

Skeleton-in-Well Case Getting Intensive Probe; Trial Set on Oct 18 for Other Polk Slaying

DALLAS, Oct. 9.—Polk county authorities are continuing their efforts to unravel the mystery of the unidentified body found in an Eola Hills farm well September 21.

The near-skeleton remains of a man—trussed with wire and weighted with a 64-pound rock—was brought to the surface by Carl Williams and Clyde Edminster, both of Salem route 4. The men were cleaning the well when they made the gruesome find.

Deputy Sheriff Tony Neufeldt, in charge of the investigation, said Friday that he is continuing to trace down every available lead which might lead to apprehension of a killer.

Skeleton Returned

Friday morning the skeleton was returned to the Dallas morgue from the Portland state police crime detection laboratory at the University of Oregon medical school. Other remains taken from the well, along with the soil and water, are still being examined by crime technicians to determine how long the body was in the water.

Neufeldt pointed out that the success of the scientists in determining when the body was thrown in the well is all-important in ultimate apprehension of the slayer. Estimates on the time have ranged from two to 10 years.

List Being Studied

Neufeldt said he is in possession of an almost complete list of persons who have camped on the farm property and lived in the house near the well during the past eight years. If the time of the crime can be determined accurately, he stated, it may be possible to link a former tenant with the slaying.

The deputy said he expected a complete laboratory on the remains in about three weeks.

Meanwhile, another murder charge is pending in the same county.

Amos Sooter, 40, charged with the ambush shotgun slaying of a neighbor, is scheduled to appear in the circuit court of Judge Arlie Walker in Dallas, Monday, October 18 at 9:30 a. m.

Faces Murder Charge

Sooter, a farmer, faces a first-degree murder charge, in the death of Fred Baley, 49, August 12, after a family argument over a forthcoming marriage.

Sooter has pleaded innocent and is being held in the Polk county jail in Dallas. He is accused of ambushing Baley and his wife as the couple drove toward Dallas in their truck. Ten shots from a .12 gauge shotgun tore through the vehicle, some of them striking Baley. Sooter later turned a gun on himself, but recovered from head wounds.

Savitt Orchestra On Benefit Tour

Al Donahue will bring the orchestra of the late Jan Savitt to the Glenwood Ballroom Wednesday night, it was announced yesterday. The entire proceeds of a five week tour are to go to Mrs. Savitt.

Featured with the band on tour will be Margaret Brown, versatile dancer.

Savitt, who died October 4, following a stroke, played a number of times in recent years in the ballroom at Janzen Beach park. He was one of the nation's most popular band leaders.

Grade School Names Officers at Amity

AMITY—Amity grade school has organized a student body council, with Carolyn Wilcox as president. Each class is represented on the council.

Juanita McComb entertained the school with an imaginary "bird hike" recently. She is an expert whistler and imitates all the bird calls as well as various animals.

Social afternoon club of the Order of Eastern Star will meet for a 1:15 o'clock dessert luncheon at Masonic temple. Hostesses will be Mrs. E. B. Millard, Mrs. George Dunsford, Mrs. W. F. Follis, Mrs. C. A. Biggs, Mrs. Margaret Rosecrans, Mrs. Lucy MacDowell, Mrs. F. M. Hoyt, Mrs. William Newmyer and Mrs. W. W. McKinney.

The YWCA service club will meet for dinner at the home of Mrs. Carlton Greider, 805 Mission street on Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Valley Briefs

Pedee—Charles L. (Chuck) Trueax, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Trueax, has enlisted in the army for three years service in Alaska.

Gervais—Mrs. Grace Menough of Delphi, Ind., and Mrs. Rose Ruck of Lafayette, Ind., were guests at the Marilyn A. Viesko home in Gervais. They left by train Friday for Hollywood, Calif., where they will visit Mrs. Viesko's son, Charles Latschau and family, after which they will return to Indiana.

Pedee—Mrs. Jerry Hilburn was admitted to the Salem General hospital for medical treatment Wednesday.

East Salem—Mr. and Mrs. John Woodburn were in Seattle last week visiting their son, Harold and family.

Pedee—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Verbeck have sold their farm to Mrs. Elise King, Portland newspaper woman who is moving to the place this week. Verbecks have also sold their dance hall and cafe and are moving to newly purchased property at Silverton, their former home.

Swegle—Officers and committee chairmen of the Swegle Parents Teachers Association are asked to meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the school house when plans for the year's work will be considered.

Pedee—Mrs. Ruby Grover of Gordon, Neb., is visiting Mrs. Lura Trueax.

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blinston each got a deer in the China Hat area near Burnas. One was a two-point one a three-point deer.

Pedee—Elton Zuver is wondering if he will hunt away from home opening day again. He left home early for Bald mountain and arrived home late without a shot. His young son informed him that shortly after his departure upon investigating the dogs barking he found a four point and a two point deer in their barnyard.

Jefferson—Mrs. Jack Underwood of Marion is in Salem General hospital recovering from a major operation. She is a daughter of the Lloyd Bilyeus of Jefferson.

Lalish Center—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Degross of Pomona, Calif. visited the Clyde Leedy's last week and will be at Taft for several weeks while assisting the David Degrosses with their new residence at Delake.

Hayesville—Mrs. Pierre Saucy is convalescing at her home from a major operation.

Jefferson—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Henningsen and Mr. and Mrs. Enos Nelson of Talbot spent Wednesday in Portland at Pacific International Livestock show.

Lalish Center—Onion growers have united to clear out the main drainage ditch this week and Bill Benagy of Monitor has been hired to do the work. Growers whose lands drain directly into Little Pudding river will soon begin work clearing it out.

Middle Grove—Amity Woman's club will meet Tuesday, October 12 with Mrs. Julia Ault. Assisting her will be Helen Peterson, Sara Smith, and Marjorie Wikoff. Helen Schaefer will direct entertainment.

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