

**VICTIM WAS SOMEBODY ELSE**

**'Corpseless' Murder Leads Defendant to Chair's Shadow**

Atlanta (AP)—A bizarre murder case that started out without a body and was climaxed when the victim turned out to be somebody else is about to enter its closing chapter.

John Wallace, bald, heavy-set west Georgia cattleman, has just about exhausted his efforts to escape the electric chair for the murder of his tenant, William Turner, alias Wilson Turner.

Superior Court Judge Virlyn B. Moore recently denied Wallace's petition for a writ of habeas corpus so he could go free while "sensational new evidence" was presented.

Wallace then prepared what may be his final appeal to the state supreme court and his execution, scheduled for Oct. 14, was stayed automatically once more. The court already turned him down twice.

The Turner murder case broke in the spring of 1948 at the Sunset tourist camp, about 40 miles below Atlanta.

A dozen persons were idling about the camp when a car drove up and a harried figure jumped out and sought shelter in the office.

Scarcely had he entered the building when a pickup truck raced up and four or five men jumped out. The men seized the man who had come in the car, clubbed him savagely on the head with a rifle butt and drove off with his inert body in the truck.

The witnesses were to testify later that the man was beaten so heavily that, in their opinion, the blows were enough to kill him. This testimony proved the crux of the case against Wallace, subsequently identified as the ringleader of the abduction group.

Lamar Potts, small gimlet-eyed sheriff, had no body to prove that murder had been done but other witnesses identified the abducted man as William Turner, a tenant on Wallace's farm, who had been feuding with his landlord. It was soon determined that Turner was missing.

Potts organized a posse which for several weeks beat the scrub country around Wallace's farm without finding a trace of Turner.

Pott's persistence paid off, however and he got the confidence of two Negroes of the area. The Negroes finally led Potts and state officers to a spot where they found charred fragments of clothing and several pieces of burned bone small enough to fit in a matchbox.

The bones were identified as human and the clothing as belonging to the missing Turner. Potts was ready to go to trail. The two Negroes who led the way to the evidence confessed

that they helped burn the sharecropper's body but were charged with a lesser crime than murder because of their helplessness.

The big surprise of the case then was sprung by Turner's father, who announced that Wilson Turner was alive and well. The man whose bones were found actually was William Turner, Wilson's brother, who had assumed his brother's identity and his draft card during the war.

Wallace finally admitted at his trial that he killed Turner. But he said he did so in self-defense on his property after bringing Turner back from the tourist camp to question him about making whiskey and stealing cattle.

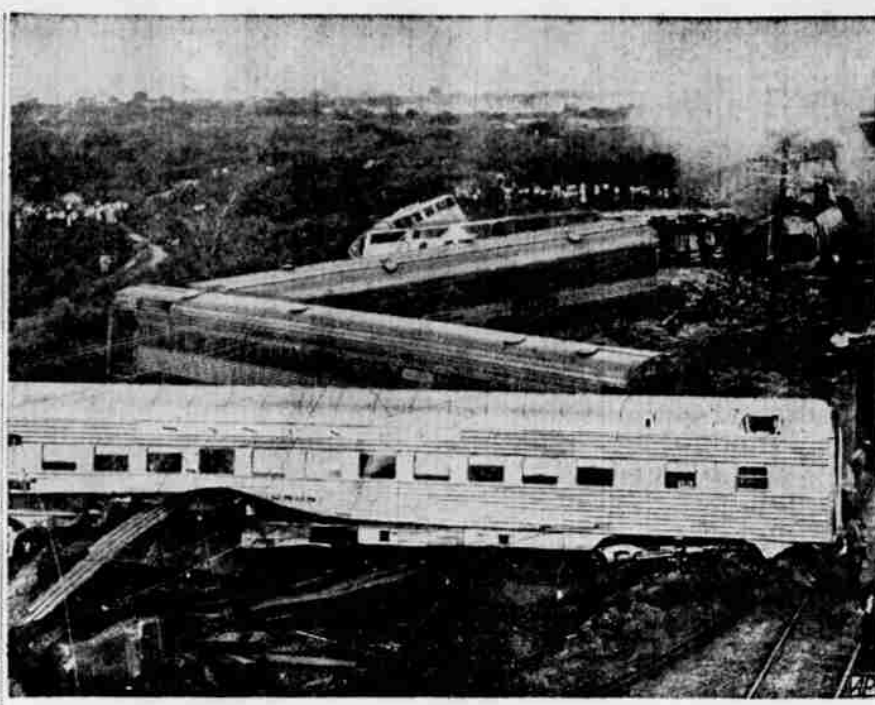
But the witnesses who saw Turner beaten at the tourist camp convinced the jury that he received mortal wounds at the time. Wallace was sentenced to death. His accomplices did not testify and received life sentences.

**Boy Killed in 'Trick Or Treat' Expedition**

Seattle, Nov. 1 (AP)—A six-year-old boy on a "trick or treat" expedition was fatally injured last night when he fell from a porch, puncturing his head on a sharp tree branch.

The victim is Larry Parks. Celebrating Halloween with four other boys, the youngster had just won a treat from Ralph G. Band when the accident occurred. Band said the boy lost his balance and fell about five feet off the porch.

He was taken to Seattle General hospital where he died shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.



**Train Wreckage**—Two diesel locomotives and five cars, of the Santa Fe El Capitan passenger train, left the track near Azusa, Calif., after hitting a split rail. Six persons were known injured, none seriously. In background smoke is coming from diesel oil tanks attached to the locomotives. (AP Wirephoto)

**Youth Council to Hold Assembly**

The Oregon Christian Youth Council will sponsor its annual fall assembly in Salem Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week and 450 young folk and adult leaders of many denominations are expected to attend.

G. Hayden Stewart, director of the featured speaker at an international banquet Saturday evening at the high school and for early Sunday morning communion.

A number of workshops will be included in the program with Dr. Raymond Withey, Jr., of Willamette university and Mrs. C. W. Stacey, Salem, chairman of the legislative committee, law enforcement for the state liquor control commission.

**Warwick Promoted**

Portland, Nov. 1 (AP)—David C. Warwick, an air force veteran, was promoted yesterday to the job of supervisor of Knox law enforcement for the state liquor control commission.

**Washington Is Sore Over Tax**

Washington officials told Oregon taxing authorities yesterday the Longview bridge over the Columbia should not be taxed by Oregon.

Lyle Iverson, assistant attorney general of Washington, said taxes on the toll bridge in 1946 were \$6549 and had been increased to \$36,783 this year.

"We are not going to pay that tax without a fight. Washington is paying for the bridge and Oregon is getting a free ride," he asserted.

The Columbia county court, the Oregon state commission and the Oregon highway commission, all represented at the meeting, did not take action. The Oregon legislature already has approved a measure freeing the bridge from taxation beginning in January, 1954.

Webb Hoover, secretary of the toll bridge authority, and T. S. Hodges, a member of the Washington tax commission, also protested the Oregon levies.

**Wedding Leads to Strike of Loaders**

Romford, England, Nov. 1 (AP)—A wedding led to a strike here. Jack Murton, a meat loader, got married and went off on a three-day honeymoon.

His three fellow loaders at the wholesale meat supply depot asked for a substitute. Refused, they struck.

The area's meat ration is standing unloaded.

**Lumber Shipments By Water Soar**

Portland Nov. 1 (AP)—Maritime lumber shipments from Columbia river district ports in September soared to the highest level for any month since pre-war days.

The Pacific lumber inspection bureau reported yesterday the total was 70,440,563 board feet. Of this 44,119,371 went to Atlantic coast ports and 15,660,932 went abroad.

Other district September totals

(in board feet): Oregon coast—44,690,961, down from 65,630,000 in August; Puget Sound—37,431,855; Washington coast—20,377,437; British Columbia—82,195,588.

Of the British Columbia shipments, 27,308,383 went into the U.S. market.

**Arctic Trek Delayed**  
Fairbanks, Alaska, Nov. 11 (AP)—Cecil A. Moore, New England engineer, reset the starting date for his trans-Arctic sleigh ride to Lewiston, Me., because of snow. Moore had expected to take off across the frozen wastelands of the north today.

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