

Missing Stepmother Of Mass Slayer Is Found In Grave

Sigourney, Iowa — (UPI) — Authorities said the skull of red-haired Mrs. Juanita Smith was crushed by a powerful blow with a blunt instrument before the body was placed in the lime-sprinkled grave. She was positively identified through a tattoo.

Mrs. Smith was the stepmother of Gayne Gilbert Smith, who has admitted the May 26-27 fatal shootings of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McBeth, and three of their four children. The lone survivor of the McBeth family, Patsy, 15, suffered a shoulder wound in the night of carnage at the McBeth farm near Hayesville, Iowa.

Smith, 24, a farmhand and ex-Marine, was captured in a barn near Unionville, Iowa, 40 miles from Hayesville, on Memorial Day, following a three-day man hunt.

Denied Knowledge — Smith's attorney, Stephen Gerard, told United Press International his client denied any knowledge of his stepmother's death.

Mrs. Smith apparently was last seen alive Oct. 2, 1961, when she made a bank deposit. Her stepson said she had left for California and there had been no apparent concern about her until the slayings of the McBeth family. Then her sister, Mrs. Irene Brown,

filed a missing person report on Mrs. Smith. Radio and television newsmen Cedar Rapids, Iowa, learned of the report and discovered that Mrs. Smith had vanished shortly after collecting \$950 in settlement for injuries in an auto accident. They learned that she had ordered dentures from an Ottumwa, Iowa, dentist but never picked them up.

A search for her body began after several fruitless excavations, the body was found yesterday in a 26-inch deep grave near the northeast corner of the house in Hedrick, Iowa.

Graham Speaks on Child Discipline

Chicago — (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham led a crowd which included street gang members Tuesday night "God never intended that young people should be disciplined by the courts, but by their parents."

Graham, addressing 36,000 persons at McCormick Place in the 14th meeting of his Greater Chicago Crusade, urged parents to give up the "cheap glitter of modern living" and offer their children Christian guidance.

Among the throng, which brought to nearly 460,000 the number of persons attending the revivals thus far, were 350 members of various South Side youth gangs, crusade officials said.

The officials said Nathaniel Unger, a gang leader who made a "decision for Christ" last week, sent the youths to Tuesday night's meeting.

The protestant evangelist said "The parent is the only God-ordained superior for youngsters."

IN STRAC ALERT

Army Pvt. William E. Peyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Peyton, Jacksonville, recently participated with other personnel from the 101st Airborne Division's 506th Infantry in a Strategic Army Corps alert at Ft. Campbell, Ky. Peyton, a rifleman in the infantry's Company C, entered the Army in September, 1961, and received basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif. He attended Medford High school.

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SPORTS

METS GIVE BONUS — Longview, Wash. — (UPI) — Pat Lambert, 18-year-old catcher from Mark Morris High school here, has signed a bonus contract with the New York Mets, Dick Wilson, Northwest scout for the team, said today. Lambert will join Santa Barbara of the Class C California League.

ALL-AMERICAN — Missoula, Mont. — (UPI) — Montana State university's Mike Buckley was named to the 1962 All-America ski team Tuesday. Buckley is from Yakima, Wash. He is a junior, majoring in pre-dentistry.

Minister Gives Sober Warning to Grooms

Bradford, England — (UPI) — The Rev. Charles Manchester has refused to marry any more bridegrooms who need courage to walk up the aisle. "At least half the bridegrooms smell like a brewery and walk to the altar a little bit tipsy," he said. "If I had a couple of whiskies or a few beers the bride and groom would take a dim view of it."

PROMOTED

Curtis E. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, Old Stage rd., Medford, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is now assigned as commander of the 808th Air Refueling Squadron at Minot AFB, N.D. The colonel, who is a Medford High school graduate, entered the service in 1943.

Communist Leader Praises Pope John

Warsaw — (UPI) — Polish Communist party leader Wladyslaw Gomulka Tuesday praised Pope John XXIII for what he said was his anti-war policy. "The anti-war attitude of the head of the Catholic Church coincides with the peaceful policy of the socialist countries," Gomulka told the Polish Press Congress.

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