

BRUTAL BEATING CAUSES DEATH DAN WILLIAMS

Victim's Skull Fractured by Violent Blows in Apparent Robbery Attempt—Lay Unconscious Most of Night on Floor of Shop at 916 N Street.

Without regaining consciousness, Dan Williams, 60-year-old fruit market proprietor, died at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from wounds received in a violent struggle with an unknown antagonist in his store at 916 N street, Thursday night. Williams was robbed by the assailant and his battered body left on the floor of his market.

With Williams' death disappeared hope that police might learn the victim's story should he regain consciousness. About noon Dr. W. W. Carveth and Dr. K. S. J. Hohlen performed an operation on Williams' skull at St. Elizabeth's hospital to relieve the pressure and facilitate recovery of consciousness but it was in vain. The death left only mis-mated clues on which the police could work.

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From all appearances, officers said, Williams resisted an intruder who was bent on robbery. Because Williams was known to carry large sums of money in his pockets, police considered it possible that the attacker knew the fruit vendor's habits.

When Detectives Miles Holloway and Harold Graves arrived at the store shortly after 7 o'clock Friday morning, the front door was open. A padlock with the key lay directly in front of the entrance. This suggested that Williams, who slept in the store, may have unlocked the door after having previously fastened it for the night.

Fierce Struggle Apparent

Signs of a fierce struggle were evident in the blood-spattered floor upturned vegetable crates and Williams' stained cap and coat. The prostrate man, who police say probably was dragged from the front-southwest corner of the building, lay crumpled between two potato baskets and an ice box twenty feet inside the door.

Officers are of the opinion that since Williams fought desperately with his attacker, and because the struggle must have lasted for several minutes, there was only one assailant. Probably because the body might have been seen from the window or from the partially-open door, the intruder dragged Williams to the spot where he was found, police explained.

Three instruments were discovered which could have been used as weapons by either Williams or his antagonist. One is a hammer which

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CARL O. JOHNSON IS NAMED COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Former Officeholder Is Chosen to Fill Hensley's Place On Board.

Carl O. Johnson, who served as county commissioner from 1909 to 1919, was appointed early Friday morning to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. J. Hensley.

Mr. Johnson's choice was unanimously approved by County Attorney Mav Towle, County Clerk J. B. Morgan and County Treasurer

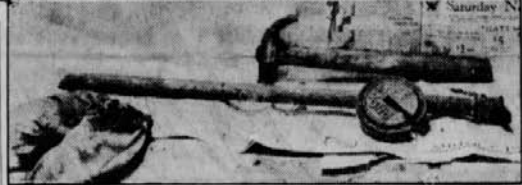


Where Victim Of Bandit Slugging Was Found



The white "X" in the upper picture locates the position of Dan Williams' head when officers found him shortly after 7 o'clock Friday morning in his fruit store at 916 N street. The fruit vendor's blood-stained cap and coat indicate the position of the body.

Below are shown instruments which police say may have been used by Williams' attacker. They include a hammer, a length of gas pipe and a scale weight.



LUIKART SEEKS 10 MILLION FOR BANK PATRONS

Federal Agents Confer Here To Release Deposits.

Plans for close co-operation between the Nebraska banking department and the national Reconstruction Finance Corp. in releasing money now tied up in restricted and failed banks of this state were agreed upon in a conference Friday morning which State Bank Supt. E. H. Luikart held at his office with three representatives of the Washington organization.

***** THE WEATHER. *****

★ LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 6—Forecast ★
 ★ for tonight and Saturday: ★
 ★ Lincoln and vicinity: Fair tonight ★
 ★ and Saturday; somewhat cooler to- ★
 ★ night, probably light frost in places ★
 ★ For Nebraska: Fair tonight and ★
 ★ Saturday; slightly cooler in south- ★
 ★ central and extreme east portions ★
 ★ tonight; probably local frost tonight; ★
 ★ somewhat warmer Saturday in west ★
 ★ and north portions. ★
 ★ Kansas: Generally fair tonight and ★
 ★ Saturday; cooler in east and south ★
 ★ tonight. ★

★ The temperature during the past ★
 ★ 24 hours: ★

★ 3 p. m. 79	★ 3 a. m. 56
★ 4 p. m. 78	★ 4 a. m. 53
★ 5 p. m. 77	★ 5 a. m. 51
★ 6 p. m. 74	★ 6 a. m. 46
★ 7 p. m. 71	★ 7 a. m. 43
★ 8 p. m. 67	★ 8 a. m. 34
★ 9 p. m. 65	★ 9 a. m. 31
★ 10 p. m. 64	★ 10 a. m. 31
★ 11 p. m. 63	★ 11 a. m. 34
★ 12 midnight. 60	★ 12 noon 45
★ 1 a. m. 41	★ 1 p. m. 60
★ 2 a. m. 59	★ 2 p. m. 70

COUZENS CLAIMS RAILWAY STOCK WAS 'UNLOADED'

Senator Makes Charge During Senate's Stock Market Probe.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6—(AP)—Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, charged before senate investigators today that some "wise guys unloaded" more than \$11,000,000 of railroad stock during the boom in 1929 on investment trusts organized by Dillon, Read & Co. This flat assertion by the member of the stock market inquiry committee followed disclosure that

cal for the car later Thursday evening but the car remained in the garage throughout the night.

Ellen Norris, 59 South Eleventh street, employe at the fruit store told police that Williams had "quite a bit of money on him last night." She said that she did not know the exact amount but knew that \$17 had ben turned into him at one time by a huckster. The sack which Williams carried contained a roll of bills and the cash register held additional money, she said. The cash drawer was open when officer's arrived and Williams' money sack was gone.

Inquest To Be Called.

Miss Norris, who has worked for Williams about a month, said she left the store at 5:30 o'clock and at that time asked the proprietor what he intended to do with his car. She exulained that Robert L. Drake, one of Williams' hucksters, had been driving it home at night so that it would not remain on down-town streets. Drake, however, had said earlier in the afternoon that he had three-days work with a road gang near Crete and so would be absent as long as the road work lasted. It was learned that Drake reported for work on the road yesterday.

Williams, Miss Norris said, told her that he intended to have the battery fixed. She said that she did not see Williams again and knew nothing of the robbery until she reported for work at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

An inquest will be held early next week, the county attorneys office stated.

Williams is survived by his son, Albert Williams, who for the past few weeks has been living at Wood

Lake, Neb., his mother, Mrs. Mary Williams, and brother, Ed both of Dedham, Ia., a sister, Mrs. L. M. Hicks of Stuart, Ia., and another sister, Edith.

The body is at Brown's mortuary.

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