

"A Murder Case Is Never Closed"

By Dan Perkes.

DES MOINES (AP) — Who killed Marlene Padfield? Who gunned down Mrs. Rose Grandanette? Where are the killers of William L. Meadows? Officials of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation said Tuesday they are still trying to solve these and several other murders that have occurred in Iowa the last few years.

Miss Padfield, 17-year-old Lisbon girl, disappeared on Feb. 18, 1959. Her remains were found the following April 29 near a lovers' lane southeast of Cedar Rapids.

Apparently one of the last persons to see her alive was Arthur Scott, Jr., 18-year-old son of a Cherry-Burrell Corp. executive at Cedar Rapids.

Young Scott told authorities he was taking the girl home from a Cedar Rapids tavern the morning of Feb. 19 and she left his car

about 12:45 a.m. between Cedar Rapids and Marion after she became angry for some unknown reason.

Examined Remains.

An examination of the girl's skeleton remains failed to disclose cause of death. Young Scott now lives with his parents in Chicago.

Mrs. Grandanette of Des Moines, 33-year-old mother of 3 children, was fatally shot in the head the night of Sept. 14, 1958, as she stood in the doorway of her home.

Her husband, Bernard, 36, operator of a food store, told officers his wife was shot by one of 3 gunmen who accosted him as he returned home from work.

\$1,000 Reward.

The Des Moines Tribune posted a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the killers and more than 500 persons

were questioned by state and local authorities. Nothing turned up.

Meadows, 36, town marshal at Plainfield, was fatally shot the night of last Jan. 23 as he investigated an attempted safe burglary at the Hartman Packing plant there. His killers escaped in a barrage of gunfire.

Gov. Norman Erbe posted a \$500 reward from state funds for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the slayers.

"We are going to keep on these cases until they are either solved or there is not one thing left to follow," said Bob Blair, assistant bureau chief.

Case Never Closed.

"As far as we're concerned," he said, "a murder case is never closed. We'll even manufacture a lead to get something to work on."

Blair noted that most murder cases are handled

by local authorities. Only the more difficult ones, he added, are referred to the bureau.

Three other cases currently are under investigation by the bureau.

One of them is Mrs. Dorothy R. Coon, 38-year-old Des Moines divorcee, who disappeared from her home last Aug. 28. Her body was found 3 days later on a county road about 12 miles north of Chariton.

William H. Freimuth, 71-year-old attendant at a service station 6 blocks east of the Fort Dodge business district, was shot in the back of the head shortly after 8 p.m. last Feb. 16 by a gunman who took \$140 from the cash register.

State agents still are working on a double slaying at a Keokuk rooming house in October, 1960. The victims were Willard Wooding, 42, who owned the 2-story building, and a companion, Richard Buchanan, 49, of Colona, Ill.



RIVER STAY 'WAY FROM MY DOOR — Dr. Walter McWilliams, left, and Don Keltner survey cave-in of Iowa river bank dangerously close to Keltner's home in Wapello. It's an old house which Keltner, a contractor, has restored. Faulting in the river bank has endangered several houses and owners have appealed to U.S. Rep. Fred Schwengel (R-Iowa) for federal aid in shoring up the weakened bank.

Pay C.R. Firm For State Job Over Objection

DES MOINES (AP) — Payment of \$56,440 to the D. C. Taylor Co. of Cedar Rapids for repair work on the State capitol building was approved by the Iowa Executive Council Monday over the objections of one member and an architect.

Secretary of State Melvin D. Synhorst voted against approval. He said the council should wait until the work was approved by the architect hired to supervise the job, W. J. Dean of Des Moines.

Dean first certified the work as completed but on July 14 said the work "was not in satisfactory form for acceptance."

Taylor contended he had done all the repair work and waterproofing called for in the contract.

The council approved payment by a 4-1 vote, and Council Secretary Gary S. Gill said there was some ambiguity in the contract which made it difficult to determine just how much repair was required.

Services Thursday for Mrs. Stewart Van Vliet

COLUMBUS JUNCTION — Mrs. Stewart Van Vliet, who would have been 102 Aug. 8, died Monday in the home of her son, Russell Van Vliet of St. Paul.

She lived most of her life at Columbus Junction until a few years ago when she moved to St. Paul. Services: In Stacy funeral home at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Burial: Columbus Junction cemetery.

New Purchasing Plan Will Save Money, Says Erbe

DES MOINES (AP) — The state will save 20% of the cost of some supplies under a new purchasing system given preliminary approval by the State Executive Council, Gov. Norman Erbe said Monday.

The proposal calls for the state to issue contracts which will give a supplier the exclusive right to sell the state a certain item as it is needed at a set price for one year.

The council will maintain a mailing list of all businesses interested in bidding on the contracts and firms will be informed when a contract is let.

Erbe said the state should receive "quantity discount prices" through the year-long contracts and said the mailed notices of lettings should increase competition and further reduce prices.

At first, Council Secretary Gary Gill said, the list of supply items under the proposal will include only small things such as clerical supplies, tires, etc. Later, however, the list will be expanded to include such items as desks and typewriters, Gill said.

Showers, Rest Rooms At 18 Parks in Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — Hot showers and modern rest rooms are available at 18 of Iowa's state parks. The State Conservation Commission said Monday that these parks now have new buildings with showers, flush toilets and laundry tubs.

Lake of Three Fires, Bedford; Lake Ahquabi, Indianola; Ledges, Boone; Clear Lake; Lake Wapello, Bloomfield; Stone park, Sioux City; Nine Eagles, Davis City; Red Haw Kill, Chariton; McIntosh Woods on Clear Lake; Springbrook, Guthrie Center; Rock Creek, Kellogg; Lake Darling, Brighton; Lewis and Clark, Onawa; Waubonsie, Sidney; Lacey-Keosauqua, Keosauqua; Palsades-Kepler, Mt. Vernon; Lake Keomah, Okaloosa, and Backbone, Strawberry Point.

Set Washington Twp. School Vote Aug. 22

IOWA CITY — Johnson County Supt. Marshall Field has set Aug. 22 as the date for the special election in Washington township on the proposed formation of a single school district in that township. This is in response to a petition from one-third of the legal voters asking the merger of the 5 separate rural independent districts into one Washington township school district.

The polling place will be the Washington township community center and the hours, noon to 7 p.m., standard time.

Tell Winners in Oxford Jct. Show

OXFORD JUNCTION — A record crowd attended the ninth annual Jones county Saddle club and Wapsie American Legion post horse show Sunday at Oxford Junction.

Winners in the 25 classes were: Appaloosa studding colt, Paul Husman of Bryan; Appaloosa studs, geldings and mares, Loreta Husman of Anamosa; Palomino halter and grand champion, Mrs. Joe Buresh of Oxford Junction; Appaloosa western pleasure, Wesley Waterhouse; small ponies, Darla Forsythe of Brandon;

Pole bending, Lloyd Marten; medium ponies, Jean Casper of Anamosa; flag race, Bill Casel of Central City; junior musical chair, Marianne Boots of Anamosa; barrel race, Marten; Palomino, Mrs. Buresh; rescue race, Paul Reichert of Muscatine;

Ladies western pleasure, H. L. McNelly; registered quarter horse, Ike Shader; senior musical chair, Bob Porter; balloon elimination, Paul Marcus of LaMotte; men's western pleasure, Larry Smith; shovel race, Reichert; Junior barrel race, Brenda Casper of Anamosa; stock horse, Bill Ratcliff; pony single hitch, Harold Fisher; light saddle pony, Cleo Petersen; fan belt race, Lois and Tom Coakley, Otter Creek; scramble, Connie Casper of Anamosa, and Appaloosa grand champion, Paul Husman of Bryan.

Driver Is Charged. TOLEDO — Gene Raymond Bennett, 22, route 2, Tama, has been charged with drunk driving after his car ran off the pavement into an embankment at the east edge of Tama on highway 30.

Youth Nabbed in Eastern Iowa for Boone Officials

TOLEDO — A Pennsylvania youth, arrested after Highway Patrolman Jerry Barnes fired a warning shot into the air, was taken by Boone officials from the Tama county jail Sunday.

Barnes and Tama County Sheriff Forest Schafer were alerted shortly before 6:30 p.m. Saturday that a car had hit another car at the intersection of highways 64 and 30 west of Marshalltown and had continued east on 30.

The 2 law officers waited at the intersection of 63 and 30 in Toledo for a car answering the description of the hit-and-run vehicle. Moments later, a car answering that description allegedly ran the stop sign at the 4-way stop. The officers gave chase, following the car when it turned off on the gravel road leading to the Tama-Toledo swimming pool.

The car went out of control on the gravel and landed in a ditch. The driver, identified as Daniel E. Speicher, 20, of Jamestown, Penn., jumped out and started to run towards the woods. When he ignored officers' orders to stop, Barnes fired the warning shot into the air. Speicher was taken to the county jail at Toledo and held for Boone officials. Barnes said the car he was driving belonged to an Ogden farmer.

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Install New Pump at Lowden Over Weekend

LOWDEN — It was a weekend without the use of city water for Lowden residents. The city pump broke Saturday evening, necessitating the installation of a new pump. Crews from Lee's Garage and the Lowden Plumbing and Heating Co. worked continuously until the pump was installed and working at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Eastern Iowans Accepted by SUI Dental College

IOWA CITY — Although the American Dental Assn. has reported a decline in the number of students wishing to study dentistry since 1956, the number of students seeking entrance to the University of Iowa college of dentistry has increased in the last 5 years, Dean William J. Simon of the SUI college says.

Among students accepted as freshmen for the coming year, and colleges where they did their pre-dental study, are the following East Iowans:

Walter Benson, Coe, Warren Chadima, SUI, Lynn Curry, SUI, Ondre Hasek, SUI, and Norman Workman, SUI, all of Cedar Rapids; Dennis Brubaker, McPherson; Robert Galihar, Grinnell; Howard Hershey, Grinnell; James Satterlee, Upper Iowa; Richard Squires, Loras, and Don Strub, SUI, all of Iowa City, and Richard Jenkins, State College of Iowa, Waukon.

Hits Election of Judges in Iowa By Popular Vote

DES MOINES (AP) — District Judge Harvey Uhlenhopp of Hampton says the election of judges by popular vote is wrong.

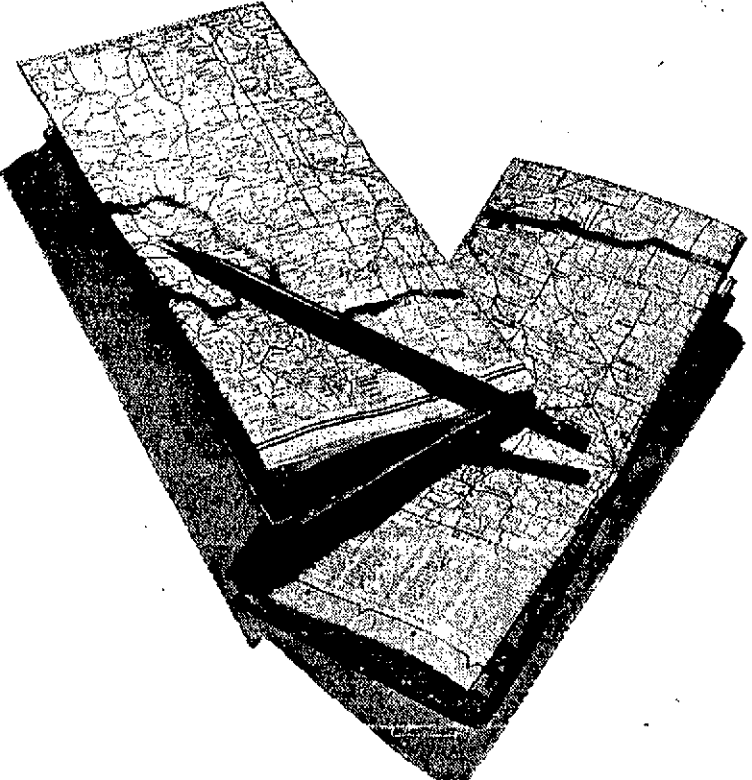
Speaking at a Drake university institute on state and local government Monday, Judge Uhlenhopp said "judges must reflect the law, not the popular will."

"The average voter has not the time, interest or facilities to find out about the men running for judgeships," Judge Uhlenhopp said. "Judges stand or fall with their parties, running on national, state and local issues which are irrelevant to their competence as judges."

He said he favors the judicial reorganization plan passed by the last 2 sessions of the legislature which comes to a vote of the people in the June primary election in 1962.

The plan provides for the governor to appoint supreme court and district court judges from a list prepared by special nominating committees.

Becker Reunion. LOWDEN — In charge of the 1962 Henry Becker family reunion will be Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kleppe of Bennett; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deereberg, Lowden, and Phyllis Deereberg, Lowden.



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