

Police search for killer of east end woman

An intensive police investigation is in its third day following the shocking weekend slaying of a 68-year-old Penetanguishene woman.

The body of Emily Dorsey, a widow who lived alone, was discovered in an upstairs hallway at 15 Don Street early Sunday afternoon.

Sergeant Mel McKinnon of the Penetanguishene police department arrived at the scene at 1:30 p.m. after a call from the dead woman's sister, Anne Johnson, of 166

Church Street.

Police Chief John Geere said the woman's body was partially clothed and a cloth material was found in her mouth.

On Tuesday morning town police were continuing their door-to-door search of the east end of town and Detective Inspector Casey Kotwa, of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the OPP, had joined the investigating team.

Town police are still watching the Don Street house and patrolling the east end area

of town with more than normal regularity.

Detective Inspector Tom Hill, of the Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch in Toronto, arrived in Penetanguishene late Sunday afternoon to assist in the investigation.

Due to the "isolated nature of the home and the large bush area behind it" Hill called for a specially-trained tracking dog to be brought in to help the officers.

Constable Gary Penley, of Barrie OPP, spent hours Monday covering the bush area behind the Dorsey residence with a tracking dog, Thor.

Fingerprint experts also went to work on Monday checking the house for clues.

Hill said the investigating team which includes eight OPP officers - a number which could increase - has no suspect at this time.

A post mortem examination conducted on Monday at the Penetanguishene General Hospital by Dr. J.L.M. Tremblay, regional

pathologist, discovered that death was not by natural causes but "consistent with asphyxia".

"It is unknown if the victim was sexually assaulted," Hill said, "but we have sent samples to the Centre of Forensic Science in Toronto for tests."

No time of death has yet been determined.

Residents shocked

Penetanguishene residents reacted with shock, dismay and outrage Monday as news travelled about the brutal slaying of a Don Street woman.

The town is still stunned by the senseless murder.

Friends, casual acquaintances and people who had worked with her all said the same thing: Emily Dorsey was a beautiful person. Dr. Barry Boyd, mental director at the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre where she was his secretary for 12 years, said he couldn't believe what had happened. "I couldn't speak more highly of her," he said, "she was a very loyal and devoted civil servant."

She worked at the MHC for 42 years and was superintendent secretary until she retired four years ago.

Bill Stevens, a warden at St. James on the Lines Anglican Church where she was secretary-treasurer, described the 68-year-old widow as "a first-class person".

"She was very pleasant very well liked and very popular," Stevens said. "Once you met her you never forgot her. She was that type of person."

Reverend Sid Maddock said she was "a great little gal who wouldn't hurt a flea." "She had a great trust in people," he said. Maddock added that the secretary-treasurer of St. James on the Lines had "a great sense of humour but was quiet."

"When she did something she did it well and she was strong in her ways but not overbearing," he said.

The reverend remembered going to her house to look at the church books which she kept as immaculate as her residence.

"They were always in a certain spot," Maddock said, "there was never anything piled on top of them. They were always there in that spot and ready whenever I wanted to see them."

Walter Spearn, the other warden at St. James, said she was "a nice person" and did an excellent job as secretary-treasurer of the church.

Legal rarity

A young Midland man received the full benefit of the doubt Thursday afternoon as he was granted an absolute discharge in Penetanguishene provincial court.

Harvey B. Grant, 17, of Robert Street, Midland, pleaded guilty to joyriding but Provincial Court Judge Len Montgomery said the young man's actions were "out of character".

An absolute discharge means Grant will have no criminal record in the future and it is a rarity in courtrooms outside Toronto.

David W. Berriault, 16, of Toronto, who was jointly charged with Grant, was sentenced to 30 days on the joyriding conviction. Berriault and Grant took a moped from an apartment storage area in Port McNicoll March 28 just after midnight.

The pair were riding toward Midland when spotted by police at 12:07 a.m. They abandoned the moped and fled into a nearby field but were overtaken and captured by police.

The incident occurred less than two weeks after Berriault had been placed on two years probation in Midland provincial court.

The suspended sentence and probation Berriault received on three charges in Midland provincial court were revoked and he was sentenced on the charges.

Montgomery gave him 60 days for possession of stolen goods, \$100 fine or 10 days for possession of a narcotic and \$50 or 10 days for willful damage.



Investigating officers

Detective Inspector Tom Hill, of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police in Toronto, discusses the murder with OPP Constable Gary Penley, of Barrie, who handled the tracking dog, Thor. Staff photo



15 Don Street

This is the Don Street residence where the body of Emily Dorsey was discovered early Sunday afternoon. The body was found in an upstairs hallway by the woman's sister, Anne Johnson. Staff photo

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Town's county levy goes up \$4,000

The Town of Penetanguishene will face a Simcoe County levy charge of almost \$90,000 as specified in the 1976 Simcoe budget approved by county council Wednesday night.

The Penetanguishene levy rose by more than \$4,000 from the 1975 levy in a budget that saw the county levy drop by almost \$54,000 and the county mill rate shed .2 mills to 2.71 - a 6.9 per cent decrease.

Penetanguishene was assessed at slightly more than \$33 million compared with last year's figure of about \$29,500,000. The Penetanguishene levy accounts for about two and a half per cent of the total county levy of \$3,835,888.

A budget that will decrease the total county levy by almost \$54,000 to \$3,835,888 was given approval by Simcoe County council Wednesday.

The county mill rate will drop by .2 mills to 2.71, a decrease of 6.9 per cent, while equalized assessment across the county climbed by more than 76 million dollars to \$1,412,162,527.

The Town of Midland will pay close to eight per cent of the total levy with about \$301,000, based on an assessment of more than \$110 million. In 1975 Midland had a lower assessment of about \$105 million, yet paid more than \$304,000.

Midland reeve Moreland Lynn explained that while Midland was assessed more this year than last year, other municipalities had expanded more rapidly and were assessed far greater amounts this year than in 1975, and consequently paid a larger share of the county levy.

He pointed out that Bradford, Alliston, Essa Township and Tay Township where rapid growth forced a higher assessment this year, will consequently pay a larger share of the county levy. Lynn indicated growth in Midland was more moderate.

Lynn was happy with the budget noting it will put less strain on Midland ratepayers.

Tay will pick up a county levy tab of about \$150,000 - more than \$15,000 larger than in 1975 - while Tiny Township was levied close to \$237,000 down slightly from last year.

Innisfil township, surrounding Barrie, pays about 10 per cent of the total county levy with Collingwood supplying the second largest levy with slightly more than eight per cent.

Tay deputy-reeve Ed Hill questioned council why his township's assessment rose so high when there has been a freeze on development in Tay for the past year. Harry Cross, reeve of Tecumseh Township noted assessment was based on the previous year and the Tay freeze would not be reflected until next year's budget.

Total gross expenditures across the county will rise to more than 10 million dollars but related revenue of slightly more than \$6 million gives way for a net expenditure total

of \$4,302,388 - an increase of \$71,063 from 1975.

The bill for county roadways is expected to climb more than \$100,000 this year to a net expenditure of \$1,453,000 with other significant increases in the areas of finance contingency, grants to public hospitals, social and family services assistance and homes for the aged.

The county will slash about \$125,000 from the last year Children's Aid Society budget with other significant cutbacks in the areas of county planning, reforestation, building operation and money paid to operate council and committees, due to a decreased number of meetings.

A community's equalized assessment is obtained by combining 100 per cent of its commercial assessment with 80 per cent of the residential assessment.

Where it will all go

The 1976 Simcoe County budget saw an increase of slightly more than \$100,000 for roadways - up to \$1,453,000 this year in a budget with total expenditures rising by about \$71,000 to \$4,302,388.

Expenditures, however, will be offset by an increase of \$125,000 in the area of general revenue indicating a drop of about \$54,000 in the total county levy, down 1.4 per cent from last year's total of \$3,889,825.

The county mill rate shed .2 mills to 2.71 while assessment across the county climbed 5.7 per cent to \$1,412,162,527.

The county will pay \$386,020 for operation of general government this year, \$26,250 less than in 1975 while protection of persons and property rises by \$5,300 to \$20,800. Weed inspections and fox and wolf bounties are covered in this category.

Health conservation will cost Simcoe \$31,354 more this year to \$802,000 due to a considerable increase in grants to public hospitals and recreation and community services costs will climb by \$3,181 to \$254,658 despite hefty cutbacks in the areas of library and museum support.

Social and family services, however, will cost only \$841,790 down by \$55,763 from last year due to a large cutback to the Children's Aid Society.

County planning was not budgeted for in 1976 - a saving of \$35,000 and land divisions will pay for themselves.

Financial expenses will rise in cost by \$73,322 to \$482,177 while projects such as reforestation will become self supporting, saving the county \$26,000.

General revenue in 1976 will total \$466,500, up from \$341,500 last year.



Back at home

Leo LeMay, who retired last week as manager of Huronia Credit Union in Penetanguishene, shows the citation he received Saturday night at a reception in his honour. Staff photo

Pat Marion takes manager's chair at local credit union

Leo LeMay decided to give the Huronia Credit Union a try "for a few months" but changed his mind and stayed.

That was 25 years ago. Today he is getting used to a new occupation: retirement.

"I don't have any plans," he said this week, "I'll just take a few days off and let Pat (Marion, the new manager) take the headaches."

Once LeMay settles into retirement he is sure there will be lots to do. "There's a lot of work I have to do at the cottage and a lot around here too," he said of his 14 Jeffery Street home.

He leaves a lot of memories behind in the credit union which opened in a tiny office behind the old Co-op store (where Ted Light's is today) when the credit union had less than \$100,000 in its coffers.

Today the credit union has amassed more than \$1.25 million and it is growing by the month.

"There's quite a change now," LeMay said, "people want more at once than they used to."

He said people used to save the 50's when he joined the firm used to save the money then buy but today they borrow more money.

"But they're earning more money today and inflation has a big effect on it," he said. That does not mean that no one is saving money anymore because, as he puts it, "If they weren't saving then there wouldn't be a

credit union."

LeMay became a member of the credit union locally back when it started in 1938-39 and continued with it throughout his time with Metropolitan Life Insurance where he started in 1926.

The retiring manager's replacement will be Pat Marion, a 27-year-old man who was born and raised in Penetanguishene.

For nine years he worked with the Toronto-Dominion Bank and last held the position of assistant manager with an Oshawa branch. "There's not that much difference between a credit union and banking except that this is more of a personal thing," he said.

Marion lives with his wife, Diane, and two children, Tammy 6, and Jon, 3, at 115 Bruce Street.

He is anything but a new face to Penetanguishene since he attended high school at Penetanguishene Secondary School and worked for four years at the local branch of the Toronto-Dominion Bank.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said, "I know most of the people in town and I know finance."

Marion will be watching out for the interests of 1,785 credit union members this week but he is expecting that figure to increase in the future.

As Leo LeMay said, "It's a savings and loan business but it's run by the people and they make the bylaws and get the best loan rate possible."



New manager

Pat Marion, the new manager of Huronia Credit Union, was born and raised in Penetanguishene and looks forward to seeing all his old friends again as he takes over his new job. Staff photo