

Young Couple Abducted by Lone Gunman

DAVENPORT (AP) — The strange abduction of a young couple by a gunman who had no apparent motive was reported to authorities here early Tuesday.

Girl Unharmed.

Sheriff Wildman said the girl told him she was not molested while in the man's company.

Stolze is a brother of Eugene Stolze, 27, of Davenport whose slaying near Brainerd, Minn., about two years ago remains unsolved.

Sheriff Wildman said Jerry Stolze and Miss Minca told this story of their abduction:

As they got into their car outside Cataupa lodge a man got into the back seat of Stolze's car and pulled a gun. He ordered Stolze to start driving and warned him to obey all speed and traffic laws.

Displaying a familiarity with local roads, the gunman gave directions as they drove and at length they came to an abandoned farmhouse five miles west of Princeton.

There the gunman robbed the pair after forcing them into the farmhouse basement.

"He threatened to knock me out, but we talked him out of it," Stolze said.

After cautioning Stolze to make no move for at least 10 minutes, the gunman departed with the girl. On leaving, he told Stolze not to worry about Miss Minca. He said he would release her in Davenport.

Keeps His Word.

Miss Minca told authorities her abductor drove around the countryside for awhile. Then he stopped at the Cataupa lodge, left Stolze's car and ordered her to get into his own car. Then he drove her to within a block of a cab stand in downtown Davenport. He gave her the two watches and \$3 in cash and told her to go home.

Stolze, meantime, had made his way to the nearby farm of Eugene Spies, where he notified authorities by telephone of the abduction. On her release, Miss Minca went to authorities. Sheriff Wildman said she was in a state of shock and could not give an entirely coherent story.

Stories Jibe.

In her brief statement, Wildman said, she verified the basic points of Stolze's account of the abduction and reported the gunman had not harmed her.

Sheriff Wildman said authorities are trying to determine a motive in the affair.

The gunman is described as tall, weighing about 200 pounds and with light brown hair and fair complexion. The couple said he was wearing a poplin jacket with a fur collar.

Young Stolze is office manager for a Davenport salvage firm. Miss Minca was in seclusion Tuesday at the Rock Island rooming house where she lives.

Jobless Benefit Ruling Reversed

DES MOINES (UP) — District Judge Tom Murrow Monday reversed the Iowa Employment Security Commission and held that a woman who left her job because of illness was not entitled to unemployment compensation. The commission had ruled that Miss Isabel J. Harris, who left her job at Wolfe's clothing store, Des Moines, to go to Arizona because of a sinus condition, should get compensation.

But Judge Murrow said if that interpretation of the law was allowed to stand it would "convert the fund into a species of health insurance."

Commission Chairman Carl B. Stiger said he had no quarrel with the judge's ruling. He said the commission will discuss taking the case to the Iowa supreme court.

Class Plays

Tama — "Junior Miss", junior class play, Friday at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

West Union — "Stage Door", all-school play, Wednesday evening at the school.

New Polio Cases — Robert Tegeler, 25, of Independence has been admitted to the polio ward at University hospitals, Iowa City, in serious condition. Also admitted was Florence Koenig, 40, of Stanwood in fair condition. Phyllis Chittick, 32, North English, and Betty Heitzman, 28, Lone Tree, have been transferred to the inactive ward.

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Safety Council Adds Division For Teen-Agers

DES MOINES (INS) — The board of governors of the Iowa Safety Council appointed a legislative committee, approved formation of a new safety division for teen-agers, and elected a new state secretary at a meeting in Des Moines Monday.

The legislative committee, appointed to "study, initiate, support or oppose" safety bills in the next legislature, includes:

Municipal Judge W. A. McCullough, Clinton, chairman; Marvin Schmidt, R. L. Betts, Lorin Miller, J. S. Russell, E. W. Harlan, Gerald Schwimley and Mrs. C. A. Smith, all of Des Moines; Mrs. C. L. Younie, Manila; Fred Fisher, Villisca; Boyd Arnold and Dr. H. L. Knutsen, Mason City; Irwin Rose, Newton; Gladys Olson, Ames; A. D. Clem, Sioux City, and Fire Chief Lester Schick, Davenport.

The board authorized Council Chairman Claude V. McBroom to make one more appointment to the committee at a later date.

W. J. Andersen, Dubuque police captain; Sheriff James Smith, Cedar Rapids, and Sgt. Ted Mikesch of the Iowa Highway Patrol were appointed to a committee to study recommendations for increases in the strength and salary schedule of the patrol.

The teen-age safety division authorized by the board is to be formed of Good Driver clubs in driver-training classes in high schools.

The division will have its first meeting at the council general assembly in Des Moines next April. The chairman elected from the teen-age division at that time will take a place on the council's board of governors.

Prof. Bert Woodcock of Iowa State Teachers college was elected to the board to supervise the formation of the teen-age safety division.

Robert Goode of Des Moines was elected as council secretary, succeeding State Safety Commissioner Pearl W. McMurry, who resigned the office to become a member of the board.

Other new board members elected include Jack Shelley, news director at radio station WHO, Des Moines; Andersen, Mikesch and Smith.

The board also approved appointment of an executive committee to act in its absence. Members of that committee are McBroom, chairman; John Ruan, O. W. Severance, Alfred W. Kahl, Goode and Norbert Locke, all of Des Moines.

Four more members of the executive committee will be appointed later.

Death of Youth, 18, Blamed on Toothpick

MUSCATINE (AP) — A toothpick that Bernard Wingerter, 18, Muscatine, had in his mouth when he fell asleep apparently caused his death.

The youth died of complications after surgery for removal of the obstruction.

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LEGION FAMILY — Every eligible member of the Frank J. Krob family of Ely is a member of the American Legion. From left, back row: Mrs. Norbert Krob, Walker; Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, Solon; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Buresh, Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Robert Krob, Ely; Mrs. Victor Krob, Rowley. Middle row: Norbert Krob, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Krob, Ely; Robert Krob, Victor Krob. Front row: Karen Krob, Sandra Phillips, Linda Buresh, Carol Phillips and Cynthia Buresh.

Krobs Strong Legion Family

By Kathryn Worley. Gazette correspondent.

Ely — Armistice day emphasizes the year-around work of a "Legionnaire" family here.

Every eligible member of the Frank J. Krob family is a member of the American Legion or auxiliary.

Because the family operates elevators in four towns, members of the family are active in Legion circles over a widespread area.

The father, Frank J. Krob, is a veteran of World War I and active in the Legion. A retired elevator operator, he and his wife left last week for Arizona where they will spend the winter.

Krob was the first commander of the St. Quinton Legion post here. His wife was a charter member of the auxiliary.

A son, Victor, served with the army in Europe during World War II. He is a member of the Legion at Rowley. His wife and daughter have applied for membership in the auxiliary.

John Phillips, a son-in-law, is an officer of the Solon post. He is a World War II veteran. His wife, Martha, is a past Linn county president and secretary of the auxiliary in Solon. Their two daughters are members of the junior auxiliary.

Bob, another son who is a World War II veteran, is commander of Ely Legion at the present time.

Three Men Rescued From Ditch Cave-In

SPENCER (UP) — Five-year-old Timmy Morton was credited with saving the lives of three men trapped in the cave-in of a 12-foot sanitary sewer Monday.

Rescue workers said the boy who was playing nearby, heard muffled cries coming from the ditch and spread the alarm.

Clifford Lee, 22, Cherokee, was buried up to his neck and suffered a broken back. Terry Vetch, 18, and Bernard Kruger, 32, were buried for about 20 minutes by two to three feet of dirt. They were reported in fair condition.

About 30 volunteers dug the men out of the ditch.

Two Sioux City Men Indicted for Murder

SIoux CITY (UP) — Philip Hegstrom, 48, Sioux City real estate man, was indicted for first degree murder by the Woodbury county grand jury Monday in the coffee cup slaying of his socially prominent wife.

The jury also indicted Conrad Teboe, Sioux City, for first degree murder in the fatal beating of Reuben Baker, 49, Sioux City service station operator.

Both were held without bond and were scheduled to be arraigned Thursday.

The grand jury refused to indict Edward Hickumbottom, 74, charged with the fatal shooting of a woman. The jury agreed that the shooting was in self-defense.

Candidates File Expense Reports

DES MOINES (INS) — Four more candidates for state offices in the Nov. 4 election have filed campaign expense reports with the secretary of state's office.

Included was a report from G. G. Haag of Des Moines, candidate for state treasurer on the Republican Vigilante ticket. He listed expenditures of 12 cents for postage.

Mary S. Kelleher of Fort Dodge, unsuccessful Democratic candidate for secretary of state, reported spending \$370. Frank Shannon of Muscatine, the Republican Vigilante party's candidate for secretary of state, said he spent \$14.

Justice T. G. Garfield of Ames, re-elected to the Iowa supreme court, reported expenses of \$5.

Meantime, in Washington three of the eight Republican congressmen from Iowa who won reelection listed their campaign receipts and expenditures with the clerk of the house.

Rep. Thomas E. Martin of Iowa City reported contributions of \$1,625 and expenditures of \$2,184.

Rep. Karl Le Compte of Corydon said he received \$1,500 in contributions and expenditures of \$1,303, with the probability that another \$100 would be added later.

Rep. James I. Dolliver of Fort Dodge said he spent \$2,200 and received contributions of \$2,108.

Revenue Agents Ask Federal Court Trial

COUNCIL BLUFFS (AP) — Two federal internal revenue agents, charged with breaking and entering in connection with delivery of a notice in a tax case, have petitioned for transfer of their cases to federal court.

Fred A. Nimtz, 48, Council Bluffs, and Edward Kelley, 28, Omaha, scheduled to appear in municipal court for a preliminary hearing Thursday, filed the petitions in federal district court Monday. Both agents denied committing a crime.

Robert E. Friel, 25, Council Bluffs builder, named in a \$42,274 federal tax lien, signed the complaint against the two agents.

Four Families Routed By Fire at Davenport

DAVENPORT (INS) — Four Davenport families were routed from their homes about midnight Monday when fire raged through two houses.

Origin of the fire was not immediately determined, but one of the occupants said she was aroused by a terrific noise.

Mrs. Jack Helfrich said that after being awakened, she rushed into the room of her two-year-old daughter, Diane, to find the flames sweeping into a window. With her husband's aid, she grabbed the youngster and carried her to safety.

Two babies also were carried to safety by their parents. Relatives and friends provided lodging for the stricken families.

Winner of Election Tie Decided by Lot

DENISON (INS) — The winner of the Crawford county race for county attorney has been decided by lot.

After the board of supervisors made their official canvass of the Nov. 4 election results Monday, it was confirmed that Democrat Robert K. Brannon and Republican Ray E. Franck had tied with 4,086 votes each.

The two contestants agreed to have the decision determined by lot and Board Chairman Chris Olson drew the winning name. It was Brannon's.

QUASQUETON — The Christmas Seal Sale will begin Monday with Mrs. Don Sauer as chairman.

Murder 2 Years Ago Still Under Investigation

COUNCIL BLUFFS (INS) — One of western Iowa's most publicized unsolved crimes — the murder of Taxicab Driver George Massouris — will be two years old Nov. 18.

Massouris, 30, married and the father of three, operated the cab to supplement income he received as an employe of the Union Pacific railroad shops in Council Bluffs.

At 8:08 p.m. on Nov. 18, 1950, Massouris received an order to pick up an unidentified passenger at the First Christian church. It was the last time Massouris was seen alive.

The next morning, his body was found in a ditch on the Old Orchard road, two miles east of Council Bluffs. There were three 22 caliber bullet holes in the base of his skull.

The cab was found abandoned on a Council Bluffs street by another employe of the taxi firm. The company, unaware that Massouris had been killed, put the cab back into service and any fingerprints that might have been used to track the killer were soon lost under the maze of new prints left by the driver and passengers who used the taxi before the death of Massouris was reported.

The victim's hillfold, containing an estimated eight or nine dollars, was missing and police believe robbery was the motive.

The file on the case, including statements by hundreds of people who were questioned, is a foot thick. Police Chief Earl Miller said:

"We are still investigating — still questioning."

Iowa Chemical Society Will Meet at Iowa U.

IOWA CITY — Dr. Fred Basolo, assistant professor of chemistry at Northwestern university, will speak at a meeting of the Iowa section of the American Chemical Society here Thursday.

He will talk on "Reaction Mechanisms of Complex Ion". The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in room 300 of the chemistry building.

A dinner at 6 p.m. in the Jefferson hotel will precede the meeting. Following Dr. Basolo's talk, officers will be elected.

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