

Lineberry Reported Planning To Quit As Rural Chief

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Chief Expects To Leave Job On Aug. 1

May Take Job In Private Industry

Informed sources said today that Mecklenburg County Police Chief Stanhope Lineberry will retire from the law enforcement profession on Aug. 1.

Contacted at his office, Chief Lineberry would neither confirm nor deny this report, but he explained that any formal announcement of his retirement will come after he discusses the matter with the Civil Service Commission and with the Board of County Commissioners.

It has been reliably reported that Chief Lineberry will go into a high position in private industry here.

REPORTS HEARD

Two county commissioners contacted today said they had heard reports that Chief Lineberry would leave his post.

Commissioner Craig Lawing said he heard the speculation yesterday and had discussed the matter with Chairman Sid Y. McAllen today. Mr. McAllen said Chief Lineberry "hasn't resigned yet," and added that all information would have to come from the Civil Service Commission.

Commissioner Sam McNinch said he has only "second-hand information" on Chief Lineberry's plans to retire and that he only knows about rumors that are being circulated.

"I have not discussed the matter with Chief," Mr. McNinch said.

NO WORD YET

L. E. Funderburke, member of the Mecklenburg County Police Civil Service Board, said the board has not received Chief Lineberry's resignation.

Indications were that Chief would ask the Civil Service Board to hold an open meeting to accept his resignation since plans have become known pre-maturely.

16-YEAR SERVICE

On Aug. 1, the 31-year-old police chief will have served the Mecklenburg County Police Dept. 16 years. He was promoted to chief 29 years in law enforcement.

Reports of Chief Lineberry's retirement included rumors that he will accept one of several jobs offered him, possibly as a security or safety officer with some major company.

If formal announcement of the chief's retirement is made soon, it is expected to be made before July 16. On that date Chief Lineberry—who holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is Deputy Wing Commander for the N. C. Wing, Civil Air Patrol—will leave Charlotte for London, England, to escort 25 CAP cadets to the United Kingdom as part of the CAP's 1955 International Cadet Exchange program.

The group will have a month-long stay in the British Isles and will return to this country about August 1.

GUILFORD NATIVE

In law enforcement work since 1927, Chief Lineberry is a native of Guilford County. He joined the Charlotte City Police Dept. as a motorcycle patrolman in 1927 and

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Italy Hunts New Premier

ROME (AP)—President Giovanni Gronchi began his search today for a premier to replace Mario Scelba, Italy's fourth government chief in the last two years.

The pugnacious little anti-Communist quit yesterday after 15 months in office, a victim of revolt within his own Christian Democratic party. Following parliament asked Scelba and his cabinet to stay on until a successor is found.

Gronchi scheduled a series of conferences on the crisis with leading political figures, including ex-president Enrico De Nicola. Next to be received was Giuseppe Pella, leader of the religious right wing of the Christian Democrats and one of the chief architects of Scelba's downfall.

The next Premier almost certainly will come from the Christian Democrats—the largest single faction in the Chamber of Deputies—despite the differences between right and left wings and the personal feuds that have strained party unity.

He could be any of several leading political figures. Pella, ex-Premier Amintore Fanfani and Budget Minister Ezio Vanoni were most frequently mentioned.

Evening Prayer

Dear Father, we confess that we have so often been like Saul that has lost his savior. We have failed to let our hearts be transformed from men. Others have not seen in us any good works. Pardon us, Father, for our sins. We are unworthy to be called Christians. Make us like Thee today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Shotgun Blasts Take Lives of Charlotte Woman, Man

Will Take Place Soon

50,000 To 'Flee' City In CD Test

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A Civil Defense test calling for complete evacuation of the Charlotte business district will be held in the next few months.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Civil Defense Director Charles E. Cullen said today that the test will be held no later than October. He added that no definite date has been set yet.

In preparation for the tremendous event, which will see probably in the neighborhood of 50,000 people moved, Mr. Cullen is in the process of having printed a quarter million instruction pamphlets for distribution in the city and county.

These pamphlets, titled "Operation Zero," carry full instructions for every person on what to do in the event of an evacuation or other emergency.

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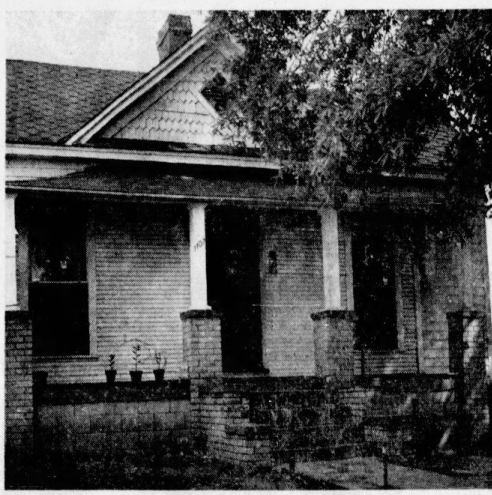
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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

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Murder, Suicide Is Ruling

By DONALD MACDONALD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

An estranged husband leveled a shotgun on his in-laws at 1107 N. Caldwell St. about 1:30 a.m. today, killing his wife's sister and wounding her mother before killing himself.

The murder-suicide left three dead.

Miss Pearl Hartis, 29, 1107 N. Caldwell St., shot in the left side below the heart and in the left arm.

Bervin M. Paxton, 28, 945 N. Davidson St., shot in the left side of his face and head.

Paxton's mother-in-law, 54-year-old Mrs. Carrie Hartis of 1107 N. Caldwell St., was in critical condition at Memorial Hospital, suffering loss of blood from a wound in the right arm between shoulder and elbow.

HIT WITH GUN BUTT
Police said Paxton's estranged wife, Mrs. Delores Hartis Paxton, was treated at the hospital for shock and bruises in the face and chest. She told police that her husband struck her in the face and chest with the butt of the shotgun while she begged for her life.

A truck driver for the Queen City Mattress Co., Paxton was to have come to trial in Domestic Relations Court this morning on a charge of assaulting his wife on June 17.

Police said the couple has been separated since Jan. 1.

Officers said Paxton killed himself by discharging the 12-gauge double-barrel shotgun by pulling the trigger with his toe.

Answering the call at 25 a.m. were Officers J. O. Hendrix, R. C. Edison, E. F. Fesperman and E. Pierzynski.

STORY OF SHOOTINGS
The officers described events of the early-morning shooting as follows:

Mrs. Paxton received a telephone call from her husband about 1 a.m. and he sounded as though he had been drinking.

A short while after the phone call, Paxton knocked on the door of the Hartis home, where his wife had been living with her mother and sisters since their separation.

As Mrs. Paxton opened the door, her husband knocked her down with the butt of the shotgun; and the woman's sister, Pearl Hartis, ran into the living room to see what the trouble was about.

SHOT BELOW HEART
Paxton shot her in the left side below the heart, and she fell face down across a living room couch.

The enraged husband then walked into a bedroom where his mother-in-law was lying in bed and shot her in the right arm.

Paxton then walked to the house to the front walkway and sidewalk, took off his right shoe and sock and aimed the barrel at

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Polio Inoculation Continuation Is Advised By Panel Of Experts

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The vote was taken at a meeting of the medical men before an investigation and did not wish to get involved in the vote which was called by Rep. Volverson (R-N.Y.).

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Dr. Sabin expressed no opinion at the hearing but later told newsmen he saw no reason for halting the present program. However, he said his vaccine might eventually be developed along the lines Dr. Salk's.

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