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## Murder-Suicide Ruled in Friday Night Tragedy Claiming Parents of Four

Suicide and murder is the ruling in the late Friday night deaths of Allen Davenport Jr. and his wife Dawn Haskins Davenport in the trailer home of Dr. John Hargett Thompson at Trenton.

Dr. Thompson, the only other person present, told authorities of the chain of events climaxed in the twin tragedy.

Early in the evening Thompson says Davenport, who lived in a trailer near his, came and complained that he was having a heart attack. Thompson says he assured Davenport that he was not having a heart attack.

However, Davenport insisted

to the point where Dr. Thompson agreed to go to his office and given Davenport an electrocardiographic examination.

The examination showed Davenport was not suffering any heart problems and they returned to Thompson's trailer home.

There they and Mrs. Davenport were watching a late movie when Thompson said Davenport got up, walked out and came back in just a minute or two.

Thompson said he was still watching the movie and did not realize anything was wrong until Davenport opened fire and shot his wife at close range several times.

Thompson said he jumped up to see what Mrs. Davenport's condition was and about the time he reached her he heard another shot and turned around to see Davenport fallen upon the floor.

The couple is survived by four children.

## September Sales Tax Collections By County

County	Net Collections
Buncombe	\$236,013.22
Camden	1,618.92
Chowan	11,854.86
Clay	3,668.14
Cumberland	230,780.49
Currituck	4,216.14
Duplin	34,037.30
Durham	211,123.55
Greene	7,098.90
Hertford	26,205.42
Jackson	20,662.34
Jones	4,663.95
Lenoir	85,220.46
Macon	28,030.11
Madison	7,315.85
Mecklenburg	575,733.70
New Hanover	164,363.69
Onslow	80,010.47
Pamlico	4,763.04
Pasquotank	36,700.76
Perquimans	5,538.17
Richmond	50,699.14
Swain	10,320.90
Tyrrell	2,562.31
Watauga	42,244.88
Wayne	99,554.85
Total	\$1,985,001.56

## Pair Given 6-to-8 Years for Robbing 80-Year-Old Man

Wendell Maye of La Grange route 3 and Lee Andrew Pinkerton of Mississippi were given six-to-eight years each in prison Tuesday in Lenoir County Superior Court.

The pair had been convicted of robbing 80-year-old Herman Sutton of the Buckesberry section of about \$80 and leaving him tied up at his home.

Sutton was not badly hurt in the robbery, but might have seriously suffered if he had not been found shortly after this pair had robbed him and tied him up.

## Adultery Alleged as Divorce Grounds in Suit Filed Last Week

Estelle Adams has alleged adultery by her husband Herman Leslie Adams with Louise Meadows Heath as grounds for divorce and separate maintenance for herself and one adopted 10 year-old child she has in her custody.

The suit filed in Jones County Courts alleges their marriage October 31, 1935 and continuing acts of adultery by her husband beginning on or about March 14, 1970.

The suit alleges that Adams earns about \$150 per week and Mrs. Adams asks reasonable subsistence for self and their adopted child and reasonable attorney fees for her lawyer in the action.

In other civil actions Provident Finance Company seeks to collect \$185.08 from George Wright of Pollocksville, Route Auto Parts seeks to collect \$55.47 from Kenneth Tucker of Dover route 2 and Ludie Mae Grant of South Carolina seeks support from her husband Hugh Grant, who deserted her and was last known to be in Jones County. She and their four children live near Abbeville, S. C.

## Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week

From Elmer and Elizabeth and R. E. Wilson to Hazel Wilson .6 acre in Trenton Township.

From Daisy and Willie Westbrook to David Paul Williams a lot in Chinquapin Township.

From Daisy and Willie Westbrook to Robert and Minnie McDaniel two lots in Chinquapin

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The 24th annual Jones County Agricultural Fair sponsored by Clen Newton Smith Post No. 154 of the American Legion begins on Monday with a full week of interesting and exciting exhibits expected.

Post Commander Ben Gray and Fair Association President Edward Banks again this year extend a sincere invitation and hearty welcome to everyone to come and enjoy one or more days of this biggest event of the years in Jones County.

Fair Superintendent Harvey Boyette says everything is in readiness for thousands of exhibits and hopefully more thousands of people to see these exhibits.

Monday will be largely involved in entering and placing of exhibits; all of which must be in place before 8 p.m. Monday.

On Tuesday judging of numerous departments take place and a highlight of the day will be bricklaying contest from 7 until 9 p.m.

Wednesday will be a school children's day and a "Dog Fashion Show," along with a drawing for a free bicycle.

The highlight of Thursday will be a dress revue.

Friday night the annual contest to pick Miss Jones County will be held at 7:30 p.m.

And all day Saturday a special series of entertainments has been planned to wind up the big week with a big day.

## Four Jones Arrests

During the past week four persons were booked at the sheriff's office in Trenton. Lem Kornegay and Ernest Odell Moore both of Trenton route 2 and Arsie Wiggins Willie of Pollocksville, were all booked on drunken driving charges and Clementine Simmons of Dover was accused of public drunkenness.

## Private Detective Killed Wednesday In Hail of Automatic Rifle Bullets

Gene Autry Stocks of Kinston Route Six was instantly killed at about 12:15 Wednesday afternoon in a hail of fire from a .22 caliber automatic rifle east of Kinston at the intersection of River Road and Dover Road diagonally across from the Norman West home.

Authorities are looking a young white man who fled the scene in a late model Chevrolet after he had stepped out of his car and poured eight long-rifle rounds into the body and car of Stocks.

James Foyles, who lives just east of where the shooting took place, was driving on Highway NC 55 within about 200 yards of the murder scene and saw Stocks as he got out of his car to fall to the pavement.

Stocks and the murderer were driving east, toward Dover. The lead car of the murderer stopped for the stop sign at that intersection, jumped out and began firing into the car. As he fired Stocks got out to fall dead to the roadway.

Sheriff Fred Boyd said eight empty cartirdges and one unfired round had been been found at the scene.

Foyles said as soon as Stocks fell to the ground the murderer jumped into his car and took off toward Dover.

Coroner Raymond Jarman said examination at the scene revealed one bullet wound in the head

and another in the heart area.

The left front headlight of Stocks' car was shot out, two bullet holes were in the windshield directly in front of the driver's seat and another bullet hole was in the vent of the back seat window of the two-door car driven by Stocks.

Sheriff Boyd said there was indication that Stocks was shot again while he was sprawled on the ground.

Foyles said it appeared that Stocks had suffered two wounds in the head area; one just over the left eye and the other in the lower right jaw area.

Edward Earl Whaley, owner of the Coastal Plain Detective Agency, said Stocks had been employed as an investigator for about four months.

At the scene deputies had a prime suspect who had not been apprehended at the time this is written.

Whaley said he did not know the suspect, and to his knowledge no one of that name was under surveillance by his firm. The suggestion had been made that Stocks could possibly have been shadowing someone or even in the process of chasing someone.

Whaley said to his knowledge this was not the case.

Stocks lived about a mile and a half from the point where he was murdered just east of the river lowgrounds.

## STUDENTS INCREASE 10,024; TEACHERS INCREASE 5,596 IN FIVE - YEAR PERIOD 1964-1969

Unit	1969-70		1964-65	
	Enrollment	Teachers*	Enrollment	Teachers*
Statewide	1,191,576	54,407	1,181,552	48,821
Craven	8902	409	8659	382
Duplin	10,006	484	10839	435
New Bern	5915	268	5950	235
Greene	4432	219	5008	182
Jones	2796	135	3209	136
Lenoir	7971	399	8502	374
Kinston	6261	313	6429	275
Onslow	14979	607	13679	538
Pamlico	2569	117	2649	106
Pitt	12471	582	13623	542
Greenville	5973	281	5882	237
Wayne	13957	629	12617	540
Goldsboro	7709	371	8637	338
Wilson Co.	4818	230	5384	199
Wilson City	8015	359	8169	312

by Jack Rider School Survey, published by the The North Carolina Public State Department of Public In-

struction shows in its latest issue a statewide increase of 10,024 students and 5,596 teachers in the five-year period 1964-69.

Total enrollment for the 1964-65 school year at the end of the first month of school was 1,181,552 and total enrollment at the end of the first month of the 1969-70 school year was 1,191,576.

Expansion of teaching staff during that five year period was from 48,821 to 54,407 — an increase of 5,586.

The public school systems in the central East Carolina area generally did not follow this pattern of increase.

Of the 15 school systems summarized in the tabulation with

this article 11 showed drops in total enrollment and four had increases; yet 14 of the 15 systems had increases in teaching staff during this period.

Craven County schools had an increase of 243 students and an increase of teachers of 27.

New Bern schools shrunk in total enrollment by 35 students but gained 33 teachers.

Duplin County schools dropped 833 students and gained 49 teachers.

Greene County schools lost 576 students and 37 teachers.

Jones County schools lost 413 students and lost one teacher.

Lenoir County schools lost 531 students and gained 25 teachers.

Kinston schools lost 168 students and gained 38 teachers.

Onslow County schools gained 1300 students and gained 69 teachers.

Pamlico County schools lost 80 students and gained 11 teachers.

Pitt County schools lost 1152 students and gained 40 teachers.

Greenville schools gained 91 students and gained 44 teachers.

Wayne County schools added 1340 students and added 89 teachers.

Goldsboro's schools lost 928 students but gained 33 teachers.

Wilson County schools lost 566 students but gained 31 teachers.

Attend the Jones County Fair October 26th - 31st