



COBB, CORONER WARREN VIEW HOLES



POLICEMEN ALPHIN, NORDAN AT SCENE



TWO WEAPONS — TWO LIVES TAKEN



WALTER DAFFORD, AIDE REMOVE BODY

Weather

Hurricane warnings displayed on the coast Cape Hatteras area and gale warnings elsewhere with a hurricane watch effective from the Nags Head area to Cape Lookout. Partly cloudy in west section and rather cloudy with some scattered rain in the east portion today.

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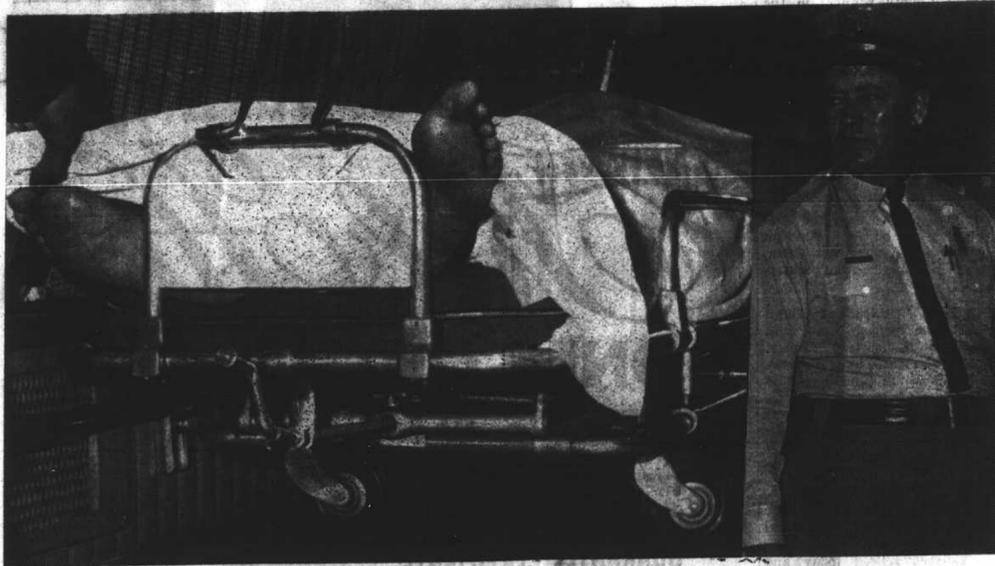
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Fired Policeman Slays Wife, Kills Self After Trying To Kill Dunn Police Chief



CHIEF COBB WATCHES AS WOMAN'S BODY IS REMOVED (Photos By Russell Bassford)

Killings Occur At Ennis Home; No Inquest

A former Dunn policeman, fired 12 days ago after 11 years on the Dunn force, stabbed his wife to death early today, then killed himself with a pistol after making two attempts on the life of Dunn Police Chief Alton Cobb. The police chief miraculously escaped death.

Raymond Thomas, 42, fired two shotgun blasts at Chief Cobb, then drove to the home where his estranged wife was employed, plunged a knife into her heart five times then shot himself in the heart with a .25 calibre pistol.

Ten-year-old Andy Ennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman C. Ennis, prominent Dunn residents, looked on horrified as the former policeman, a hulking man 6 feet two inches tall and weighing 230 pounds, stabbed the knife into the body of his 120-pound wife and then ran barefooted to the Dunn police station for help.

The wild homicidal spree lasted only 15 or 20 minutes and took place within two and a half blocks of the police station.

Both Thomas and his estranged wife were dead moments later when Policemen Hood Alphin, Donald Nordan, Sherrill Allen, Tommy Frix and ABC officer H. F. (Red) Pope rushed into the upstairs Ennis home where the double killing occurred.

IN POOL OF BLOOD Their bodies were lying head to head with Thomas' shoulder lying face-up partially on the body of his wife in a pool of blood, lying face-down.

Chief Cobb, who said he fired Thomas Oct. 10 for conduct unbecoming to an officer and involving two local women, said Thomas had never made any threats toward him, that he had admitted part of the charges against him and appeared amiable the last time he saw him on the day of the officer's dismissal from the force.

Chief Cobb, who received a slight cut when the shotgun blasted through the glass of his car and came within inches of hitting him, was admittedly "a little shaken up" when telling of his close brush with death.

"I didn't get scared until after it was over and I realized what had happened," he said.

THOMAS WAS WAITING Chief Cobb lives only four blocks

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Outstanding Speakers On Program

Baptists Plan Annual Meet



RAYMOND THOMAS

The Little River Baptist Association, comprised of more than 30 churches in all sections of Harnett County with a membership of thousands, will hold its annual sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 29 and 30.

They will divide the sessions between the Bule's Creek Baptist Church at Bule's Creek, where the first day's sessions will be held, and the First Baptist Church of Dunn, which will play host on Wednesday.

The Rev. R. Lewis Beal, pastor of the Angier Baptist Church, is moderator of the association and will preside.

A number of outstanding speakers, including officials and leaders of the State Baptist Convention, will appear on the program. Reports from each of the individual churches and from various department heads of the association will be heard.

The Rev. E. Weldon Johnson is pastor of the Bule's Creek church and the Rev. Thomas Freeman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dunn. Extensive preparations are now being made at both the host churches.

Speakers will include: Dr. Herbert Cockburn, returned mission-

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Church Marks 90th Birthday

Under beautiful Autumn skies, Flat Branch Presbyterian Church observed its 90 Anniversary last Sunday October 20. Rev. Frank C. Wilkinson, pastor, presided over the worship service at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Mr. Stedman B. Bryan of Fayetteville delivered the morning message. His topic was "The Changeless One," and his text was from Hebrews 13:1-9. The special music was rendered by the Flat Branch Choir and Tommy Shaw sang the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by Janice Smith, pianist.

Mr. Johnny Smith and Mr. Bill Shaw brought the congregation up-to-date on the building program. The plans will be ready to let out for bids in the near future. The Building Fund received on that date was \$4,211.26.

Members and former members and friends enjoyed a picnic lunch after the worship service.

Matthews Heads Jaycees At Coats

Grady L. Matthews, popular young Coats insurance man and prominent leader in civic and social event was formally installed as president of the newly organized Coats Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A total of 85 people attended the special Charter Night banquet. State Jaycee president William W. (Bill) Suttle of High Point and Coats Mayor Godfrey Beasley were the main speakers.

Mr. Matthews, in a short speech of acceptance, expressed appreciation for the high honor bestowed on him and pledged that he would do his best in leading the organization toward accomplishment of its high goals and service to the community.

A graduate of Coats High School and Campbell College, Mr. Matthews is representative at Coats for Nat-

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PRESIDENT MATTHEWS

THESE LITTLE THINGS

By Hoover Adams

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Two well-known Harnett County Democrats, A. J. Stephenson, Jr. of Lillington and Assistant Coroner Danny Watkins of Angier, were selected to operate the Democratic

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Off Cuban Coast

U. S. Freighter Strafed

NEW YORK (UPI) — An American-owned freighter was started for over an hour off the Cuban coast today but there were no casualties, it was reported today.

A spokesman for Universe Tank Ships, Inc., of New York said it received a radiogram from Capt. Krause of the freighter J. Louis saying planes had made 16 passes over the vessel in the course of its over the vessel in the course of Krause reported damage to the

superstructure and the hull above the waterline and a fire that took two hours to bring under control.

The J. Louis is chartered to the Caribbean Steamship Co. and flies the Liberian flag. It was en route from Ocho Rios, Jamaica, to Corpus Christi, Tex., with 31,500 tons of bauxite for the Reynolds Metals Co.

U. S. officials said in Washington that military aircraft were sent from Key West, Fla., to in-

vestigate, but when they reached the scene the offending aircraft had disappeared.

According to Krause, the attack took place 12 miles off Cape Corrientes, Cuba at 12:40 a.m. EDT and lasted until 1:41 a.m. The captain's radiogram to W. Walter Wagner of Universe Tank Shipping said:

"Under heavy airplane gunfire attack with 16 passes counted causing damage to superstructure, hull above waterline quarters. Fire under fo'c'sle. After two hours fire-fighting now under control. No casualties."

Ginny's Winds Have Lessened

CAPE HATTERAS, N. C. (UPI) — Hurricane Ginny, its winds diminished somewhat, backtracked on a southwesterly course today in the Atlantic off the Carolinas-Georgia coast.

The storm, seventh of the season, battered a disabled Navy vessel adrift with 10 men aboard and sent

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Admits Taking Trip With Former Dunn Policeman

"Other Woman" Helps Wife Get Divorce; Five Others Granted

The "other woman" in a local "love triangle" took the witness stand in Harnett Recorder's Court in what attorneys described as almost unprecedented action and admitted the affair to help the wife secure a divorce from former Dunn policeman Joseph Allen Barefoot of Dunn.

Mrs. Geraldine Barefoot of Dunn, Route 5 was granted a divorce from her husband of less than a year on grounds of adultery allegedly committed with Mrs. Helen Temple Morrison, 41, of Erwin, wife of a service man now overseas and the mother of two young children.

The wife testified under examination by her counsel, Attorney D. K. Stewart, that her husband left her in the summer of 1962 and went to California. She said she resumed living with him after his return.

She left him, she related, when

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