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## Horace Alexander Attempts To End Life This Morning

### Well Known Local Man Fires Pistol Bullet Through Body Just Below Heart—Has Chance to Recover.

Horace G. Alexander, well known citizen of Greensboro, shot himself through the breast this morning at 9:15 o'clock in an effort to end his life. At the Clinic hospital, where he was taken for treatment, it was stated that he had a fighting chance.

Inability to adequately finance himself was given as the cause for the act by Mr. Alexander, who talked briefly to officers after being taken to the hospital.

Mr. Alexander and Ralph Stubbins were operators of the shell filling station, Forbis and Market streets, in which the act was committed. Mr. Alexander had stepped into the office and Will Slover, negro employe, who was washing an automobile toward the rear of the station was startled by a revolver shot. He turned and looked into the station just as Mr. Alexander fell. The bullet penetrated the left breast just below and to the right of the heart.

Native of Buncombe.

Mr. Alexander came to Greensboro a number of years ago, being a native of Buncombe county, where the family was prominently known. For a long period of years he was general chairman of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, giving up this office some five years ago. He built a number of residences here during the past decade and later became associated with the contracting firm of Coe and Alexander, in which concern he is said to have lost his accumulation of former years.

For some time he had been operating filling stations, and about Christmas was stricken suddenly in the same office in which he today attempted to end his life. He was found in a semi-conscious condition on the floor of the station at that time and taken to a hospital where an operation was performed, remaining in the hospital for a number of weeks. He had apparently regained his health, and only about two weeks ago was rejoicing over his return to his former physical condition. An active member of the First Baptist church he was present for services Sunday, as usual, and exchanged greetings with a number of friends and acquaintances.

The Alexanders have an apartment in the residence of Mrs. C. N. Justice, 1849 Spring Garden street. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander having two children at home, H. G. Jr., and Frances. Two children are married, H. Bain Alexander and Mrs. Frank Strickland, both of this city.

**Three Men Rescued By Oil Vessel**

NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—Three men who had been adrift in the disabled motorboat "Mary," of Miami, Fla., for 13 days were rescued by the tanker "Samuel Q. Brown," the New York office of the Tide Water Oil company announced today.

The three men, Joseph Knicht, Joseph Roberts and Caryl Montecino, all residents of Florida, set out from Bimini, one of the Bahama islands, March 31, for Miami. Shortly after leaving shore their engine broke down and for 13 days they drifted 400 miles north in the gulf stream. The men suffered mostly from lack of drinking water and were on the verge of giving up hope when rescued.

**Secret Tests Of New Plane Made**

LONDON, April 14.—(AP)—Secret tests have recently been completed with a new British army battle air plane which carries six machine guns, it is said to be at least as fast as the new American army plane designed by Anthony Fokker.

The machine guns are able to concentrate a simultaneous "cone" of fire on a target a few hundred yards away; it was said, and the plane has a speed of close to 250 miles an hour with full load. It is said to operate up to 25,000 feet and to have climbed 15,000 feet in nine minutes.

**James N. Umstead Seeks Mayorship**

DURHAM, April 14.—(AP)—James N. Umstead, W.

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