

James Matheson Fatally Hurt By Shotgun Blast

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to believe that the law was stopping them. Mullis called one of the occupants of the second car a bad name. An occupant of the second car pulled Mullis out of the Hicks auto, beat him, and left him on the highway.

About 10 p. m. Saturday the sheriff's office was notified a man who appeared to be the victim of a beating had been dumped out of a car at the Parkway Grill near Deep Gap east of Boone.

The man was Mullis, and he told officers a taxi had brought him there.

He was taken to Watauga Hospital where he was treated for a deep cut on his forehead. Later he was jailed after Matheson's body was found, but was released without being questioned when it was determined that Mullis was in the hospital at the time the shooting took place.

Between 10:30 and 11 p. m., the sheriff's office was notified a man had been shot near the Main Service Station on U. S. 421 at Vilas west of Boone. The Hicks home is about 100 yards west of the service station and about 150 yards off the main highway, a spokesman told the Democrat Monday.

Officers found the Matheson body in the yard of the Hicks home. State Highway Patrolman George Baker found what is believed to be the weapon that killed Matheson. The single barrel shotgun was under a bed in Bill Hicks' house.

It was learned by the officers that when Bill Hicks and his wife and Len Hicks arrived at Bill Hicks' home after Mullis was beaten, Don Clay Hicks, Dean Hicks and Matheson were waiting for them.

Jailer Brown related to the Democrat that the Hickses and Matheson were preparing to leave the Hicks home in search of the occupants of the car which had stopped the Hicks auto earlier that evening.

Donald Clay Hicks was sitting at the steering wheel of the vehicle. Dean Hicks was sitting in the middle of the front seat, having slid over to make room for Mrs. Hicks who was about to enter the car.

Bill Hicks occupied the left rear seat. Len Hicks sat beside the elder Hicks and was holding the gun across the back of the front seat.

It was thought that Matheson was about to open the door for Mrs. Hicks when the 12-gauge shotgun was discharged into

his face, accidentally or intentionally as the case may be.

After Bill Hicks was placed in the cruiser, officers went to the house to continue the investigation. It was then that Bill Hicks made his escape.

Hicks allegedly traveled on foot to Carl Frennell's home on Tester Mountain where he took a 16-gauge shotgun. Hicks could find no shells which would fit the gun, but took the empty gun with him as he fled to another house.

Still later he appeared at another home for a few minutes. He then walked to his brother's house.

When officers entered the latter house, Hicks escaped through a window, leaving his empty gun behind him. Some time later he was apprehended about a hundred yards from the Don Hodges house.

Matheson was born in Watauga county to Thomas B. and Cora Lee Matheson.

Surviving are his mother; four brothers, Frank L. and Thomas B. Matheson Jr., of Lenoir, and Thomas J. and Fred Lee Matheson of Valle Crucis; and two sisters, Mrs. Mae Hamby of Lenoir and Miss Rachel C. Matheson of Valle Crucis.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.



JAYCEE WEEK.—Governor Terry Sanford designates the week of January 20 through January 26 as Jaycee Week in North Carolina. With the Governor is North Carolina Jaycee President John Kenedy of Fayetteville, left, and John Ulmer of Chapel Hill, State Jaycee Public Relations chairman.

Jaycee Week Is Proclaimed

WHEREAS, the civic bodies and service organization of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered to this community by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce, and

WHEREAS, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and his affiliated state and local

organizations have set aside the week of January 20-26, 1963, to observe the founding of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and to commemorate such founding by the selection of an outstanding young man in this community as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, and

WHEREAS, this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year,

THEREFORE, I, Wade E. Brown, Mayor of the City of Boone, do hereby proclaim the week of January 20-26, 1963, as Jaycee Week and urge all citizens of our community to give full consideration to the future services of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Wade E. Brown, Mayor

ASTC Will Host Science Institute

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dependent allowed. The stipends will be paid in two parts, one-half on June 25 and one-half on August 16. Participants will be required to pay for textbooks. Randall said that the National Science Foundation has made available a grant of \$57,900 for the institute.

To be considered for the institute, an applicant must have two years of successful teaching of high school biology at the time of filing an application, not over 50 years of age and in good health, and background should include at least a bachelor's degree.

Participants who do not bring families may live in dormitories for about \$72 for the eight weeks. Apartments and efficiency motels are available for families, with rates ranging from \$75 to \$120 per month. Participants are required to live in Boone and will be expected to eat one designated meal per day together. The college cafeteria serves excellent

meals at very reasonable prices.

Randall said that Appalachian is ideally suited for informal instruction in field work during the summer months. The Pisgah National Forest, Blue Ridge Parkway, Grandfather Mountain, and a large TVA lake are all within an hour's drive of the campus. Regular field trips to these areas are planned. Several mountain peaks above 6,000 feet will be visited by the participants in the course of their field work.

The deadline for applications is February 15. Stipends will be offered during March and must be accepted or rejected by April 1.

For application blanks write to Dr. J. Frank Randall, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic heart diseases cause 95 per cent of the deaths attributed to diseases of the heart and blood vessels, according to the North Carolina Heart Association.

Farmers Sign For Cost Shares

Approximately 200 farmers have signed up for ACP cost-shares on their farm as of the first of the week. This is above average number for the first week of the sign-up. Committeemen should remind their farmers that the spring sign-up runs through January 25, 1963.

The human heart pumps about four quarts of blood per minute through the body's 12,000-mile network of arteries, veins and capillaries, says the North Carolina Heart Association.

Two Weeks Remain For Teachers To Take Exams, Says Dr. Fulmer

Less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teachers Examinations at Appalachian State Teachers College on February 16, to submit their completed applications for these tests to Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, Dr. William E. Fulmer, director of student teaching, announced this week.

Applications for the examinations must be forwarded so as to reach the Princeton Office not later than January 18, Dr. Fulmer advised.

Applications for the examinations and bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing representative test questions may be obtained from the office of student teaching or directly from the National Teaching Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.

At the one-day testing session a candidate may take the common examinations, which in-

clude tests in professional information, general culture, English expression, and nonverbal reasoning. In addition, each candidate may take one or two optional examinations which are designed to demonstrate mastery of subject matter in the fields in which he may be assigned to each.

All candidates will receive tickets of admission advising them of the exact location of the centers to which they should report, Dr. Fulmer said.

Candidates for the common examinations will report at 8:30 a. m. on February 10 and will begin taking the test at 9:00

a. m. The common examinations will be concluded at approximately 12:30 p. m., Dr. Fulmer said.

Candidates for one or two optional examinations will report again at the examination center at 1:30 p. m. and will begin the tests at 1:45 p. m. Those taking only one optional examination should complete this test at about 3:15 p. m., and those taking two optional examinations should finish their tests at approximately 4:45 p. m., according to the time schedule for these examination which has been set up by Educational Testing Service.

TAX RULES CHANGES

There have been some rules changes in the new tax laws but taxpayers must wait until February for final word on what they can deduct for business travel, entertainment and gift giving.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin said the modified regulations apply only to keeping expense records to back up claims for business travel and entertainment deductions.

There's something new on the Federal Income Tax Return this year—a chance to take your tax refund in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Vice-Adm. Hyman G. Rickover recommends that the Navy install nuclear power plants in all future aircraft carriers.

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