

SERGEANT LELAND GLENN TEAGUE
Twin City Sentinel original newspaper articles
Winston-Salem Police Department scrapbook

SERGT. TEAGUE IS SHOT WHILE MAKING ARREST

Wounded by Negro Ac-
cused of Murdering Bar-
nett B. Graham, Reyn-
olds' Night Watchman.

CHANCE TO RECOVER

Negro in Hospital After
Being Subdued by Ar-
resting Officers.

Sergeant L. G. Teague of the Winston-Salem Police Department, shot in the abdomen Monday night while attempting to arrest Clarence O. Thomas, colored, believed to be the murderer of Barnett B. Graham, R. J. Reynolds Company night watchman is not in a critical condition. It was reported from the Baptist Hospital Tuesday morning. A blood transfusion, which was at first thought necessary, was found not to be needed. There is much hope held out for his recovery.

Thomas, who was beaten over the head following the shooting of the officer until he was subdued, is in Memorial Hospital, where it is reported that his wounds are not serious. He is charged with murder of Mr. Graham and with shooting Officer Teague. Two police officers are standing guard over his room and it is understood they will remain on guard until he is able to be moved to the city jail, to await preliminary hearing.

At Negro's Home

The shooting occurred at Thomas' home, 1333 Oak Street, about 10:45 o'clock Monday night. Officers obtained information that the man who assaulted Mr. Graham last Friday night could be

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TO INVESTIGATE NEWSOME CASE

Raleigh, Dec. 13 (AP)—Although no notice of appeal has been filed in the case of Larry Newsome, negro convicted at Goldsboro Sunday of murder, and sentenced to die in State Prison electric chair here next month, Pardon Commissioner Edwin Bridges indicated today that he would investigate the case and report his findings to Governor McLean.

If Newsome pays the penalty on the date set by Judge Henry Grady, it was pointed out by officials, he will be one of few men to go to the chair in North Carolina without the benefit of a review of his case by the Supreme Court.

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found at this address. Deputies Sheriff B. J. Lea and F. L. Kreeger, in company with Sergeant Teague and Police Officers J. R. Crutchfield, C. L. Anderson, E. I. Tucker and T. J.

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Morgan went to Thomas' home. The officers divided, with Sergeant Teague going to the front door. The latter demanded that the door be opened. The order was ignored. It was then that Officer Teague forced the door open. Thomas was covered up in bed. He refused to get up and Mr. Teague grappled with him. In a few seconds a shot was fired and Sergeant Teague fell to the floor wounded. The other officers rushed in and beat Thomas over the head until he gave up the gun.

Thought Badly Hurt

The officer, who was thought to be seriously wounded, was then taken to the Baptist Hospital and the negro to Memorial Hospital. Physicians sent out a call for volunteers who would submit themselves to a blood transfusion if Sergeant Teague's condition demanded it. There was a ready response from department members on duty, the number including W. R. Burke, C. L. Anderson, V. L. Davis, R. C. Smith and C. G. Saunders.

In Thomas' home following the shooting there were found the keys and overcoat which have been identified as belonging to B. B. Graham, the night watchman who was fatally injured last Friday night.

Thomas' wife told officers that he left home about 8 o'clock last Friday night and returned about 9 o'clock with the articles above mentioned and with the pistol, also identified as that taken from Mr. Graham the night of the fatal shooting.

Thomas came to Winston-Salem about five years ago from Doremantown, B. C.

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OFFICER TEAGUE DIES OF WOUNDS

Funeral Wednesday From the Southside Baptist Church.

The body of Sergeant L. G. Teague, Winston-Salem policeman, who died Monday morning at 2.30 o'clock from gunshot wounds received December 12, when he was attempting to arrest C. O. Thomas, negro, is resting at the home, 508 East Sprague Street. Hundreds of friends of the valiant officer passed by the bier on Monday, and on Tuesday morning a large number of floral offerings had already been banked about the casket.

Funeral Wednesday

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Southside Baptist Church. It will be conducted by Rev. V. M. Swain and Rev. J. C. Carnell. Members of the police department will attend the services in a body.

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Palbearers will also be from this department. They are: C. L. Anderson, E. I. Tucker, J. H. Crutchfield, T. J. Morgan, M. O. Weisner, C. M. Stutte, A. C. Wall and R. L. Hatcher, all of whom were closely associated with Sergeant Teague during his connection with the department. Interment will be made in Salem Cemetery.

Lossing Fight for Life

Sergeant Teague passed away at the Baptist Hospital where he has been confined since the shooting took place. At times it was thought that he would recover, hope for this being held out until the last. During this period in which Sergeant Teague made the losing fight for his life thousands of people in Winston-Salem kept the telephone busy inquiring of his condition and his room at the hospital was continually banked with flowers and gifts from those who heard of his plight.

Shot Making Arrest

When shot, the officer was trying to arrest C. O. Thomas, negro, who now stands arraigned for the murder of Barnett B. Graham, night watchman of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, who died from injuries sustained December 9. The night watchman was attacked with a monkey wrench while on duty at Factory No. 8. Thomas was caught later with several articles stolen from Mr. Graham in his possession. The negro was found in bed by Sergeant Teague and other officers and it was while Mr. Teague was grappling with Thomas that the latter pulled a pistol from under the cover and fired. The officers overpowered the negro and within a comparatively few hours he was indicted by a Forsyth Grand Jury for the murder of Graham. He will probably be tried at the next term of court on this charge and will also probably face trial on the charge of murdering Sergeant Teague.

FINAL TRIBUTE TO SGT. TEAGUE

Greensboro Officers Join Local Department and Friends at Last Rites.

The funeral of Leland Glenn Teague, detective sergeant of the Winston-Salem Police Department, who died Monday morning, was conducted from Southside Baptist Church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Attending the service were a large number of fellow-officers of Mr. Teague. The delegation was headed by Chief J. A. Thomas, and the policemen went to the church in a body, having assembled at headquarters.

Chief George P. Crutchfield, of the Greensboro Police Department, accompanied by a squad of his men, also attended the funeral and brought with them a beautiful floral tribute. Sergeant Teague was widely known throughout the State and was extremely popular. The floral testimonials of his popularity were numerous.

Rev. V. M. Swain and Rev. J. C. Cornett conducted the funeral, which was followed by interment in Salem Cemetery. Pallbearers were C. L. Anderson, E. I. Tucker, J. H. Crutchfield, T. J. Morgan, M. O. Weisner, C. M. Stutte, A. C. Wall and R. L. Hatcher, members of the Police Department.

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TEAGUE FUND GROWING FAST

Fund Goes to \$1,112.75 in
First 24 Hours; Big Sum
From Reynolds Co.

Previously reported	\$	21.75
R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co.		1,000.00
H. A. Wiseman, col.		1.00
George W. Coan Jr.		25.00
V. H. Hodgkin		5.00
Shore Service Station		5.00
Thomas Barber		50.00
G. W. and W. H. Booe		5.00

\$1,112.75

The Sentinel and Journal Fund for the family of Police Sergeant L. G. Teague, who died from wounds inflicted by Clarence O. Thomas, negro, several days ago, has grown by leaps and bounds since it was started on Tuesday morning.

Generous Gifts

Tuesday afternoon The Sentinel reported \$21.75 contributions to the fund. Generous gifts Tuesday night and Wednesday morning have boosted the sum to \$1,112.75 within the first twenty-four hours with a large number of contributions still expected.

The largest contribution to come in was from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for \$1,000.00. Wednesday morning a \$50 contribution came from Mayor Thomas Barber and another for \$25 came from George W. Coan Jr.

Killed on Duty

Sergeant Teague was killed while in the performance of his duty as guardian of the peace of the city. He leaves a widow and four small children, the oldest being but seven years old and is in the second grade at school. The fund being raised is to provide an opportunity for these children to receive an education, it is stated.

The auspicious start of the fund proves that it is one carrying the utmost in popular appeal. Arrangements are being made to conduct the appeal for funds for some time.

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