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EARL TUCKER TELLS OF MURDER

Says Three Soldiers Killed William Spain and Threw Body in North Fork near Purcell.

Joplin, May 12.—After having maintained his innocence of any knowledge of the affair during three days' rigid questioning, Earl Dewey Tucker, 21 years old, confessed to city and county officers at 7 o'clock last night that William Spain, Carthage taxicab driver, was murdered early Monday morning and his body thrown in North Fork at a point one mile north of Purcell, the officers announced.

Tucker declared he did not take part in the murder or in disposing of the body.

Tucker declared three soldiers, only one of whom he could name, committed the crime, which has shocked Jasper county and which is declared to be the most hideous murder in annals of criminal history in the county. The man named by Tucker is a "Private Mullen," a member of Battery A, 43rd division, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Camp Eustice, Va., of which Tucker also is a member. The other two, Tucker told the officers, were deserters, whom he and Mullen met at the railroad station at Camp Eustice, May 3, as they were coming home.

Their desire for the motor car was the motive which prompted the deed the authorities quote Tucker as having confessed to them.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT MT. PISGAH

Memorial services will be held at Mt. Pisgah church Sunday, May 29. Rev. L. A. Smith, of Springfield, will preach in the morning. There will be a basket dinner and services again in the afternoon.

THE PARK STRAW VOTE

The coupons are coming in quite rapidly for the straw vote on the park proposition. Fifty-four votes have come in, all of which are favorable to a bond issue to secure a city park. Of the fifty-four votes, forty-one are for the Marshall land and twelve for the Meade grave. One person had no choice.

Every voter is asked to send in his coupon whether he is for or against the proposition.

If you can't think on anything else, buy her a box of candy for graduation. A nice, fresh stock at Logan D. McKee's.

COUNTY EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION EXERCISES

Following is the program of the eighth grade graduation exercises to be held in Cassville at the public school building on May 21, 1921.

11:00 Music—Cassville school. Invocation Rev. Deakins. Address of Welcome—E. N. Meador Cassville, Mo.

Response—J. S. McQueen, Wheaton, Mo. Spelling Contest.

1:30 Solo—Mary O. George. Reading—Mrs. T. J. Hodge. Reading—Hazel Vineyard.

Address—Supt. Guy H. Capps, Supt. Monett Schools. Address—W. H. Lynch, Southwest Teachers College Springfield.

Awarding prizes in spelling contest—R. A. Ellis.

Note. Owing to the present circumstances, the Declamatory Contest will be suspended this year.

The Spelling Contest will be open to all pupils in the grades. Judge Wallen will have charge of this contest and will select and pronounce words.

Each graduate is expected to be here and receive their diplomas in person. Please do not ask me to mail them to you. All teachers are requested to be here and especially those that have pupils in the class.

Trusting that I will see all the 300 graduates here on the 21st, I am Yours, very truly

W. E. Hankins.

DELINQUENT TAX NOTICE

I have for collection all delinquent taxes for 1920 for Monett township. These taxes must be paid at once or suit will be brought.

Joe A. Jackson, 6116

DANGEROUS! KEEP OUT

The building destroyed by fire, lot 9, Broadway, dangerous. Stay out. 6443*

James Mansfield.

A GOOD HOME

For sale if taken at once. Beautiful 7 room house, two-story, modern and up to the minute. Large living room, French doors between living room and dining room; beautiful light fixtures; sleeping porch; south screened in porch for summer dining room; garage; strawberries. Reasonable. See it any day. Mrs. B. A. Huffman, 507 Central Avenue, Phone 694-W.

MT. JOY

Sunday school every Sunday at Mt. Joy.

Strawberries look fine at this time. There will be half a crop if nothing more happens.

Harry Cope of Crane, was visiting the home of Charley Williams Sunday. Leonard Brothers have put a foundation under the Central school building this week.

Mrs. Homer Harold is ill. Virgil Whitaker and wife were visiting at the home of Dan Lasley Sunday.

J. Campbell was visiting at the home of J. W. Morgan Sunday morning.

Mrs. Peter Goetz is ill. Farm club meets Thursday night. The ladies are invited.

W. R. Henderson is plowing corn. A number from this part attended Mothers Day on Kings Prairie Sunday.

Loren Francis, of Wheaton, and Vernon Goodnight, of Pineville, were visiting friends around Mt. Joy Sunday.

Robert Blakeslee was setting berry plants this week. Harry Hutchens was visiting at the home of J. McTeer Sunday.

J. F. Chastain was in Purdy Saturday.

SOUTHWEST PURDY

Most of the farmers have got their corn planted.

We are glad to report that Lee Cochran is getting along fine.

The farmers Club will meet at Pleasant Valley school house Tuesday evening May 17th. A program consisting of music, recitations, dialogues and debates will be given. Everybody is invited to come.

Miss Frona Sooter and Messrs Emer Ware and Burl Tucker were Saturday evening visitors of Misses Mattie and Nora Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKee and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Linebarger Sunday.

Sunday school was well attended at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Messrs Tilman Sooter and Burl Eden visited with Elvin Fly near Marbut church Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Haynes and Messrs Burl Tucker and Emer Ware were the Sunday evening guests of Miss Frona Sooter.

Sunday is regular meeting day at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scribner and sons Floyd and Burl, visited at the home of Riley Thomas Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ocia and Ruby Link, Messrs Monroe Sooter and Grant Edwards attended meeting at New Hope Sunday evening.

Miss Goldie Sooter was the Sunday guest of Miss Zelma Strother.

Messrs Clark Haynes and Estel Eden called on Messrs. Monroe and Tilman Sooter Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Long and little son Leon visited at the home of Tim McCracken a while Sunday evening.

Laton Holder is working for his uncle, Will Holder.

Mrs. Riley Thomas was shopping in Purdy Saturday.

Misses Frona Sooter and Mattie Haynes and Messrs Emer Ware and Burl Tucker attended church at Butterfield, Sunday night.

ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS

A regular conclave of Harmony Commandery No. 58 will be held Friday evening, May 13, at which time the De-Mo-Lay will be brought up and considered. All Sir Knights are requested to be present.

6612 J. L. HOBBS, Recorder.

Electric Wiring

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Let me give you an estimate on wiring and repair work. All work guaranteed to be RIGHT. I can also quote you prices on lighting fixtures and electric appliances of all kinds.

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COUNTY COURT MAKES TAX LEVY

Total County Levy This Year, 55 Cents On \$100 Valuation. Last Year's Levy, 85 Cents.

The county court made the annual levy for 1921 county taxes at the regular May term last week. The levy for county revenue and road purposes this year will total 55 cents. The total levy made last year was 85 cents.

Since no additional levy is necessary this year for the courthouse bonds which have been paid in full, the county court estimated it could have taken care of the needs of the county on a 30 to 35 cent levy had the county been out of debt. In order that the back indebtedness can be paid and interest on protested warrants of past years stopped, it was necessary to make the county revenue levy 40 cents.

The road levy was reduced from 25 cents to 15 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The total county, road, State, State Capitol and tax for the support of the worthy blind will all be about 67 or 68 cents this year against something over \$1 last year. The reductions are a result of the cash basis valuations which the law provides shall be made on all property returned.

The county revenue is to be appropriated among the several funds as follows: To the pauper fund 25 per cent; to the road special, 10 per cent; to the official 35 per cent; Grand and Petit jury and election fund, 10 per cent and to the contingent fund 25 per cent.

LIBERTY

There was no preaching at this place Sunday on account of the Mothers Day exercises at New Liberty on Kings Prairie. Several from this vicinity attended and report a very enjoyable day.

Miss Goldie Nowell from Stotts City is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Beckott.

There will be preaching the third Sunday instead of the second.

Frank Cox who was badly injured last week while planting corn is not so well.

S. A. Henson is on the sick list. He has an attack of acute indigestion.

The Ladies Aid was well pleased with the receipts of the bazaar and bakery sale.

Funeral services for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins were held at the church Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. E. R. Stribling. Interment was made in the cemetery at this place.

Mrs. Fred Gibbons and little daughter Mary Ann spent Tuesday afternoon with her mother Mrs. W. S. Lester.

LONG—MORRIS

Miss Ellen Long and Buster Morris were married Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Henry Long, 101 Hickory street, the Rev. Sherman Erickson performing the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the young couple were present at the wedding. After the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served to the guests. They will make their home at 505 County Road for the present.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY SPECIALS AT ARMSTRONG'S

Green beans, Fresh Tomatoes, Fresh Asparagus, Radishes, Green Onions, Leaf Lettuce, Head Lettuce, New Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach Greens.

ARMSTRONG'S Phone 172

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY IN DURNIL'S WINDOW

The Sewing Class of the Domestic Science department Monett High school have placed their work on display in Durnil's window, consisting of dresses, sport coats, lingerie and luncheon cloths. The articles are very pretty and neatly made and show that the pupils have made rapid improvement in their work. The work will be on exhibit today and tomorrow.

EBENEZER

Sunday school as usual. Verne Sanders and wife, of Joplin, are visiting Mr. Sanders' uncle, J. T. Sanders, and working in the interest of the Joplin Globe, of which Mr. Sanders is an employe.

Elder J. T. Sanders and wife visited at the home of their daughter Mrs. Lizzie Hope, seven miles northwest of Mt. Vernon, Saturday. They attended Sunday school at Oak Grove church, Mr. Sanders preaching both morning and evening to an attentive congregation. His subject at 11 o'clock was "Second Coming of Christ." Evening subject, "The Terms of Salvation."

Remember church services on each third Sunday at Ebenezer. All are invited to attend.

It is thought that there will be from one-third to one-half of a strawberry crop this year. Perhaps this will bring as much cash as a full crop.

J. T. Sanders reports that the wheat crop north and west of Freistatt looks promising.

FOR SALE: Elegant carpets, hand-painted china, solid oak furniture, new Singer sewing machine. 301 Seventh street from 9 to 12 a. m. Mrs. A. S. Hawkins.

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SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST LEE WHITTINGTON

Lee Whittington, age sixteen years, charged with attempted criminal assault on Grace Whittington, five years old, his half sister, was tried before Justice E. A. O'Dwyer Tuesday, May 10.

Attorney Shuck, of Joplin, represented the defendant and Attorney Emory C. Medlin represented the State as the prosecuting attorney was sick and unable to be present.

The defendant was bound over and will be tried in circuit court in the June term.

GUN CLUB SHOOT TOMORROW

We would be very glad to see every member of the club present tomorrow at 2:30 sharp. Come prepared to shoot a fifty bird race.

The public is cordially invited to attend and watch this great national sport, and the ladies are especially invited.

Our boys will see that you have a good comfortable seat (no charge). Come on and encourage with your presence.

THE COMMITTEE.

MONETT BERRY GROWERS UNION

Regular meeting Saturday May 14th all members are requested to be present.

G. D. Mulkey, President. Will Davis, Secretary.

NOTICE U. D. C.

The United Daughters of Confederacy will meet at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ernest Mitchell.

Fleischmann's Yeast at Isbell's Grocery. Telephone 3 99-1f

PARK COUPON

For a City Park. (Yes) (No)
(Cross out the one you do not want.)

For a Bond Issue. (Yes) (No)

Choice of Site _____

Name _____

Address _____

If you are a Monett voter cut this out and mail to The Times.

The Insurance Problem

A man who has always found it a nuisance to pay his annual insurance premiums has discovered a way to do so easily.

As soon as he made his last annual payment he started at once to build up a special fund for his next payment.

Some men have adopted the same plan for their Taxes, Vacation Expenses, etc.

It is a good idea to plan ahead for the larger payments you must make and lay aside small amounts each week or each pay-day until you have the money ready. This plan allows your regular bank account to go on growing.

Small sums are easily obtained—but it takes planning to have the larger sums ready when you want them.

Think it over.

First National Bank

MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
MONETT, MISSOURI

ANNOUNCING

That our Spring Sale of Furniture and Floor Coverings will continue through the month of May.

Owing to the cool and unsettled weather for the past 15 days, we feel that the majority of the people of Monett and vicinity have not been able to take advantage of our great price reduction sale. And for this reason we are extending this sale on this month, and are coming out flatfooted with **DARING RADICAL DOWNWARD REVISION** of prices. We want you to know that this merchandise is all spring and summer good from our regular stock and not bought for sale purposes.

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