

Cottage Grove Farm Girl Shot to Death Near Home

Cottage Grove—(U.P.)—Mary Ellen Campbell, 18, a deaf-mute farm girl, was found shot to death near her home here Saturday with a bouquet of flowers clutched in her hand.

Harlan Belcher and his son,

Ken, neighbors of the Campbell girl, found the body in heavy brush on a wooded knoll about four miles south of Cottage Grove and reported she had been shot in the back.

Belcher said he saw only a bruise on her forehead when the body was found, but Lane county District Attorney C. E. Luckey and Coroner Fred Buell said death was caused by a small caliber bullet which entered her back and lodged in her chest.

Luckey said the circumstances of the girl's death were "unusual" but he had no suspects and was not certain that foul play was involved.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Campbell, said she was last seen about 6 p.m. Friday as they left the house briefly. Mary Ellen waved to them from a window, they said. When they returned, she was gone.

Later Friday night, they became worried and with police and neighbors began a search.

The body, with the bouquet clasped in a hand, was discovered about 1 a.m.

Deaf Mute Woman Dies in Accident Near Myrtle Point

Myrtle Point — (U.P.) — Mary Minter, a deaf-mute from Chicago, was killed Friday when a car in which she was riding with three other deaf-mutes collided with a logging truck near Bridge, Ore.

The car, driven by Rodger Meisman, Chicago, tried to pass another car on a curve and crashed into a logging truck driven by Ralph Thomas Chapel, Myrtle Point.

Meisman and two other deaf-mute passengers were brought to a hospital here. The others were identified as Jack L. Valentine and Clemens J. Barth, both of Chicago.

Joe Roush, a passenger in the truck, suffered a leg injury. State police said Meisman would be charged with reckless driving on his release from the hospital.

The four deaf-mutes were employed by the Leon Krakover Deaf-Mute Sales organization of Chicago.

Murder of Father Admitted By 16-Year-Old Minnesota Boy; Youth Dynamites Body

Bemidje, Minn. — (U.P.) — A 16-year-old boy has confessed that he shot and killed his father, dragged his body into a barn, dynamited it, then burned the barn to the ground.

Lloyd Knutson told authorities he had planned to kill his father, Earl Knutson, the 37-year-old gravedigger at Blackduck, Minn., for at least two weeks.

"I hated him for a long time," the boy said.

Will Seek Indictment
Beltrami County Attorney Herbert Olson said he would file a juvenile delinquency petition against the youth and if that were approved he would go on to seek a first degree murder indictment.

The father's body was found Wednesday in the splintered and burned wreckage of his barn at Blackduck.

Olson said the boy had worked out an elaborate plan to kill his father.

On Tuesday he took a large-caliber deer rifle and hid it in a wood shed, Olson said. He also obtained two sticks of dynamite,

caps and fuses used by his father in logging operations in this sparsely-settled north woods area.

When the youth returned from school Wednesday, Olson said, he told his father he was going out.

When the man came out, Olson said, young Knutson fired, striking his father in the chest. The man staggered but did not fall, Olson said.

Olson said the boy was an expert marksman. He took careful aim and fired again. The second shot hit his father in the head, killing him.

The boy then dragged the body into the barn. He placed one stick of dynamite under the stomach and the other under his head. He rigged the fuses and lighted them.

The explosion decapitated the father, Olson said.

Leaves in Car
Then the boy set fire to the barn and left the farm in the family car.

Young Knutson picked up his 17-year-old sister, Agnes, and told her what he had done.

The brother and sister, accompanied by schoolmate, Gordon Bloomquist, returned to the farm, verified that the father was dead, then drove to the home of a relative, Stanley Enberg, where authorities were notified.

Olson said the boy's longstanding hatred for his father apparently was the sole reason for the slaying.

Bizarre Suicide Revealed By Young College Student

Phoenix, Ariz. — (U.P.) — A young college dramatics student told authorities Saturday he drove with a friend to the desert near here, waited while the friend committed suicide with a hose to the car exhaust, then drove "the stiff" back to the college.

George Lee Augspurger, 22, of Phoenix, told sheriff's deputies he and another friend then sat with the body and discussed the death.

The victim was identified as Fred Wege, 22, whose home is in Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Note in Pocket

A note was found in his pocket which said:

"This is an age of speed, and the man who finishes first is not to be looked down upon."

Deputy Sheriff David P. Edwards said Augspurger told officers he and Wege and another friend spent several hours Thursday night in a tavern near Arizona State college at Tempe, where the victim was a sophomore mathematics student.

Waited on Rock

Augspurger told the deputies he walked away and "sat on a rock" for half an hour.

When he returned, he said he found the engine running and a garden hose which they had picked up at Augspurger's home was running from the exhaust through a window.

The note found in Wege's pocket said he was leaving his possessions to his roommate, and his body to Dr. Herbert Stahnke, a professor at Arizona State college at Tempe.

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American Man Wounded In Night Spot Brawl

Sidney, Australia — (U.P.) — An American ship's engineer was wounded critically and a woman injured in an early morning brawl Saturday in an apartment in fashionable Darling Point here.

Police said Arnold Dahlberg, 31, engineer aboard the Pioneer Castle, was found in the entrance of the apartment by detectives. Police found Kay Biliski, 27, collapsed on a bed in the apartment suffering head wounds. Dahlberg had been shot in the lower abdomen.

Police arrested Miloslav Tuma, 27, part-owner of a Sydney night club, on charges of shooting Dahlberg with intent to murder and assaulting Miss Biliski.

\$206,662 Income Tax Lien Filed in Seattle

Seattle — (U.P.) — A \$206,662 federal income tax lien was filed in the county auditor's office Friday against Emory L. Coleman, Grand Mound, Wash.

The tax lien was for the years 1944 to 1950. It listed Coleman's Seattle address as the Waldorf hotel.

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