

## Lying Awash In Cove Body Waterfield Tells Mute Tale Self Murder

### Rubber Heel Off Wife's Shoe, Found in Pocket of Clothing, Offers Testimony to Beginnings of Double Tragedy in Currituck County

By RALPH POOL.

Lying awash in a little boat, with marsh grass wrapping its green tendrils about him, the last mortal remains of George S. Waterfield, slayer sought by the law in two states for three weeks past for the killing of the 17-year-old daughter of his neighbor, were found yesterday in a little cove off Furby's Island, about eight miles from Currituck Courthouse.

Silent testimony to the manner in which Waterfield went to his Maker was offered in the presence of an automatic shotgun in the bow of the boat, the muzzle pointing towards his body. A loaded shell was jammed in the firing chamber of the weapon.

Examination of the body disclosed that the entire upper half of Waterfield's head had been blown off. Evidently he had placed his muzzle against his forehead, and had then reached down and pulled the trigger. Working automatically, the gun had ejected the exploded shell.

In Waterfield's pocket was found a .32 revolver, with all five chambers loaded. Plainly he had intended to make a good job of it when he fired the shot that ended his life, and had taken the chances with the "toy," as men experienced with firearms regard a pistol of that caliber.

Thus it was written the closing chapter in that stirring sequence of events which began three weeks ago, when Miss Bertha Ansell, daughter of Charlie Ansell, was shot to death by Waterfield in front of his home, and her escort, William Tatem, was seriously wounded. While the shooting apparently was precipitated by a quarrel between Waterfield and Tatem over gossip Waterfield was accused of having spread about Miss Ansell, the underlying cause had little to do with that.

Waterfield was in a haze of fury that July afternoon. He and his wife had quarreled for hours over her alleged friendliness with Miss Ansell's father. The wife is said to have cursed him, and to have struck him madly in the face, and he is said to have retaliated in kind.

### A Terrible Moment

At just such a terrible moment, Miss Ansell and Tatem had come up to have it out with Waterfield. The enraged husband declared to have told Tatem to be careful of his remarks or he would kill him.

"You're a liar," Tatem is said to have retorted. "You haven't got guts enough to shoot me."

It was then that Waterfield opened fire, killing Miss Ansell almost instantaneously with a load from that trim-looking automatic shotgun that was found in his boat yesterday, and dangerously wounding her escort. Waterfield is described by his neighbors as having been a truthful man, and a good citizen, but all too often unable to hold his emotions securely in leash. Coming on the heels of a soul rending afternoon, Tatem's taunt was more than he could bear.

### A Sinister Bit of Rubber

In Waterfield's pocket was found yesterday afternoon an innocent looking little object, but with a deadly sinister import that left the coroner's jury in a hush as they gazed upon it. That object was the rubber heel of a woman's shoe—a tiny sliver that is said to have precipitated the whole tragic affair.

Waterfield told neighbors he found the shoe heel in a bed of moss in the mazes of a thicket scarcely 150 yards back of his home. He told them, too, that when he asked his wife to let him see a particular pair of her shoes, she had thrust them into the stove and had burned them.

"They were the first dress shoes I ever bought her," he wrote in a letter to Floyd Williams, a neighbor and friend a few days before the shooting, adding in the letter that his faith in his wife's constancy had been wrecked, and he was going to leave. He accused Charlie Ansell of having been the cause of his trouble.

Furby's Island, sometimes called Cason's Island, is a tiny strip of reed-grown marshland jutting perhaps half a mile into the headwaters of Currituck Sound from Morse's Point, on the mainland. Approaching from the south, it appears as a vivid green patch against the darker background of its hinterland. It was

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## COOLIDGE FACES APPROVAL OF ALL AMERICAN FOLKS

### Not Merely a Party Matter But Question of Whether Any President May Serve Longer Term

COUNT ON PROSPERITY

### If Mr. Coolidge As Fortunate in 1928 As He Is To- day Third Term Will Not Alarm Leaders

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Aug. 4.—As President Coolidge enters his fourth year as the nation's chief executive, he is surrounded with much the same circumstances as have affected the political future of other Presidents at the end of their first term.

The question is not "does Mr. Coolidge deserve another nomination for the Presidency?" Practically all leaders of the Republican party are agreed that just as Theodore Roosevelt at the end of his first term or Woodrow Wilson in 1916 had satisfied the party leaders so has Mr. Coolidge made a record on which if he could not win certainly no other candidate could get any major electoral vote.

The real question, however, is altogether different from that which has faced other Presidents. And it has a significance which is timely because the question is now being discussed and considered by party leaders instead of waiting for the few months preceding the National convention. The problem really is "will the American people permit a chief executive to administer their affairs for more than eight consecutive years?"

In August, 1928, which would be the middle of the next Presidential campaign, anniversary stories will be written very much as is this dispatch, but the President will then be entering on his sixth year at the same time that the public might be in process of answering the question of another four years. The question at that time will be "shall an American President be permitted to enter into a tenth year of consecutive service?"

Judging by the economic situation of the country today the fact that a precedent is involved might carry little weight. The party leaders of America, both Democratic and Republicans count far more on the prosperity issue than academic controversies on points in constitutional practice or unbroken tradition. Looking back to 1896 when the writer saw the "sound money" parade for McKinley and the days of the "full dinner pail" in 1906; to the "peace and prosperity" slogan used recently, this time by the Democrats in 1916—and to the battle cry of "let well enough alone" in 1924, there has been no mistaking the effect of a contented economic situation on the result at the polls.

If Mr. Coolidge were to be as fortunate in 1928 as he is today with an unprecedented prosperity, the third term difficulties will not alarm the party leaders. If, however, the situation is not as good as it is today, they will use the third term booby as a means of selecting another candidate.

Mr. Coolidge's minor difficulties will then arise up to plague him. His troubles with the tariff commission and the Federal Trade Commission, his contact with the Shipping Board problem, all furnish opportunities for political quarreling when the fair weather days have passed by and almost anything in the way of a flaw bulks as a large defect.

But Mr. Coolidge has a trump card to play and he will play it in January, 1928 when he will have asked Congress to make what some people predict may be the biggest cut in taxes since the war. Surpluses are being built up with that idea in mind. The Democrats are already agitating for tax reduction and may not permit Mr. Coolidge to postpone it till the session which begins in December, 1927 and runs through the winter of 1928. At present writing, the odds favor action early in 1928 so that in March, June and September the voters will be reminded of the tax cut.

All this the Republican leaders are debating now for they too foresee exactly the situation that would confront them if they raised the third term obstacle in the face of an otherwise strong political background for Mr. Coolidge. The "Favorite sons" and the other candidates are beginning now to shake their heads dubiously about the American people ever permitting a man to go beyond the eight years. The Democrats look forward eagerly to that issue as they realize its sentimental value. They will use Roosevelt's words and the words of George Washington in declining a third term. But everything will depend on the mood of the country and whether the present blessings of wealth and industrial contentment are continued in 1928.

## TWO MEN SHOT IN WHAT IS BELIEVED BOOTLEGGERS WAR

Los Angeles, Aug. 4.—Two men were shot and killed here early today in what police believe was the outbreak of a bootleggers war.

A man identified as D. Munson was shot and killed almost instantly while sitting in the lobby of a fashionable residence last night.

Harry Moran, who was talking to Munson, was also shot and died two hours later.

About twenty guests were in the lobby when the three men entered and began shooting. After killing Munson his assailant removed his body in an automobile and deserted it several blocks away.

## Court Asks Lawyer To Drop Request For Jury Trial

A decidedly unusual request was made by Trial Justice Sawyer today in recorder's court in the case of Ernest Pendleton, colored, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and with having failed to procure a city license. Pendleton had been arrested yesterday afternoon by Police Officer Twiddy after a street struggle with another negro over who had the right of way.

Shortly after Pendleton's arrest, he was taken before Mr. Sawyer in the latter's office in the Carolina Bank Building, to arrange for a bond. When the case came up for trial today, Robert Lowry, attorney for Pendleton, asked for a jury trial.

"If I was put on the stand," the trial justice observed, "I would willingly swear that the defendant was not under the influence of liquor. I hate to make the State work its head off trying to obtain a conviction, and I am going to make the request that you drop your request for a jury trial."

Mr. Lowry consented immediately. It happened, however, that Prosecuting Attorney Lefroy was scheduled to appear as counsel in a civil case in Superior Court in Hertford, and trial of Pendleton was postponed to tomorrow morning.

## NEW MANAGERS FOR TEA ROOM

Mrs. Mollie Harris and Miss Margaret Williams Take Charge Saturday

The August meeting of the Woman's Club was held Tuesday morning in the Club Rooms.

Despite the warm weather a number of the loyal and faithful members were present and a great deal of work accomplished.

Every woman present offered her services and her servant to help arrange the building, cleaning it up and making it as attractive as possible for the incoming manager.

Mrs. Mollie Harris of this city will take charge on Saturday assisted by Miss Margaret Williams of South Mills.

"There is no doubt that the tea room will now take a new and progressive step," says the president, Mrs. J. G. Fearing. "Mrs. Harris has never been known to fail at anything that she undertakes, and her servant to help arrange the building, cleaning it up and making it as attractive as possible for the incoming manager."

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## POINCARÉ ANNOUNCES WILL LAUNCH LOAN

Paris, Aug. 4.—Premier Poincaré announced to the finance committee of the chamber of deputies today that as soon as the situation permits, probably at the end of September, the government will launch a great international loan with the object of consolidating internal debts and stabilizing the franc.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 4.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.65, Dec. 17.64, Jan. 17.68, Mar. 17.90, May 18.09.

New York, Aug. 4.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.70, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: October 17.26, December 17.20, January 17.24, March 17.42, May 17.67.

## L. B. CULPEPPER FLATLY DENIES GRAFT CHARGES

### Tenders Statement Giving His Side of Controversy, in Answer to City Man- ager's Affidavit

TO ADD MORE LATER

### Explains Failure to Reply to Allegations Sooner: Promises to Tender Counter- Affidavit

Flat denial of any charges made against him by City Manager M. W. Ferabee in connection with allegations of graft in connection with recent municipal purchases of materials for street work here, was issued Wednesday by L. B. Culpepper, local business man, in a written statement tendered for publication.

In his statement, Mr. Culpepper promised that he had a counter-affidavit, answering the charges made in an affidavit by Mr. Ferabee which was published last Thursday in the two Elizabeth City newspapers. Mr. Culpepper stated, however, that inasmuch as an investigating committee had been appointed by the City Council Monday night, for a thorough probe of the charges, he would turn this affidavit over to that committee, for publication at the proper time.

In his affidavit, Mr. Ferabee asserted that he had been approached by Mr. Culpepper with a proposal of a "side profit" on a large contract for street work to be let, and quoted Mr. Culpepper as having assured him that two members of the Council were "all right," insofar as the deal was concerned. The implication was that Mr. Ferabee was to receive a "commission" for recommending that a specified type of gravel be used.

There is an insistent demand on the part of the public here that the charges be investigated thoroughly, and that those accused be punished summarily, if found guilty, or completely exonerated, in the event the charges could not be substantiated.

Mr. Culpepper's statement follows: "To The Advance: I will probably be surprised to learn that I will not make any statement in answer to Mr. M. W. Ferabee's affidavit, appearing through the columns of the 'Independent' and 'Daily Advance' on July 29th. While we have our statement ready for publication, at the last minute, we were advised that there was an investigating committee, appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and when this investigation is made, I will be glad to present to that committee my affidavit. At the same time, I deny any charges made against me by Mr. Ferabee with reference to graft.

The reason I offered no denial in last week's issue is for the fact that Mr. Saunders, editor of the 'Independent,' came to me on July 22nd for a statement in answer to Mr. Ferabee's statement in his paper of that date in which there were no names called. I advised Mr. Saunders that I had no statement to make concerning this matter but that Mr. Ferabee had misrepresented me in this statement and that I was willing to meet Mr. Ferabee in his office at Mr. Ferabee's convenience and there settle this matter between us, and allow this investigation to publish the facts as they were. I did not care to enter into a newspaper controversy.

This, Mr. Saunders advised was a very good idea, and he agreed to see Mr. Ferabee and have him to meet with us at his office. The next morning, the 23rd, Mr. Saunders called me over the telephone and advised that Mr. Ferabee agreed to meet us when first approached but a little later on Mr. Ferabee called him over the telephone and refused to do so. I asked Mr. Saunders what steps I should take at this point and he advised that he had Mr. Ferabee's sworn affidavit and would print it in his next issue. I offered no denial as I had gone to make out the charges and actually appeared.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. B. CULPEPPER.

## Carries On Dare Preparing Busily For Throngs Expected At Anniversary Event

### NEGROES FINED FOR INJURIES TO CHARLES MORGAN

### Wesley Manly and Mary Wise in Currituck Recorder's Court; Morgan Given \$130 Damages

Currituck, Aug. 4.—Wesley Manly, young negro of Abbeville, who was arraigned in recorder's court before Judge J. M. Newborn Monday upon a charge of driving a car without the proper state license and of allowing an inexperienced person to have full control of a car which resulted in the serious injury of Charles Morgan, prominent resident of Shawboro by Mary L. Wise, a negro of Macon, was fined \$80 after paying a plea of guilty upon the charge of allowing an inexperienced person to operate a car. The charge was dropped after a statement by Manly that he had ordered the license and had since received it.

Mary, who was riding with Manly near Shawboro, stated that she was an inexperienced driver and that Manly had given her the control of the car and had gotten off the front seat and onto the back. As she was about to pass Mr. Morgan she lost control of the car and also her presence of mind. The car struck Mr. Morgan and ran over him breaking his left arm and other bones in the leg. She was arrested in company with Manly by Deputy Sheriff Will Flora upon a charge of reckless driving and of assault with intent to kill using a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile, not inflicting serious injury, however.

She pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100 upon the charges. The costs of the case were divided between Mary Wise and Wesley Manly.

Mr. Morgan, who has been under the care of two physicians, since the accident was able to appear in court and he was awarded \$130 by the court, the same being the amount of his expenses incurred from the accident. The money was paid out of the fines that were paid by Mary Wise and Wesley Manly.

County Judge Newborn severely reprimanded the pair for their reckless driving, saying that the case should be a lesson to every one, that too much reckless driving was being done, and that he should have no money on any one brought before him on a similar charge.

The case of Dave Jarvis, negro of Powells Point, who was charged with the possession of liquor following a raid on his premises which was conducted by Officer Bealigh in the latter part of last week, was continued until next Monday, August 9.

Jesse Mercer, notorious negro of Gregory Riding, who is under suspended sentence in Virginia and who is also under a similar sentence in North Carolina, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Will Flora upon a warrant sworn out against him by his wife charging him with threatening to kill her and with firing a shotgun by her head was remanded in jail to await trial until next Monday, August 9, following a plea for continuance by him upon the ground that he was not ready for trial.

## CHALLENGES RIGHTS SENATE COMMITTEE

Chicago, Aug. 4.—For the second time within a week the Senate campaign funds committee today had its authority challenged.

This time it was Samuel Insull, multi-millionaire, Illinois utility executive of Chicago, who declined on the advice of counsel to tell of any contributions in the recent Illinois primary except those he made for Senatorial candidates.

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## Flat's "Big Four" Making Hit In Far Famed Land of the Sky

Flat's Orchestra, sometimes known as the "Big Four," Elizabeth City's aggregation of colored musicians who have delighted many an audience here, are making the hit of their lives in Asheville these days. They were taken to the resort city last week by David L. Strain, promoter interested in the development of Beverly Hills, a large suburban tract in the Land of the Sky.

Mr. Strain became interested in Flat and his "Big Four" through William H. Weatherly, Jr., of this city, a personal friend. Mr. Weatherly suggested that the orchestra, which is "distinctively individual," to borrow a well known advertising slogan, might be of much value to Mr. Strain's land sales venture.

Flat and his little crew proved a job in itself. The "Big Four" had gone to Beaufort and Morehead-Bluffs, had departed from that immediate section, and had left no forwarding address. Finally they were located in Kingston, and were taken promptly to Asheville by Mr. Strain.

The Asheville real estate man wired Mr. Weatherly this week that Flat's Orchestra was proving the hit of the season in Asheville.

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## Virtually All Homes on Roanoke Island to be Thrown Open to Visiting Thousands During Week

### THIS CITY HELPING

### Four Steamers Leave Here at 7 O'clock on Morning of 13th; Boats Also from Point Harbor

Preparations are going ahead readily for the celebration of Virginia Dare Day on Roanoke Island, at the low-water mark of Currituck County, in news from the late Highway Commission's engineers that, barring unexpectedly bad weather, the Shino Road, running from this city to Currituck Courthouse, will be opened to traffic by the 15th, in ample time for persons going to the celebration to use it.

Of special interest to motorists in this vicinity who plan to drive to Point Harbor, at the low-water mark of Currituck County, is news from the late Highway Commission's engineers that, barring unexpectedly bad weather, the Shino Road, running from this city to Currituck Courthouse, will be opened to traffic by the 15th, in ample time for persons going to the celebration to use it.

Beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning, boats will leave Point Harbor for Old Fort Raleigh each half hour through the day. It is announced, and will make the return run on a like schedule. Two are ferryboats, with facilities for automobiles. For those who wish to leave their cars on the Currituck side, parking space sufficient for 2,000 is assured, with guards day and night. People living in Currituck and elsewhere in this section are being urged to go early, so as to clear the way for visitors from other states who will arrive later, for the most part.

Arrangements have been made also for four steamers to leave Elizabeth City at 7 o'clock on the morning of the celebration, these to arrive at Old Fort Raleigh approximately four hours later. For those who prefer a charter boat trip, however, the Point Harbor run is advised, since it is only a 14-mile run to the island, as compared with 40-odd miles from here.

Arrangements are being perfected by the Home Coming committee to throw open to visitors who wish to stay over—and there are expected to be many—practically every home on the island, permissive assurance being given that there will be no profiteering. Roanoke Islanders are hospitable folk, and it is certain that many of the visitors will not be permitted to pay anything for their board and lodging.

Visitors for the celebration are urged especially not to bring babies, as well as small children, to the island, as there are few facilities for caring for them close to the scene of the festivities.

The Coast Guard cutter Apache, which will bring Sir Esmé Howard, chief speaker of the day, and his official party from Washington, has made an experimental trip to the island, and it has been determined that the Apache will be able to arrive late Tuesday, the 17th, and remain over until Thursday morning, then returning to Washington.

In addition to the Virginia Dare events, various entertainment and other features have been arranged for the week in which the celebration falls. The North Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra will meet at Manteo Wednesday night, to take up various resolutions affecting fishermen, and on Thursday night, a public installation service will be held by Wanchese Lodge, Masons, at which John H. Small, former member of Congress from this district, will be invited to make the principal address.

On Friday night, a farewell program will be given on the courthouse lawn at Manteo, with music singing, several short addresses, and a moving picture program, the latter to include the Lost Colony film produced by the State Department of Education on Roanoke Island in the early autumn of 1923.

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, as well as many merchants here, are soliciting Dare County in preparation for the big event, in the hope of putting it across in an effective way. Arrangements are in progress here to afford every possible assistance to visitors on their way to the celebration.

## MORRHETTE PENDLETON WINS FRUIT STORE PRIZE

Morrhette Pendleton won the \$50 prize offered by the Standard Fruit & Produce Company, new wholesale and retail fruit store of this city, for the best name.

The new fruit store, sells all kinds of fruits on both wholesale and retail basis. It is located next to the Alkrans Theater in the Lambert Building. J. L. Savage is the manager.

## Classified Ads Are Telling Today:

- Where to find cooling, refreshing bottled drinks to quench that thirst. Classification 1.
- Where to go for automobile tires that last longer. Classification 18.
- Where to buy a cozy bungalow. Classification 11.