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LINCOLN, NEB., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 29, 1936

SEVEN CENTS

3 MORE BODIES FOUND Bennet Victims

THE VICTIMS:

Bachelor
Farmer,
High School
Boy, Girl



August Meyer
(From old family album)



Carol King
(From pictures taken for high school annual)



Robert Jensen
(From pictures taken for high school annual)

Farmer, Young Pair Slain; Dragnet Fails

AUTOPSY REVEALS UNNATURAL SEX ATTACK;
1ST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES TO BE FILED

By DEL HARDING
Star Staff Writer

Lawmen in seven states pressed a search Tuesday night for two Lincoln teenagers who are wanted in connection with what authorities call the most shocking series of murders in Nebraska history.

Six persons were dead—five shot to death and a two-year-old girl fatally clubbed.

Being sought in connection with the crimes are Carl Ann Fugate, 15, of 924 Belmont, and her boyfriend, Charles Starkweather, 19, whose last known address was 425 No. 10th. Police broadcasts refer to them as "armed and dangerous."

Lincoln County Attorney Scheele said Tuesday night that he will definitely file first degree murder charges against both Carl Fugate and Stark-

weather Wednesday morning. Dead are Carl's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Marion S. Bartlett and their two-year-old daughter, all of 924 Belmont; August Meyer, 70, bachelor farmer near Bennet, Neb.; and Robert Jensen, 17, and his 16-year-old girlfriend, Carol King, both of Bennet.

County Attorney Scheele reported late Tuesday night that a preliminary autopsy showed that Miss King "was the victim of an unnatural sex attack."

He added that she and Jensen apparently died as the result of small caliber bullet wounds in the head. Authorities believe Starkweather and Carl Fugate had fled in the 1930 dark blue Ford owned by Jensen. The four-door car is reported to have twin aerials on the rear fenders and bears 1937 Nebraska license 2-8743.

Patrol Checks Leads

State Safety Patrolmen worked relentlessly throughout the night Tuesday following leads they hoped would end in the apprehension of Charles Starkweather, wanted for questioning in the murder of six persons in the Lincoln area.

One of the tips that sounded promising prompted a chase

after a car that roughly matched the description of the one Starkweather is thought to be driving.

Even the last two numbers in the license plate matched the ones on the car sought. The car was finally stopped near Humboldt. No connection was found between the car or its occupants and the missing Lincoln youth.

wife, Velda, 36, and their daughter were found Monday about 4:30 p.m. in two outbuildings at the rear of their home at 924 Belmont.

A search was then begun for Carl Fugate and Starkweather. A relative had been denied entrance to the Bartlett home by Carl Monday morning.

JITTERY BENNET ARMED FORTRESS

By NANCY BENJAMIN
Star Staff Writer

BENNET, Neb.—This village was an armed fortress Tuesday night fearing another onslaught by the Lincoln couple believed to have been involved in the slaying of three Bennet residents.

Hardware store operator Herbert Randall reported that the 400 town residents and surrounding farm families "all have guns and won't mind using them."

Tuesday night a group of about 30 men armed with shotguns and rifles stopped in the store for ammunition. They planned a search "foot-by-foot" of the surrounding countryside for the slayers of two Bennet high school students who had been "out on a date" when last seen.

Third of the "senseless slayings" was a 70-year-old bachelor farmer, August Meyer, "a man who minded his own business," according to R. E. Clark, Bennet editor.

Most of the Bennet community remained indoors with guns handy, although there had been no recent report of the hunted pair being sighted in the area.

Activity outdoors during the night-long search for the pair was

front grille of the 1930 dark blue Ford was missing. The car has twin antennae on the rear fenders and white side-wall tires, according to a local garage man. Black primer paint is visible on the car trunk edges.

Phone Lines Jammed

Telephone lines were jammed in the small Bennet community, and operators reported that residents were phoning relatives in other states to tell them of their safety, as well as checking the most recent news of the small town tragedy.

Carl Saunders, a Lincoln business man who lives at Bennet, said he was playing cards with Robert Jensen Sr., Monday night, when Carl King's mother called to ask if Jensen had seen the young couple.

Saunders said he and Jensen went out looking for the couple and even visited the area near the schoolhouse site where the bodies were found. Young folks in the area often go out to that vicinity and park, Saunders said.

The parents of young Jensen operate a general store in Bennet. The family has lived in the Bennet area for several generations.

2nd Death In Month

Tuesday marked the second time this month that death has struck in the King family. The girl's father, Russell King, died unexpectedly Jan. 3 in Lincoln. Her mother, Mrs. Mabel King, recently moved from the King farm near Bennet.

Both Carl and Robert were described as "very popular with other students" in Bennet high. Young Jensen was forced to cut his participation in athletics this past year due to the effects of polio. The youth was hospitalized for many months several years ago when he was struck by the disease. Robert was a member of the Bennet football team during his sophomore year.

Carl was also prominent in extra curricular activities in school. In addition to her mother she is survived by a brother, Warren L. Bennett, a sister, Mrs. LaVerne L. Stollie of Lincoln; and her grandfather, M. L. King of Bennet.

Robert's survivors include his parents; a brother, Dewey of Bennet; two grandmothers, Mrs. Louise Bratt and Mrs. Beulah Jensen, both of Bennet; and two great grandmothers, Mrs. Cora Beavers and Mrs. Gertrude Kuse, also of Bennet.

Meyer's survivors include a brother, Louis of Bennet, and three sisters, Mrs. Clara Jones of Bennet, Mrs. Mary Davis of Nebraska City and Mrs. Charles Storts of Lincoln.

Residents pointed out that several identifying marks and special accessories would aid in spotting Fugate's car. A minor accident recently caused repair work on the front bumper and that part of the

front grille of the 1930 dark blue Ford was missing. The car has twin antennae on the rear fenders and white side-wall tires, according to a local garage man. Black primer paint is visible on the car trunk edges.

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OFFICERS APPROACH HOUSE OF SLAIN MAN

Sheriff Merle Karnopp (arrow) shoots tear gas into the farm home of August Meyer before officers entered the house. Later Meyer's body was found in an outbuilding behind the house. (Star Photo.)



Cave where high school pair's bodies were found ... dark spots on floor are blood.

DEITEMEYER HEADS UNITED TAX GROUP

Wide Backing For Broadened Base
Sought By New Organization

By BETTY PERSON
Star Staff Writer

Carl Deitemeyer of Lincoln Tuesday was elected temporary chairman of a group which will attempt to organize united support behind a constitutional amendment to broaden Nebraska's tax base.

Don Kline, executive secretary of the Nebraska State Education Association, also was unanimously elected its temporary secretary of the group which includes realtors, builders, educators, school board members, business and civic leaders, legislators and lay persons who are interested in enacting a sales and/or income tax.

Met Jan. 8

The organizations interested in forming united support last met (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2)

Slightly Warmer

Temps Indicated

Slightly warmer temperatures were predicted for the eastern part of Nebraska Wednesday.

High were to be 40 to 50, compared with Tuesday's high that ranged from 49 at Chadron and Imperial to 33 at Norfolk. Lincoln had a 36-degree high.

Today's Chuckle

It's never so black that it couldn't be blacker—there could have been a second speaker.



Carl Fugate and Charles Starkweather ... a recent picture.

BLOCK ROSS DRIVE NOTED

Last-minute drives were reported on in 20th Omaha and Lincoln Tuesday night to block the appointment of Donald R. Ross of Omaha as Republican National Committeeman.

In Lincoln, GOP state committee member Don Harrington said that "contrary to earlier reports that he planned to support Ross, I have not made known the candidate that I would support because I am not certain that any of the candidates have made known their availability."

"There is certainly no emergency in this matter," he said, adding, "An interim appointment would certainly be in order." He suggested that if M. Mike Meyers, Omaha investment man, is available "it would like an opportunity to weigh his qualifications with those of the others."

For a detailed story, see Page 22.

The Weather

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KANSAS: Clear to partly cloudy Thursday. Not so cold. High Wednesday 40 to 50.

NEBRASKA TEMPERATURES

1:30 a.m. (Tue.) 22 3:30 p.m. 24

2:30 a.m. 20 4:30 p.m. 26

3:30 a.m. 18 5:30 p.m. 28

4:30 a.m. 16 6:30 p.m. 30

5:30 a.m. 14 7:30 p.m. 32

6:30 a.m. 12 8:30 p.m. 34

7:30 a.m. 10 9:30 p.m. 36

8:30 a.m. 8 10:30 p.m. 38

9:30 a.m. 6 11:30 p.m. 40

10:30 a.m. 4 12:30 a.m. 42

11:30 a.m. 2 1:30 a.m. 44

12:30 a.m. 0 2:30 a.m. 46

1:30 a.m. -2 3:30 a.m. 48

2:30 a.m. -4 4:30 a.m. 50

3:30 a.m. -6 5:30 a.m. 52

4:30 a.m. -8 6:30 a.m. 54

5:30 a.m. -10 7:30 a.m. 56

6:30 a.m. -12 8:30 a.m. 58

Sightseers Keep Farmer Busy

BENNET, Neb. (U.—One of the busiest farmers in the area south of Bennet where tragedy in the form of three killings struck Tuesday was the unidentified tractor owner who did a land office business in pulling stuck cars out of the mud.

Hundreds of sightseers flocked into the area and the farmer was busy extracting the mired car which became mired.

Drinking Hit

MOSCOW (U.—Russian movies are contributing to the general drunkenness of the population, the newspaper Soviet Culture charged.

The paper's attack on drinking—especially the drinking of vodka—followed Nikita Khrushchev's declaration of war against drunkenness in his speech at Minus last week.

Clearance!

Refrigerators—Ranges. Our cost plus your work. Trade in your old. Bethany Supply, 214 N. Cotton. 6-0009—Adv.

28 Paired Cars

More than 20 Safety Patrol cars from Lincoln, Omaha, Hastings, Grand Island and Fremont were making an extensive search of the Lincoln-Bennet area for the missing Lincoln couple.

Latest victims of the apparent murder spree—for which authorities have found no definite motive—were Jensen and Carl King.

Their bodies were discovered about 4 p.m. Tuesday in the storm cellar of a rural school which was razed about two months ago.

The cellar is located about one mile from the farm of August Meyer and his farm is just two miles east of Bennet.

Jensen and Miss King had gone out on a date about 7:30 p.m. Monday, saying they would be gone only a short time. When they did not return home police were notified.

Both cars were reported to be parked on the road which goes past the razed school.

Scheele said Jensen was shot several times, Miss King once. The autopsy further showed, as expected, that Meyer died from a shotgun wound in the head. Scheele also said the autopsy on the Bartletts showed they had been dead at least since Saturday night.

Everett Broening, who farms near the former school site where the youths' bodies were found, decided to check the storm cellar after he became quiet about a car he heard accelerate at high speed away from the school site area about 10 p.m. Monday. At first he had thought nothing of it, but when Meyer's body was found he decided to investigate.

Broening took off the cellar cover and discovered the bodies of the two youths—the body of the girl was nearly nude but Jensen was fully clothed.

Authorities had gone to the Meyer farm about 2 p.m. when the Starkweather's car was spotted parked in a lane leading to the farm house.

After firing nine tear gas bombs into the house, the bodies of the girl and found the house ransacked but empty. Meyer's body was then found in an adjacent washhouse.

Shell Found

Meyer apparently had a rifle. A 410 shotgun shell was found near Meyer's body and several 22 caliber bullets were found near the cellar.

The bodies of Bartlett, 50, his

M-m-n Better Tasting!

Pastries from Klein's Bakery, 821 So. 11. Open every day 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Big variety—Adv.

Wash Tub Sale

Socks 25c. Merry & Mr. Bill's Store 223 So. 13th—Adv.