

Youth Shoots Self in Head; Bullet Barely Misses Girl

"Suicide by firing a .38 calibre revolver bullet through his head" was the decision of Sheriff A. B. Slagle, who with Coroner C. M. Moore, investigated the circumstances under which Carl Matherson, of Cherokee county, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon.

Young Matherson, with Miss Alice Gregory, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cothern just off Highway No. 10 near Topton. They were in a room alone and Miss Gregory was standing in front of a mirror powdering her face when Matherson took the pistol and its holster off the

mantel and put it on. She said he played with the pistol and stood in front of the mirror with the gun pointed at himself. She advised him to put the gun down.

Matherson stepped away from the mirror as she finished powdering her face. Then she heard a report of the revolver and felt something pass through her hair. The bullet, after passing through Matherson's head, went through Miss Gregory's hair and was found imbedded in the wall.

Matherson, 19, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matherson. He was reported to have threatened to commit suicide before.

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