



Waited In Car Trunk Entraged Husband Kills Him



Police Lt. Allen White Holds Murder Weapon While Remaining Two Members Of The Fatal Triangle, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Are Shown Awaiting Questioning

Described By Police As 'Love Triangle' Slaying

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An enraged husband shot and killed his wife's male companion here shortly after midnight today in what police described as a "love triangle" slaying.

The homicide victim was 40-year-old Talmadge Alene Parker, Derita Rd.

Held without bond in City Jail on a murder charge is Thomas Walter Taylor, 34-year-old construction laborer of Rt. 6, Mount Holly Rd.

Parker was slain in the parking lot of an all-night grill on W. Trade St. He was shot as he got out of an automobile in which he had been sitting with Taylor's wife, officers said.

Husband Tells Of Shooting 'Other Man'

Struggling to control his emotions, Thomas Walter Taylor described how he hid in the trunk of his car, then emerged and shot the man he suspected of being with his wife.

The short, thin construction worker and father of two children shuffled uneasily in his chair at City Hall.

"A friend tipped me off about this man who was giving my wife five-dollar bills," he began.

The man Taylor admits shooting to death, T. A. Parker, was employed by a local department store. "He had promised to get my wife a doll for my little girl's Christmas," Taylor explained. "He was going to get it for her at a discount. But she never had to pay him anything."

Man Dies In Strike Violence; Police Arrest 86 Persons

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An equally burst out at 3:30 a.m. during 190 police moved in to a previously planned "mass diebreak up mass picketing at the Columbus Westinghouse Electric Corp. plant today and touched the spark to a 12-week-old powder keg at the struck plant. In the brief violence:

One man died, possibly of a heart attack but after a beating, claimed an officer of the International Union of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO).

At least seven persons were injured.

Eighty-six persons were arrested—74 men and 12 women.

At least one auto was overturned on each of the plant's five gates.

Police cars were stoned and clubs in the pre-dawn darkness as the long-expensive violence burst out.

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Police Lt. William Carney said the mob started at Gate 1 on West Broad St. on the city's western edge. He reported three cars were upset at the gate. About 20 demonstrators trapped him and ricked his car in an attempt to overturn it before he was rescued by two sheriff's deputies, he added.

"If he had a heart attack it was because it was given to him by the beating he took."

In addition to the alleged beating, Webb said Tadlock was "stepped on." Webb added the union is investigating the death and expects to have a statement later.

The 86 persons taken in custody were charged with violating a Dec. 1 court order limiting pickets to each gate. They also were held for instigation of rioting.

Action Tomorrow Purks May Get Big School Post

RALEIGH (AP)—Dr. J. Harris Purks may be named director of the State Board of Higher Education at meetings to be held here tomorrow. Purks is now acting president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

On the agenda for tomorrow are meetings of the Higher Education Board at 9:30 a.m. and of the Executive Committee of the University Board of Trustees at 11:30.

A member of the Executive Committee said he reckoned the Higher Education Board would meet first and "offer Purks to be appointed as director of tomorrow's session," and then "we'll meet and see whether we'll let him go or not."

D. Hiden Ramsey of Asheville, chairman of the Higher Education Board, said, "It is not inconceivable that a director would be appointed at tomorrow's meeting."

Rumors Purks would be offered the higher education post have been current for several days. When asked about them last week, Purks had no comment.

Purks has been serving as acting president of the consolidated university while a trustees committee seeking a successor to Gordon Gray as president of the university. Gray, now serving as an assistant defense secretary, had endorsed Purks as his successor.

The Higher Education Board was created by the last legislature to coordinate the efforts of all of the state's institutions of higher education, including the three units of the consolidated university.

Farming, Taxes To Occupy New Session Of Congress

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON (AP)—The 84th Congress today convened its opening session which will draw the issues and perhaps a make or break hopes of potential candidates in the 1956 presidential election year.

The lawmakers gathered in an atmosphere of post-holiday joviality, but they were already jockeying over such vote-important questions as a farm program—labeled No. 1 by both parties—tax reduction, foreign aid and highway building.

And the Democrats in control of the congressional machinery, were talking anew about investigations, commonly an enthusiastic pastime of election years.

House Democratic leader McCormack (Mass.) said he thought his party should center its investigations on "control of government by big business."

BUSINESS DOMINATION
"This administration is dominated by big business," McCormack told reporters, "and I think the public should know the extent to which big business has taken over."

Traditionally, the Congress conducts no legislative business until after the President's annual State of the Union message.

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Traffic Death Record Set Despite Warnings

By The Associated Press
Week-end traffic deaths set a new record for a three-day New Year holiday period, according to the state's institutions of higher education, including the three units of the consolidated university.

The final tabulation for the New Year weekend, including delayed reports, today showed 316 traffic deaths, 72 deaths in fires and 72 in the miscellaneous class. The overall total was 560.

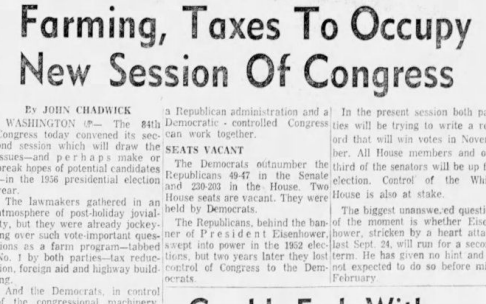
The traffic toll for the period began at 6 p.m. local time Dec. 29 and ended at midnight Monday broke the three-day New Year record of 317. The overall total also surpassed the three-day New Year period record of 437.

But the traffic toll failed to approach the record for any holiday period—the 609 total compiled during the recent Christmas holidays—and was well under the predicted 630.

For purposes of comparison the Associated Press made a survey of New Year weekend of Dec. 29-31, 1955. Motor vehicle fatalities were 284, 72 in fires and 72 in the miscellaneous class. The overall total was 428.

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Here Is Parking Lot At Rear of Merita Grill Where Shooting Took Place

Our Weather

Fair to partly cloudy with little change in temperature today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low tonight—32.

High yesterday—53.

High today—60.

High tomorrow—58.

Rainfall 7:32 a.m., sunset 5:23 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 4-A

Two Girls

The Taylor's have a five-year-old daughter, and a 14-month-old baby girl.

"We've never had any trouble up till just lately. She has been working late, sometimes till 2 a.m. I was keeping the kids until my mother-in-law came to stay with us."

Two Girls

Asked how he felt about his wife now, Taylor replied, "I don't know. I can't answer that right now."

The interview was interrupted when Taylor's wife, Frances, who will have her birthday tomorrow) came to the police station.

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The two talked with an attorney and then posed for a newspaper, photographer and television cameramen.

Mrs. Taylor said through her attorney that she did not have a statement other than she had "made a mistake." She also asked that photographers not take a picture of the 193 Ford which she drove to the Merita Grill parking lot.

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The couple has been married for eight years and came to Charlotte from Winston-Salem nearly eight years ago. They live on Highway 16, Mount Holly Rd. The wife had been employed about four months at the El Merita Grill.

He said he last worked a job on Friday, getting off at noon.

Two Girls

Police said the husband who is five-foot, three-inches tall and weighs 130 pounds, caught a side last night to the grill where his wife had driven to the grill.

Officers quoted Taylor as saying that he had placed complete unconsciousness in the trunk of the car on Monday.

Two Girls

He waited inside the trunk for what seemed like about an hour" before he heard his wife get into the car, start the motor and drive away.

After the car stopped, Taylor said, "I waited about 20 or 30 minutes, then got out of the trunk."

Officers said he used a screw driver to unlock the trunk from the inside.

Taylor had also tied the door handle with a piece of rope, in the event officers said—that his wife would try to open the trunk for any reason.

"I GOT OUT"

Taylor told a reporter that he heard someone get into the car with his wife and that when he got out of the trunk, he and Parker got out of the right front seat of the car when he heard me get out of the trunk.

"He came around the right side of the car and I saw him."

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Two Girls

STAYMENT WANTED
WASHINGTON (AP)—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of 11 national banks at the close of business Saturday, Dec. 31.

Two Girls

PARIS (AP)—France's national elections—called by Premier Edgar Faure on a gamble that they would bring a strong, stable government—have produced only the prospect of more years of shaky, short-lived coalitions.

Moreover, future premiers will be burdened with a more powerful bloc of Communists in the National Assembly and a new, almost certainly obstructive faction, the antix followers of Pierre Poujade.

Both the Communists and the Poujadists appeared to be beneficiaries of a heavy protest vote.

Faure's right-of-center alliance confound of the new Assembly won about 192 seats and Mendès-France's left-of-center party gathered a leader of any of the big parties might be the first-winner—look about 136.

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He was employed in the display department of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Funeral services for Mr. Parker will be held Thursday, the time and place will be announced later. Interment in Whittington Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Six Persons Die At Rose Festival

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Six persons, five men and a girl, died while attending Tournament of Roses festivities yesterday.

The girl collapsed while walking toward the parade line. She was first believed a traffic victim but doctors later said she died of natural causes.

Three men were believed heart attack victims. One man succumbed to cerebral hemorrhage and another collapsed and died beside his automobile after the Michigan State-UCLA football game.

The Pasadena Emergency Hospital reported treating 121 persons. There were nine heart attacks, two strokes, 41 fainting spells, 47 miscellaneous illnesses, 17 falls, three traffic injuries—and five bruised in fights.

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