driver of the late model Ford, were uninjured. Mr. Tyson, driving Mrs. Tyson's 1960 model Rambler station wagon escaped with minor injuries.

Word received here Tuesday reported Mrs. Tyson's condition as unchanged from that reported Sunday which listed her as being in critical condition. She is the

former Elizabeth Jacobs of Nash County. She had lived for many years in Franklin County. Her mother, Mrs. Lena Jacobs Drake lives near Castalia in Nash County.

"I Could Cry"

One somewhat irate member of the Louisburg Garden Club said this morning, "I could cry," when asked about two of the newly planted evergreens which were torn from the attractive planters placed recently in the downtown business area.

The night following the placement of the expensive planters, one was turned over and broken on South Main Street. This week, the young plants freshly installed, had brought many compliments to the ladies of the Garden Club and undoubtedly had added much beauty to an otherwise dull street.

Sometime last night, someone tore two of the young

plants from the boxes. One was found some distance away on Church Street and the other was found in a nearby ditch.

"Please," said the lady, "tell them to leave them alone. We have gone to so much expense and work to try to improve the looks of the town."

We agree wholeheartedly with the lady. "Leave the plants alone. They are adding beauty and even though you might not appreciate it, others do."

The test of character comes when one person holds a preponderance of advantages over others—in the way he treats them.

The Town of Louisburg and the Louisburg Garden Club are launching a Clean-Up Campaign next week, according to a joint announcement by Mrs. Breattie C. O'Neal, a member of the town council and the Garden Club and Mayor V. A. Peoples.

The campaign starts Monday, May 29 and lasts through Sunday, June 4. The drive will be headed by the Garden Club and a three-member committee from the town council, appointed by Mayor Peoples recently. Members of the council committee are: Mrs. O'Neal, chairman, George T. Bunn and Grover C. Harris.

"Newly painted litter cans will be placed around the business sections and an extra truck will be available for the extra trash or rubbish which collects during this clean-up week," Mrs. O'Neal said.

"We are all guilty of being a litterbug and until we realize it is a matter of individual responsibility we will make little headway in controlling the problem," she added.

Mrs. O'Neal points out that a town ordinance exists which prohibits the "throwing or sweeping of filth, trash or rubbish of any character," upon the sidewalks or any

street. It is also unlawful for any "person, firm or corporation to obstruct any of the sidewalks or streets of the town with boxes, crates, barrels or any other material whatsoever."

The ordinance also provides for punishment, when convicted, of not more than \$50.00 and 30 days imprisonment for

each violation. "Steps will be taken to deal with persons who continue to litter up the streets with trash," the announcement states.

"Cleanliness is next to God—See LOUISBURG Page 8"

"Let's Clean It Up!"



Epsom Lions Celebrate Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of the Epsom Lions Club was observed at last week's Ladies Night banquet program.

Epsom Lions President, E. C. Edwards extended greetings to the ladies and other guests at the meeting opened. Serving as toastmaster during the program was Monroe Gardner of Warrenton, Lions district governor, and he recognized club charter members during the evening.

Principal speaker was C. Ray Pruette of Louisburg, deputy district governor. He discussed the meaning of Lionism.

Another highlight of the session was presentation of attendance awards to Epsom members.

After Recount

Tie Exists In Bunn Council Race

A recount of ballots in Tuesday's elections at Bunn has resulted in a tie for fourth place councilman between incumbents Wayne Winstead and Joe Edwards. Both are former Mayors and each man received 40 votes, according to results of the recount.

Early reports of unofficial returns had Winstead as a

winner and Edwards was 3 votes behind in fifth place.

A ruling is being sought from the State Board of Elections and the League of Municipalities this morning by the attorney for the Town of Bunn, E. F. Yarborough of Louisburg. An announcement is expected later today.

Meanwhile, William A. (Bill) Andrews was reelected Mayor receiving 59 votes. One write-in vote was cast for Ed Harris, but the box beside the name was not marked and thus was not counted. Write-in votes in the council race has caused the confusion in the results. One vote was cast for K. L. Brantley and the box was marked. This

ballot was counted. Five other ballots bearing write-in were not marked in the box and in the recount were thrown out. The law requires that votes mark four boxes for the council in the Bunn election.

Other apparent winners are: former councilman Macon See BUNN Page 8

Going Strong

Man And Machine - - - Nigh On To Sixty Years

An article appeared recently in the Whitney (Texas) Messenger lamenting the fact that after forty years of faithful service, the old Linotype machine called it "quits". The ailment was diagnosed as "Generalized Senility".

This, coming from Texas, where everything is big, leads us to proclaim for one and all that the old trusty Linotype machine in the back room here at The Times office is still going strong after (not forty but) nearly sixty years.

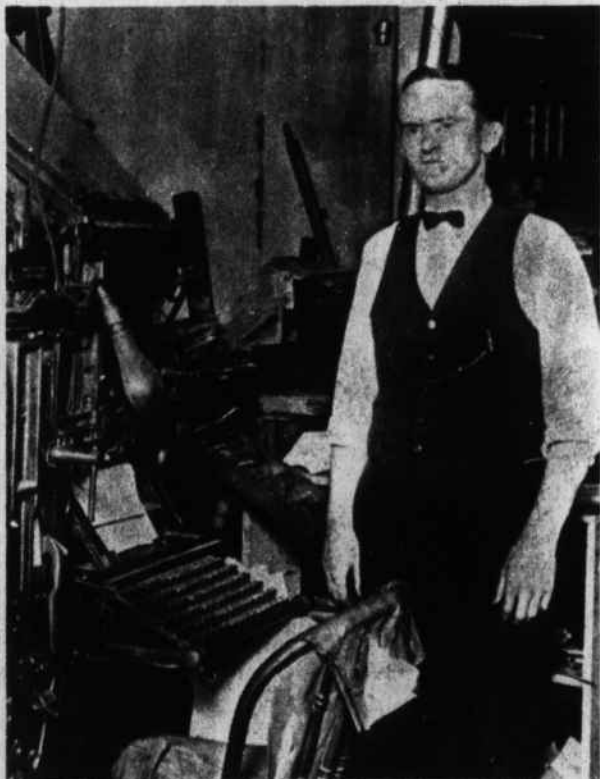
And, if this isn't enough, here is the best part. The man who first operated the machine in 1907 is keeping

pace with the type setter. He, too, is still going strong. We know because we asked him just the other day.

"Ernest," we said, "Are you still going strong?" "You bet I am," he answered. "Ernest" is E. F. Thomas, born in 1894. He went to work in the newspaper office in 1907 when his father the late J. A. (Dolly) Thomas, was editor of The Franklin Times. Young Ernie worked however, not for his father, but for a man named Ed Yarborough, grandfather of two prominent Louisburg attorneys. Mr. Yarborough paid Young Ernie fifty cents a day to set type by hand. Ernest reports that "I worked at this for a couple of years."

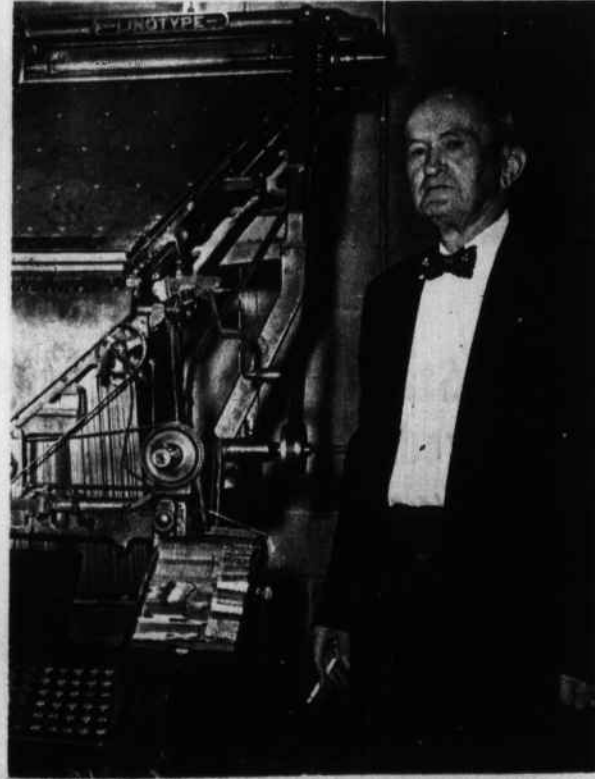
Mr. Thomas died in 1909, leaving The Franklin Times to his two children, Ernest and Sadie (Mrs. Asher Johnson, Sr.). Thomas sold his interest in the newspaper to his sister and entered prep school, where he stayed for two years. Upon his return to Louisburg, he resumed his duties at the newspaper.

Except for a brief sojourn to Lexington, N. C. where he and his wife, Ruth Webb Thomas, whom he married on June 4, 1917, bought and operated a newspaper for several months, and a short stint in the military, Thomas has been associated with The Franklin Times continually since 1907. Although now in semi-



1913: The Man, The Machine

E. F. Thomas



1967: Both Older, Still Together

retirement, (a condition his many friends seriously doubt), Thomas is as active at 73 as he has been all the other years. Presently, he is a Sergeant-At-Arms Officer during this session of the General Assembly in Raleigh and works at it five days a

week. He also continues to supervise the mail department here at the newspaper.

For the past few years, he served as a member of town council in Louisburg and has been a keen political observer for many years. He was county campaign manager for

the late Governor and Senator Clyde R. Hoey. He managed the local campaign for A. J. Maxwell for Governor in 1940 and for Senator and Governor William B. Umstead. Later he managed the campaign for Willis Smith for the U. S. Senate and more recently

headed local forces for John Larkins for Governor.

About the "old machine," Ernie says, "The paper purchased the first Linotype machine in 1912 and I helped Mr. Lee Alford of the News and Observer install it. I set the first line of type on the ma-

chine." "I still set a little type on the old machine every week," he says proudly, "and I hope to continue with The Times and help them celebrate the 100th anniversary in about a year and a half."

The "boys" in the backroom report that Ernie has been known on occasion, to "talk" to the old Linotype machine. "He talks kind of harsh to it at times," one remarked. The machine, like Ernie, has a mind of its own and does not always behave just as it is supposed to. It is at times like these, the two old "friends" have a meeting of minds. Thus far, Ernie has always won.

One of the biggest stories Ernie remembers setting on the machine was the Lindbergh flight on May 20, 1927. "We carried all the national news back then," he says. "There were a lot of big stories, but I can't recall which were really the biggest. I remember the Lindbergh flight though," he says.

He says he remembers the man in Louisburg who first taught Lindbergh to fly. He identifies the man as William Winston, but does not know any particulars about the connection between the two men. He also recalls attending the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President. He said

on the train going up to Washington he saw North Carolina Governor Locke Craig, Josephus Daniels and William Jennings Bryan, and he remembers seeing Bryan's body lying in state in Washington in 1925.

He says the most interesting political scrap he remembers is the fight between Harold Cooley and George Ross Pou for the U. S. Senate. He views the E. F. Yarborough - James Speed race for the N. C. House of Representatives in 1959 as the hottest local political race.

Some of the outstanding men who stick in his mind are the

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... has a mind of its own."



"Worked for fifty cents a day."