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# POSSIBLE SPOUSERS OF LINCOLN HILLS FOR NUMBER OF THREE WOMEN

## Grisly Trail Left As Farmer Flees

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LINCOLN—A 28-year-old Lincoln County farmer who left a bloody trail of three women dead and another wounded, was being sought in rough, hilly country here this afternoon. A police posse began a systematic search of the woods and cornfields of the North Brook section about 13 miles west of here, seeking Roy Cook, who killed his wife, her sister, a neighbor and wounded the neighbor's daughter.

Cook was traveling without a shirt, armed with a double barreled shotgun and a box of shells.

Cook's wife, 21, was the first victim of the killer-zarred farmer. He started back to the house about 11:30 a. m. with a knife and the ran back through the house bleeding profusely.

Cook followed her into the house, cornered her in a bedroom and pumped three blasts from his 12 gauge double-barreled shotgun into her body.

At 12:30 today, deputies thought they had Cook cornered in a hilly section of Lincoln County. They called for teargas and shot him in the back.

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A neighbor of the Cooks, Lee Reep, said he saw Cook with the shotgun.

Reep was the first person to reach the scene of the slaying. Reep said:

"Roy's wife was laying in a room. She looked like she had been running. A little kid, about 13 years old, was there with her. The kid was pulling at her and crying."

"We called the ambulance and the law. We didn't go right in."

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## Property Tax Change Urged For Counties

RALEIGH (AP)—The State Tax Study Commission today recommended changes in property tax practices among North Carolina counties which, its chairman said, resulted in "unequal and inequitable treatment for vast numbers of taxpayers."

The commission proposed several important changes in the laws which govern the counties in their administration of property taxes.

These included a proposal that each county be allowed to choose the percentage of market value of their real estate to tax.

Another proposal would require every county to revalue real property by actual appraisal every eight years, and counties would be required to levy an annual tax and accumulate funds to finance the revaluations. The commission said that 19 counties have not had a general property revaluation since 1939 and officials of some of these counties do not remember when the last revaluation was held.

THE FINDINGS

State Sen. J. C. Eagles, the chairman, said that the commission in its study of property taxes found:

1. As a matter of policy many counties assess different types of property at different percentages.

2. Ratios of assessed value to market value of real estate vary widely between parcels of real estate within individual counties.

3. There is a growing tendency for single counties or groups of counties to get local laws passed exempting particular types of property found in their areas from property taxes. The commission said this leads to competition between the counties and the exemptions tend to spread.

4. The commission's study re-

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## All Money Claimed In News Game

All six winners collected this week on the Charlotte News Social Security Game.

They picked up prize money totaling \$190.

Winners of \$10 prizes included James Stroupe, 320 1/2 St. S. W., Hickory; Jessie Clark Pickney, 1330 Condon St., Charlotte; Mrs. W. H. Moore, 123 Rowan St., Charlotte; Kinard T. Baynard, 103 Westview Ave., Forest City; and Mrs. Bessie E. Knight, 1900 Ewing St., Charlotte.

Six more winners will be drawn this afternoon and the Social Security numbers published in the Saturday edition of The News. Winners must pick up their prize money by Tuesday afternoon.



Fisherman Turner Greeted By Mother At Hospital After Ordeal (AP Photo)

## —FIVE DAYS ON RAFT— Survivor Tells Sea Ordeal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—A sea-wary fisherman reached safety today after five days afloat on a yellow raft, the last 24 hours with his dead skipper.

Alvin Turner was reported in generally good condition at Mound Park Hospital where he was taken for observation.

Rescue came too late for the captain of the Virginia Mae, Frank Deane. He died 24 hours before the fishing boat Jackie C. made the pick up 65 miles off St.

Petersburg in the Gulf of Mexico. The Coast Guard cutter Nevers docked this morning with Turner. The Jackie C. took Deane's body to Tampa.

L. J. O'ndr, W. G. Partridge, skipper of the Nevers, said the Virginia Mae had broken up and sunk Saturday night during a storm.

Turner told Partridge the raft carried no food or water. They subsisted, he said, by catching fish with their hands.

The 50-horse diesel-powered craft was last seen Saturday afternoon about 80 miles off Cedar Key, headed northwest for Steinhardt, shooting in the cotton field. Deputies took Smith into custody, however.

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## 80 Reach Safety Hopes Grow Dim For 91 Miners Trapped By 'Bump'

SPRINGHILL, N. S. (AP)—A violent shift of rock in the depths of a coal mine today trapped 91 men, six of them supervisors. Hope of rescue grew dimmer by the hour.

The dragnetmen were rescued safely. One body was recovered. A company spokesman belatedly announced that six supervisors were with 85 men still trapped hours after tons of rock and coal came tumbling down from tunnel roofs, choking the passageways.

A silent crowd shivered in a cold drizzle through the night as five-man teams of dragnetmen—volunteer mine rescue workers—cleared rock and debris from dust-choked tunnels.

The dragnetmen wore respirators. One of the first survivors to come out said the "bump"—the miners' name for underground rock shifts of explosive force—had smashed the mine ventilation system and pockets of deadly gas were forming.

The mine is the No. 2 colliery of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Co., a subsidiary of the Dominion Coal Co. of Canada. It adjoins the now-closed Cumberland No. 4.

There an explosion and gas killed 39 persons in November 1956. Two dragnetmen lost their lives in the rescue of 88 men after that disaster.

The worst mine accident in this town of 7,000 persons near the New Brunswick border was an explosion in 1901 that killed 125. Canada's worst mine disaster was at Hillcrest, Alta., in 1914, when 193 were killed.

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## Briton Slain

NICOSIA (AP)—A British merchant was shot dead in a crowded Nicosia street today. A curfew was immediately imposed. In another incident later a British soldier was seriously wounded in an ambush near Ayios Andronikos, East Cyprus.

## Weeks To Quit?

NEW YORK (AP)—Dow Jones, the Wall Street Journal business news service, said today Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks had resigned or would resign shortly. The service said Adm. Lewis Strauss, who recently resigned as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, had been chosen as Weeks' successor.

## A-Test Halted

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (AP)—Unfavorable weather conditions caused the postponement of an atomic weapon test scheduled to light the skies over Yucca Flat at 8:30 a. m. (EST) today.

## Talks Delayed

WARSAW (AP)—The United States and Communist China today postponed their negotiations on the Formosa Strait tension until tomorrow.

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## Ballotting Near

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Preparations were nearly completed today for the secret conclave beginning Saturday that will elect a new Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

## Evening Prayer

O Father, Thou knowest the spirit of our hearts. Forgive us for regarding our possessions as belonging to ourselves. Help us to express our love not only in words, but in deeds, and reality. For our Saviors' sake. Amen

## —THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF THE NEWS— Six Strikes And You REALLY Are Out

(From AP Reports)

Here's the first wild yarn of the new hunting season.

Robert Huff of Lansing, Mich., says his dog pointed grouse six times during a recent trip, but Huff missed his shot every time.

After the sixth miss, the hunter declared, the dog disappeared for a little while, then returned with a live grouse in his mouth.

Action or conversational? Jones for Congress—Political Adv.

## Cuddly Boy

Anyone like to adopt a cuddly, two-year-old boy? The New York Central Park Zoo has one.

Declared surplus and put up for sale was a two-year-old, healthy, happy vegetarian which weighs a thousand pounds. The hippo was born right there in the zoo, and the buyer won't have to restrain him from ways of the wild.

Waiting At Church

Friends of newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright waited at the church door to greet them in the traditional fashion with old shoes, rice, noise makers, paint-

## He's The Prettiest

Students at Mrs. Hugh Stout's first grade class in Whiteville were unhappy when they found their nominee for Halloween queen was ineligible for the honor.

Their unanimous choice, seven-year-old Bill Ward, is a boy. "We still want Bill," said a backer, "because he's the prettiest."

After much coaxing the vote was changed and Debbie Jacobs, six, became the queen.

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## Like Newest Target Nixon, Rockefeller In Sweet Meeting

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vice President Nixon and Nelson Rockefeller, potential Republican presidential rivals for 1960, had breakfast together today and both insisted they weren't even thinking about things on the other side of this year's election.

The barmony demonstration was hastily set up in New York City after an episode Thursday night in which Rockefeller, GOP candidate for governor, didn't attend a dinner for Nixon.

Afterward the vice president hurried away to catch a plane for Wisconsin to carry on his campaign for election of Tuesday.

Some Democrats were turning campaign guns more directly on President Eisenhower as leader of

their opposition, with an accusation that he has shirked leadership in the school integration controversy.

But the Democrats had their own internal squabbles to deal with. For instance National Chairman Paul M. Butler was complaining Thursday night that he was being "smothered" by Rockefeller.

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## Jailings Climax New Bus Row

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Fourteen Negroes were jailed last night following their conviction on misdemeanor charges growing out of demonstrations against racial segregation on buses.

City Recorder C. H. Conway said he would sentence them Monday night. He ordered that they be held in city jail without bond.

These convicted included the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Baptist preacher and integration leader who led a similar demonstration against bus segregation laws in December, 1954.

Last night's hearing trial was the outgrowth of an effort to halt Birmingham's new bus segregation ordinance declared unconstitutional.

The city commission last week repealed an old ordinance providing for separate seating of white persons and Negroes and replaced it with one making the Birmingham Transit Co. responsible for maintaining segregation.

It was this ordinance which the Negroes demonstrated against Monday night.

Nine men and four women were charged with three misdemeanor counts, none of which mentioned segregation.

## Our Weather

Fair and mild today, tonight and Saturday.

Low tomorrow morning 50  
High today ..... 78  
High yesterday ..... 79  
High tomorrow ..... 76

Sunrise today 6:36 a.m.; sunset today 5:38 p.m.  
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