

Woman's Skeleton Leads To Bizarre Investigation

CASPER, Wyo. (AP)—A woman's skeleton, chipped by police hammers from a concrete tomb in the home of a respected family of seven, has started a bizarre investigation.

The grisly find solved the disappearance 29 months ago of Mrs. Barbara Alexander, 27. But in turn it led to new and macabre puzzles.

Mrs. Alexander's body, the hands clutching a rude cross at the chest, was found in the basement of the east Casper home of her husband James, 48, a former schoolteacher here.

"The body was pointed out to us by the person who buried it," said Natrona County Atty. Ray Whitaker. "That person was Mrs. Rose Alexander."

Rose Alexander is James' first and also his present wife. Married some years ago, they had two children and later were divorced. Whitaker said. Alexander then married Barbara Alexander, who had two children by a previous marriage and one by Alexander. All the children lived at the Alexanders' home here.

Rose Alexander, in a statement to officers, said Barbara's death was accidental. No charges have been filed.

Barbara Alexander vanished in July 1953, but, for reasons not explained, her disappearance was not reported by Alexander until "about nine months later," the county attorney said.

Asked by the missing woman's parents at Hardin, Mont., to continue an investigation, police questioned the present Mrs. Alexander. On Monday, Police Chief C. J. Carter said, Mrs. Rose Alexander signed a statement relating these details:

She went to the Alexander home in 1953. Barbara came to the door and stumbled against a pile of bricks. The bricks toppled, killing her. Rose, shocked and frightened, dragged the body into the house and returned several days later to bury it in the basement.

Alexander was building the home, and the basement was unfinished. Carter said the body apparently was placed in dry cement, then was wet down and covered with dirt and a concrete floor.

Where was Alexander at the time his wife was killed? Where were the five children? Police say they do not know.

Sometime after the incident, Rose Alexander returned to live with her former husband.

Alexander resigned as a shop instructor at Casper High School last spring, and in August he and his family moved to Worland, Wyo., where he works as a machinist. The home here was left unoccupied.

Acting on Mrs. Rose Alexander's statement and at her direction, police began drilling in the basement Monday night. At first they were unsuccessful. Then the Alexanders' pet dog, a St. Bernard, came to the basement and whimpered over a spot in another corner.

Officers dug there, and within minutes unearthed the body.

Alexander identified a wedding ring on the hand of the dead woman as one he had given Barbara.

Police permitted Alexander and his wife to return to their home overnight.

Polygamist Begins Jail Sentence

SALT LAKE CITY, (AP)—Carl Eugene Jentzsch today had a week to get his affairs in order and say goodbye to his five wives. Next Tuesday, he begins a five-year sentence imposed because he married more than one woman at a time.

Jentzsch, 54-year-old, electrician who earlier had pleaded guilty to charges of "unlawful cohabitation" was given the sentence in second district court here yesterday.

He is the first man to be sentenced since Utah recently began a new crackdown on polygamy.

Jentzsch maintained he was following the true beliefs of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church in practicing plural marriage, although the church outlawed polygamy in 1890 and has excommunicated people who continue the practice.

Youth Survives Beating, Burning By Three Thugs

CLEVELAND (AP)—A frail, scholarly boy, his naked body blistered with burns and a 13-foot tree limb dragging from a chain around his waist, lurched into Fairview Park hospital last night through a kitchen door.

He said three other youths had chained him to a tree, drenched him with turpentine and lighted it. Suffering second and third-degree burns over 85 per cent of his body, 17-year-old Earl R. Fryman was in poor condition today.

The attack took place in the heavily wooded Rocky River Valley in Metropolitan Park near the westerly suburb of Fairview Park. Fryman had to walk a mile to reach the hospital, on the edge of the deep valley.

He told police three strange

youths about his own age picked him up yesterday morning as he was hitchhiking to St. Ignace Parochial School, where he is a senior. Because the car had St. Ignace stickers on the windshield,

he said, he thought they attended the same school.

But instead of taking him to school, they held him captive and drove around Cleveland until dusk, he continued.

Then for some reason the three became "mad and disgusted," he said, and drove down into the river valley, where they chained him to the tree and secured the chain with a cheap padlock. He

said he could not explain their motive.

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Officials See Easing Of War

WASHINGTON (AP)—Top officials believe the threat of war between Israel and Arab countries has eased.

They credit this to intensive diplomatic efforts by the United States, Britain and the United Nations.

Both Arabs and Israelis, despite their continuing dispute, they said, are now thinking in terms of negotiating a compromise peace settlement.

Two months ago many had considered an explosive war likely after Egypt's big arms deal with the Communist bloc.

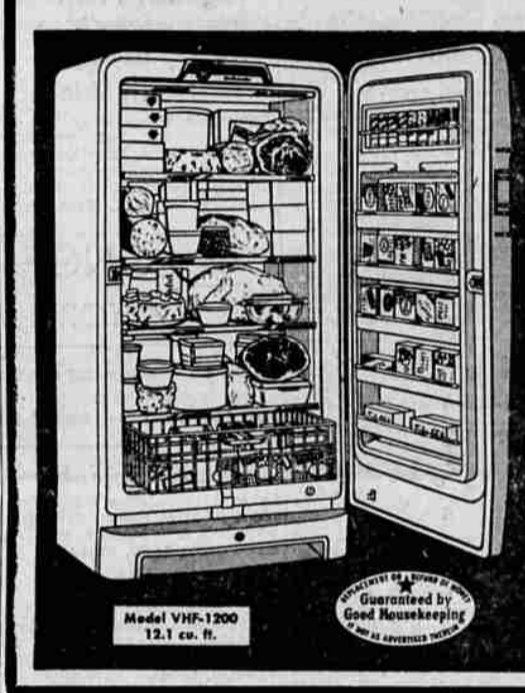
Officials acknowledged the improving outlook might be only temporary. No formula has yet been found for peace talks.

Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett made it clear yesterday he does not share what he described as "a wave of optimism" over peace prospects.

After calling on Secretary of State Dulles yesterday, he reported he saw "no improvement" in the picture. "I see the possibility of things getting worse," he added.

Officials said Sharett's gloomy outlook applied more to long-range prospects rather than the immediate situation. They noted the nearly daily clashes along the Israeli frontiers have subsided considerably, and saw little chance that either side would launch a major attack at present.

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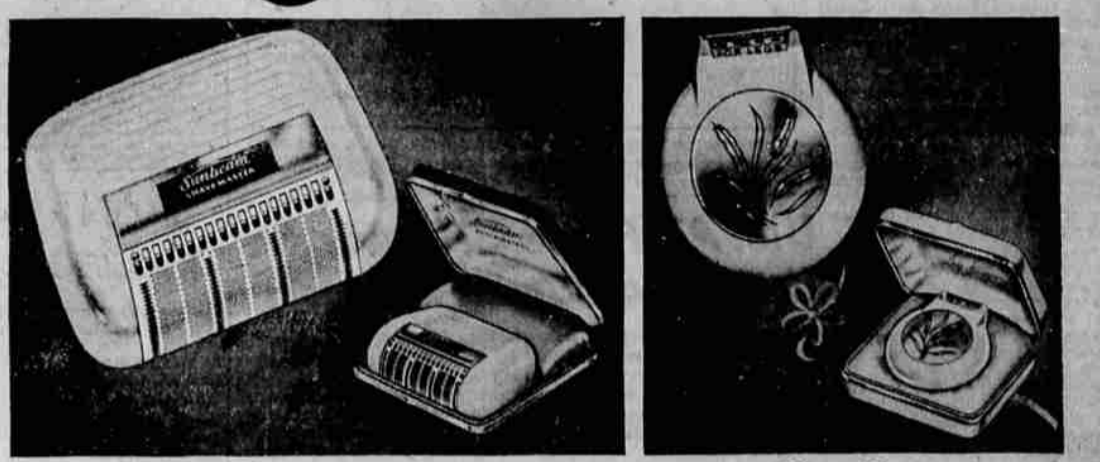
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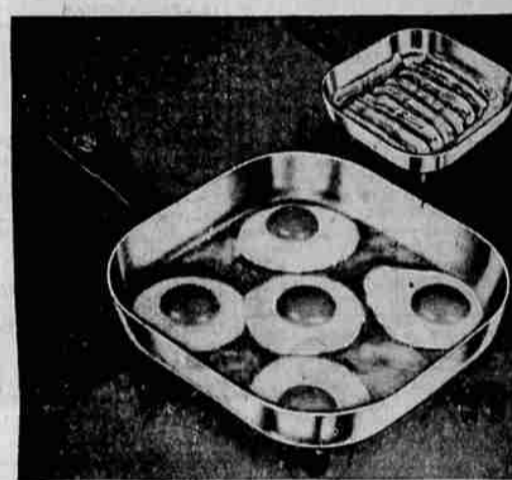


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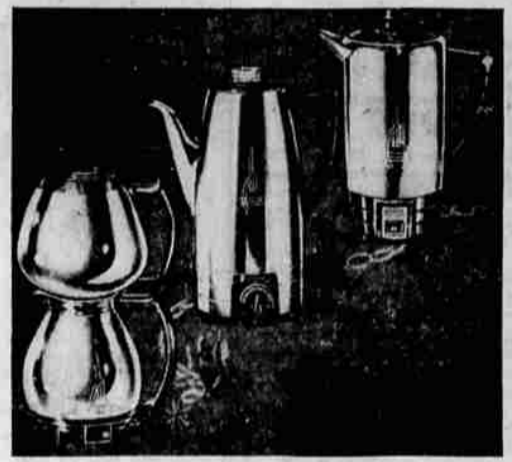
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