

Slayers of Five Remain at Large



Lincoln Cental Cheerleaders

Left to right, front, Kay Moore, Phyllis Wedgebury, Jean Hoffman. Back, left to right, Colleen Klingbeil, Ann Harvey, Lori Thiel, Sue Whitehouse. (Daily News Photo by Stan Brotherton)

By GORDON HANSON
Associated Press Writer
The slayers of five Iowa women remain at large. The women died in five different locations in the state, and investigators are trying to find a possible link between two of the slayings. They see no connection between the others. Four of the victims were young women, and three of those four worked as waitresses. The fifth was 78 years old.

The deaths occurred in a month's time—from late September to late October. The Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, three sheriffs' offices and two police departments are continuing their searches for clues that will lead them to the murderers. Motive seems clear in only one case, that of the 78-year-old woman, where robbery ended in the taking of a life.

One of the women was shot, one was strangled and sexually assaulted, another died of a blow to the head, the fourth succumbed to a combination of a blow to the head and suffocation from a gag, and the cause of the fifth death still awaits autopsy findings by a forensic pathologist.

The first in the series of killings came at Cedar Rapids, when the body of Maureen Farley, 17, formerly of Sioux City, was found Sept. 24 atop the trunk lid of an abandoned auto in Cedar Rapids.

Assistant Chief of Police Kenneth Vanous Sr., of Cedar Rapids said the girl had been dead about seven days when her body, fully clothed, was discovered.

Vanous said Mrs. Farley was probably thrown from a passing vehicle and her body fell through heavy vegetation onto the car trunk. He said the former waitress died of a massive blow to the head.

Investigators are trying to find a possible link between Mrs. Farley's death and that

Mrs. Karen Streed, 21, a Cedar Rapids housewife who set out hitchhiking to Iowa City to visit her husband, a University of Iowa student.

Vanous said her body was found six days later, on Oct. 24, in a stream near High Amana in Iowa County about eight miles east of Marengo.

Iowa County Sheriff Bill Spurrier said "there is nothing new" in the search for Mrs. Streed's killer.

But Vanous said "there are some similarities" in the deaths of Mrs. Streed and Mrs. Farley.

"For example," Vanous said, "the disappearance of the girls, with one of the bodies found seven days later, and the other six days later."

Vanous said "We're trying to find some common denominators, some similarities in the m.o. (modus operandi)."

Jean Marie Christensen, 18, of Storm Lake was strangled and sexually assaulted. Her body was found by her mother in the girl's bedroom Oct. 17. She had also worked as a waitress.

The investigation into her death awaits findings of an "analysis from the State Crime Lab," said Buena Vista County Sheriff John Galbraith.

"We're still investigating, interrogating people, and waiting for the lab tests," he said.

Manassha County Sheriff Dave Reese said "we haven't found a thing" in the investigation following the Oct. 22 death of Karen Goers, 23, Okaloosa, who worked in her parents' cafe.

Miss Goers was last seen at 3 a.m. Oct. 22 getting into a man's car in downtown Okaloosa.

Her body was found in a ditch outside of town two days later. She had been shot three times in the head with a .22 caliber weapon. Shell casings and unspent bullets were found near her body, though some of her clothing was located some distance away.

The latest victim was Estelle Reubner, 78, of Muscatine. Police Chief Glenn Axel said the woman's body was found in her home Oct. 26, the victim of both murder and robbery.

Axel said telephone and power lines into the woman's home had been severed, and a screen door was slashed to allow entry into the house.

Her body was bound and gagged with electrical tape, and

Axel said she died of a combination of a blow to the head and strangulation (or suffocation) caused by the gag around her mouth and nose.

"We've got two state BCI men here, and we're working on it," Axel said.

"There are no new leads at this time. The motive was robbery, but we're not sure how much they got."

Education Program Set for Diabetics

A diabetic educational program for diabetics, members of their families, and anyone interested in learning more about the disease, will be offered in Estherville starting Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the meeting room of Holy Family Hospital.

Classes will meet from 7 to 9 p.m., and the program is scheduled for every Tuesday evening for seven weeks.

Sessions will include such topics as anatomy and physiology, history, signs and symptoms, detection, development and control. Other phases of diabetes that will be discussed are insulin and oral medication, urine testing, personal hygiene and complications, choosing nutritionally adequate foods, and living with a diabetic diet on relation to vacations, traveling, eating out and pregnancy.

The program will conclude with a discussion of the future outlook for a normal life.

Goals of the seven-week program are early detection of the disease, a better understanding of diabetes and alleviating fears, and the establishment of a good balance between food intake, physical activity, and insulin or oral medication.

Instructors will include a registered nurse with teaching ex-

perience, a home economist, dietitian, physician and a pharmacist.

Tuition charge is \$3.50 per person. Persons interested may pre-register by mailing their tuition checks to Continuing Health Education, Iowa Lakes Community College, 20 South 17th Street, Estherville, Iowa.

Those unable to register in advance may do so by attending the first session on Nov. 9. A minimum of 10 students will be necessary in order for it to be feasible to present the course.

Ground Troops Cut

SAIGON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird arrived in Saigon today amid speculation that President Nixon will cut the U.S. ground force in Vietnam to 40,000 men by next July, reduce the U.S. military command to an advisory group and bring Gen. Creighton W. Abrams home to be Army chief of staff.

Laird will spend three days in the South Vietnamese capital, assembling information for Nixon in advance of the major withdrawal announcement the President is to make about Nov. 15.

Plan Pot Crop Payments

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has shelved a pilot plan used this year to pay farmers for destroying marijuana plants in favor of a new rule ordered by Congress barring crop program payments if they allow the weed to be harvested.

Under the 1972 crop programs for wheat, feed grain and cotton, farmers will have federal payments canceled if they harvest or knowingly permit others to harvest marijuana and other drug-type plants.

The new rule was announced Tuesday by the Agriculture Department. It was directed by

Congress in the USDA's appropriations law providing money for department programs this fiscal year.

Spokesmen said the pilot program that paid farmers in designated counties in 10 states to eliminate wild-growing marijuana on their land would be dropped.

The program, announced last spring, was administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the USDA Extension Service with \$85,000 from the Justice Department.

A final report on the experimental program is expected to be ready for evaluation later this month, an ASCS spokesman said. But at

present, he said, there is no plan and no money in sight for continuing or expanding the cost-share marijuana attack next year.

The new rule barring payments to farmers who knowingly let marijuana grow and be harvested is expected to "encourage" them to take a closer look at fence rows, field corners and areas along streams where marijuana can grow, the spokesman said.

Besides marijuana, other plants covered by the no-payment rule include opium poppies, coca bushes and cactus of the lophophora family.

Coca bushes a source of cocaine grows wild in the Andes Mountains of South America,

and opium poppies are not known to be widespread.

The lophophora cactus family grows wild in the desert areas of the Southwest and is a source of mescaline or peyote, officials said.

Anti-Pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turning back attempts to dilute its financial impact, the Senate has passed unanimously a \$20-billion measure setting 1985 as the goal for ending pollution of the nation's waters.

The bill, sent to the House by an 86-0 vote Tuesday night, would change federal reliance on complex water quality standards and attack pollution at the source: the polluter.

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