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## Trio Hanged Today At Fort Frances Jail For Torture Murder

By Canadian Press

FORT FRANCES, Ont., March 1.—Finis was written on a basement jail gallows early today to Ontario's "hot stove" murder case as three men hanged for the torture slaying last July of Mrs. Viola Jamieson in her home at Flanders, Ont.

The brothers Skrypnyk, 38-year-old George and 23-year-old Anthony of Atikokan, Ont., and 29-year-old William Schmidt of Fort Frances, paid with their lives for what was once described by a police official as one of Ontario's most ghastly crimes.

A news blackout was clamped on proceedings at the jail as the hour for the executions approached. It was learned that the last man was pronounced dead at 12.50 a.m. E.S.T. by jail surgeon Dr. W. G. Boyle and coroner Dr. D. B. Young. A five-man Fort Frances coroner's jury viewed the bodies.

None but authorized persons were allowed near the jail as midnight approached. Inside it was reported the three men spent their last hours reading their Bibles and talking. In a nearby, modest home, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt prayed for their son in his last night.

The men walked a long corridor from the death cells to the gallows constructed in the basement of the jail. Information as to the time of each hanging and in what order the men went to their death was not revealed.

During the last few days before the hanging, hymns were heard echoing from the jail house of the Kenora district jail where the men were held until three days before the hanging. Guards said the Skrypnyk brothers were doing the singing.

It was decided to erect an indoor scaffold for the executions following a protest by Fort Frances citizens

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