

Mother And Sons Held In Slaying Of Father

LA PUENTE, Calif. (UPI) — Police today sought murder indictments against a mother and the oldest of her three teen-agers, two of whom allegedly participated in the planned slaying of the boys' father.

Victim of the bizarre death plot was Shelby Farley Sr., 42, a railroad switchman whom detectives described as a "belligerent, brute husband."

Authorities Wednesday arrested Elsie Mae Farley, 36, and her sons, Shelby Jr., 18, Donald, 17, and John, 13. The mother and oldest son were booked on suspicion of murder while the younger two were held by juvenile authorities.

The two older boys implicated the 13-year-old said he agreed to the plan.

In California an 18-year-old could be tried on a murder charge under the adult capital punishment laws. In some cases youngsters under that age have been tried as adults, but rarely has that age been dropped even as low as 15 years.

Police said the elder Farley had been beaten, smothered and then held below water in a bathtub until he ceased to struggle because "he'd been a brute for 12 years."

"I was afraid of him and so were the children," Mrs. Farley told officers.

She said her husband had often beaten her and had harassed the family for 12 years. Mrs. Farley said she and the boys made plans to retaliate the next time Farley lost his temper and beat her.

The "next time" was Tuesday. The two older boys returned to their home in this modest Los

Jury Frees Dalles Man

THE DALLES (UPI) — A unanimous innocent verdict was returned by a Circuit Court jury Wednesday, setting Dolphus L. Baker, 54, free from a second-degree murder charge in the April 9 shooting death of Edward Richard Bisig, 31.

The eight women and four men of the jury deliberated two hours and 10 minutes.

The case was tried on a change of venue from Sherman County before Circuit Judge E. H. Howell of Canyon City.

Baker testified he was only trying to disarm Bisig when the shooting occurred.

Bisig's estranged wife testified earlier she had fled to Baker's garage after her husband had beaten her.

New York Police Investigate Mysterious Slaying Of Two Career Girls

NEW YORK (UPI) — Two young career girls, one the niece of author Philip Wylie, were found Wednesday night stabbed to death and tied together in their apartment on Manhattan's swank East Side.

The victims, found in the bedroom of the flat, were Janice Wylie, 21, an employee of Newsweek magazine who hoped to become an actress, and Emily Hoffert, 23, daughter of a prominent Minneapolis surgeon, who had planned to start teaching school next month.

The bodies were removed from the third-floor apartment shortly after midnight and taken, still bound together, to the morgue at Bellevue Hospital where autopsies will be performed later today.

Lawrence McKearney, an assistant chief of detectives, said police had "no suspects" and "no leads." Of the killings, he said: "This is really sadistic."

"We're reaching for anyone," McKearney said, when asked if he thought police would solve the case soon. "It's a tough one."

The bodies were discovered by the two girls' roommate, Patricia Tolles, 21, and Miss Wylie's father, Max Wylie, an advertising firm executive and also an author.

Miss Tolles, who has a job with Time Book, Inc., said she just saw her roommates alive when she left the four-room, \$230-a-month apartment at 9:30 a.m. EDT, Wednesday for work.

When she returned at 6:40 p.m., she said, she found the apartment in disarray and, frightened, telephoned Max Wylie, who lives

just two blocks away. It was Wylie who pushed open the bedroom door and found the girls, who had been bound hand and foot and then tied together back-to-back with sheets.

Miss Wylie was nude, and Miss Hoffert was fully clothed, police said. A third knife was found on a sink in one of the apartment's bathrooms where the killer, and abdomen. They were "very severely stabbed," Helsen said.

The bodies were wedged into a narrow space between one of the beds in the room and a wall.

Next to the bodies, police said, were two bloody carving knives. McKearney said the girls were attacked in their bedroom and slashed repeatedly in the neck

and abdomen. They were "very severely stabbed," Helsen said.

The knife blades were between 10 and 12 inches long.

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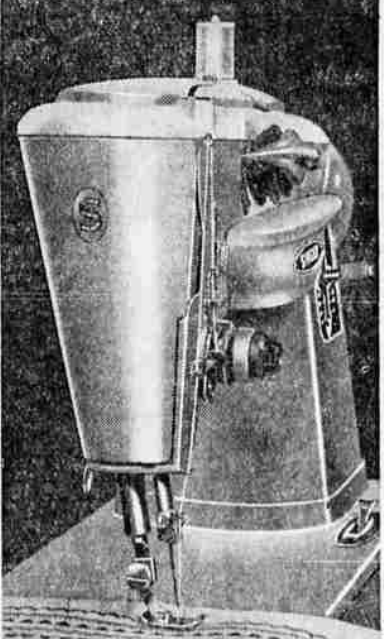
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