

Three Iowa Slayings This Year Remain Unsolved

Full-Time Probes Called Off, but Leads Checked

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Iowa law enforcement officials are no closer now to solving three widely publicized murders than they were during the early stages of the investigations.

Cases involving the strangulation death of an Iowa State coed, the beating death of a Cedar Rapids woman and the shooting of a La Porte City dairyman remain unsolved.

The assistant director of the Iowa bureau of criminal investigation, Duane Barton, said

his office is actively working on the case.

Mrs. Maggert

The nearly nude body of Mrs. Geraldine Maggert, 25, of Cedar Rapids was discovered in a wooded ravine near the Coralville reservoir in Johnson county in early April.

An autopsy showed she died from a beating and exposure.

The FBI was called into the investigation because the body was found on federal property — a public picnic area at the reservoir.

Johnson County Attorney, Robert Jansen, said local officers and state agents are still investigating "occasional" leads but are "not close to an arrest."

Jansen said agents first thought there might be some connection between the Ames and Cedar Rapids slayings because of similarities surrounding the discovery of the bodies.

"Now we feel there is a 99 percent chance of no connection."



Geraldine Maggert

They were of different backgrounds," Jansen said.

Redman

A La Porte City dairy business man was found dead from eight .22 caliber shots in the head in early March.

Officials said Dale Redman, 57, was shot twice in the face at close range, and six times in the back of the head.

Although Redman's billfold was missing, La Porte City Police Chief Robert Webber said a motive in the case has not been established.

"Nothing new has come up since the first 30 days after the murder, and we're not sure if robbery was the motive," he said.



DALE REDMAN

New Personnel Named for Civil Rights Agency

DES MOINES — The Iowa civil rights commission Wednesday appointed David L. Mullin, 35, of Des Moines, to the position of executive director.

The commission also appointed Dorothy Wilkerson, a 1968 graduate of the University of Iowa college of law, as compliance director.

Mullin served as compliance director before he was appointed acting executive director when James A. Thomas resigned in March. Mullin, who will earn \$11,000 a year in his new position, is a University of Nebraska graduate and started with the commission as an investigator in 1966.

Mullin is a native of Spaulding, Neb., and was an employe of the diplomatic courier service of the U.S. department of state.

Miss Wilkerson will begin her duties July 1. She is a native of Donalds, S. C., and besides being a member of the Iowa Bar Assn., she holds a B. A. degree in history and social science from Bennett college, Greensboro, N. C. She has worked as a legal intern for the civil rights division of the U. S. department of justice.

Preview of C. R. Accordion Aces' Goodwill Tour will be scheduled on KCRG-TV, Channel 9, in color Thursday at 6:30 PM.

West Central's Budget Hiked By 13 Percent

MAYNARD — The West Central community school board Tuesday evening tentatively adopted a budget of \$532,039 for the general fund for the 1968-69 school year. This represents an increase of \$61,658 or 13 percent over last year. The budget hearing is set for 8 p.m. Monday, July 8, at the superintendent's office.

The board discussed a federal grant for tornado damage at the Maynard school which will be available in the amount of \$9,940. This covers uninsured properties such as playground equipment, tennis courts, softball backstop, incinerator, storage barn and fence around the lagoon.

It also discussed other tornado damage to the school building, bus garage, west wing of elementary rooms and school owned houses. Final settlement on these losses has not been made as yet. A total settlement of \$36,600 has been agreed upon for the west elementary building by the insurance adjustor.

There remains one vacancy of next year's faculty, that of instructor of chemistry and physical science.

Because the house which the new high school principal was to occupy next year was razed by the tornado, the board is also looking for another house.

Holland New Assistant To Highway Director

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Harold Hughes announced Thursday one of his aides, Leslie A. Holland, will become administrative assistant to State Highway Director Joseph Coupal, jr., July 22.

Holland, who has been an assistant to the governor for five years, will receive a salary of \$14,500 a year from the highway commission. His current annual pay is \$14,000.

Holland received degrees in public administration from the University of Iowa and joined the governor's staff in July 1963. He worked with the league of Iowa municipalities and the Colorado municipal league.



REP. H. R. GROSS

... From Iowa ...

Walters Named Head Of Oaknoll Residence

DES MOINES (UPI) — Iowa Methodist Bishop James S. Thomas Thursday announced the appointment of the Rev. Dean G. Walters, 49, Lockridge, as chaplain-administrator of the Oaknoll retirement residence in Iowa City.

Walters is currently serving as director of camp development for the South Iowa conference of the Methodist church. Walters' appointment is effective Aug. 1.

Walters previously spent 14 years as associate pastor of the Ames Collegiate Methodist church and director of the Wesley Foundation at Iowa State university.

Date Changed for Iowa City Hearing

IOWA CITY — To meet local requirements on publication notices, the Iowa City community school district has changed the dates for the public hearing on next year's budget. At a special meeting late Wednesday the school board moved the hearing from July 8, as originally scheduled, to 7:30 p.m. July 11.

Swimming Sentence

TOLEDO — Dennis Tharp, 18, of Vinton is serving seven days in the Tama county jail in lieu of payment of a fine and costs of \$28 on a charge of swimming in an unauthorized area. He appeared in the court of Mayor Ralph Gettle, Garwin, Sunday afternoon.

Congresswoman, Gross in Clash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The petite congresswoman from Hawaii and the self-proclaimed watchdog of federal funds Wednesday engaged in a spirited verbal battle over charges that school funds were used to help finance educational junkets to Hawaii.

The shouting match on the floor of the house began Wednesday when Rep. H. R. Gross, an Iowa Republican, referred to a house government operations committee report that charged the Office of Education used \$250,000 earmarked for school children to help pay for week-long "seminars on innovation" for nearly a thousand persons in Hawaii last summer.

During the debate on the health, education and welfare appropriations bill, which includes funds of the OE, Gross said he was "surprised to hear that these innovation seminars were held in Hawaii."

Cost \$25,000

"It seems that last year, some 900 to 1,000 people traveled from this country to Hawaii at a cost of \$25,000," Gross said.

At this point Rep. Patsy T. Mink (D-Hawaii), who attended the seminars, jumped up and asked for recognition.

"No, I will not yield," Gross replied.

"One of the so-called innovators first suggested they hire a train and hold these conference en route from Maine to Alaska," he continued.

"When they decided they couldn't get away with that, they then decided they would charter a boat in New York and take a trip through the Panama Canal and stop enroute at such exotic places as Puerto Rico, Haiti, Santo Domingo and the Panama Canal.

"They wound up holding the conference in Hawaii. Now I will yield to the gentlewoman from Hawaii," Gross said.

Mrs. Mink said "you referred to taking the trip 'from this country to Hawaii.' I want to remind you that Hawaii is very much a part of this country."

"I didn't know I referred to a foreign country," Gross shot back.

"It was still a pretty healthy amount of money that went into these trips and I couldn't care less where Hawaii is," Gross shouted, waving his hands at Mrs. Mink.

"What we are talking about here is the use of taxpayers' money," he said.

Foundation Paid

Mrs. Mink explained that 400 of the persons attending the seminars were from the Charles F. Kettering foundation "and all of their expenses were paid by the foundation."

"And would the gentlewoman like to tell us how much federal funds went to this Kettering foundation," Gross asked.

And then continuing, he said:

"This is probably the most expensive deal perpetrated by the federal government.

"In fact, isn't it a fact that the school in which these seminars were held is segregated. Isn't that true?"

The seminars were held at the Kamehameha school which prohibits non-Hawaiians from admission and accepts only protestant teachers.

"No, this is not true," Mrs. Mink said.

"Under the Hawaiian homes commission act, the state has the responsibility of training and educating the young children," of Hawaiian origin.

The colloquy ended when Gross' time expired.

Mrs. Mink was applauded by the Democratic members of the chamber and the debate continued on the appropriation.



REP. PATSY MINK

... From Hawaii ...

U. of I. Sponsors European Flight

IOWA CITY — An end-of-the summer flight to Europe for students, faculty and staff members of the University of Iowa is to be sponsored by Travel Unlimited, this year under the auspices of the U. of I. union board.

Meacham Travel Service of Iowa City will handle financial arrangements for the group flight, scheduled to leave Chicago for Paris Aug. 12, and to return to Chicago from Paris Sept. 9.

Reservations for the group flight on a regularly scheduled Air France jet airliner must be made by July 15 and will cover transportation costs only.

Those interested in more information about the flight should contact the director's office of Iowa memorial union.

Killed in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Sioux City air force officer, Lt. Robert M. Scott, has been killed in Vietnam, the defense department says. Scott was the husband of Patricia A. Scott of Sioux City.

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Sheila Collins



full-time investigation of the cases has been called off, but state agents and local officials check leads which are reported by citizens.

"But none have been too fruitful," he said.

Miss Collins

The partially clad body of Sheila Jean Collins, 19, an Iowa State freshman from Evanston, Ill., was discovered Jan. 28 in a ditch on the west side of a gravel road near Colo. Officials reported the body was found with a small nylon rope knotted around the neck.

An autopsy report by Dr. William Powers of Ames showed that a pipe incorporated in the knot might have been used as a turning mechanism.

Miss Collins' body was discovered five to ten yards west of a gravel road about 4 miles east of Nevada and a half mile south of old highway 30. Several hundred yards to the southeast lies a wooded area.

Story County Sheriff J. Ivan Shalley said "we suspect the party responsible for her death knew the area."

Shalley said no new leads have turned up and no one from