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Three Children Found Slain In Their Beds

SENECA — (Special) — A young Seneca couple and their three children were found shot to death in their home about 9:30 a. m. today.

La Salle county authorities were unable to immediately determine whether all had been murdered, and or that the case was a murder-suicide.

The victims were identified as William Winders, 29, his wife, Patricia, 28, and their three children, all under five years of age.

It was reported that the children were found dead in their beds, apparently shot to death while asleep.

Investigating the case were **Deputies William Dummett and Floyd Conkling**, an assistant state's attorney and Irvin Kross of Leland, La Salle county coroner.

Sheriff Ray Eutsey and other deputies on his staff were notified of the shootings at Starved Rock State Park where they are pressing the investigation of the slayings of three Chicago suburban women last Monday.

Authorities said the Winders children were slain in their beds with a pistol and the bodies of their parents were found in another part of the residence.

Winders is a factory worker.

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Family Found Dead, Police Doubt Link To Canyon Deaths

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK was asked by United Press In Ill (UPI)—The bodies of a man, his wife and their three children, all gunshot victims, were found Saturday at Seneca a hamlet about 20 miles east of Starved Rock State Park site of the slaying Monday of three prominent Chicago area matrons.

Authorities could not immediately establish any link between the two crimes, and they believed that they were not connected—in other words, that they were not hunting the same killer in the two cases. They believed it possible that the man found at Seneca may have been a suicide.

But it put a new load on the La Salle County authorities and state policemen already engaged in a statewide search for the slayers of Mrs Lillian Oetting, 50, Mrs Frances Murphy, 47, and Mrs Mildred Lindquist, 50, the prominent Chicago suburban matrons whose clubbed and violated bodies were found in this state park.

Victims of the new slayings were William Winders, 29, his wife Patricia, 27; and his three children, Debbie 6, Mike 5, and Leslie, 2.

First reports from the scene were that the children had been slain in their beds. The bodies of the husband and the wife were found on the living room floor, with a pistol close by the body of the man.

A deputy sheriff at the scene

was asked by United Press International 'is there any connection between these deaths and the Starved Rock murders?'

"We're not releasing anything yet," he said. The sheriff and the county coroner were at the scene.

Deputies said that the bodies of the Winders family were discovered after neighbors reported the lights of the home had been on since Thursday night, more than 36 hours before the dead were found.

In the killing of the women, State Police Chief William Morris said that he had planned to question two "fairly good suspects," and it was disclosed that a third man, held at Moline on a vagrancy charge, was also to be quizzed in the Starved Rock slayings.

Morris identified the two he planned to question here as the driver of a truck similar to one seen near the murder scene and a resident of the Starved Rock State Park area. He refused to reveal their names. He said police knew them.

Tax Opposition Meeting Sunday

The Southern Illinois Citizens League formulated to oppose the St. Louis City Earnings Tax Missouri State Tax, will meet Sunday at the East St. Louis Senior High School, 4901 State St.

Murphy appears at right in double exposure.

Find Family of 5 Slain; Called Murder-Suicide

Seneca, Ill., March 19 (UPI).—A factory worker, his wife and their three children were found shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide today in their home 20 miles from Starved Rock State Park.

Police sought a possible link with the sex slayings Monday of three Chicago area women in the park. But they considered such a link only a remote possibility.

Neighbors Were Fearful

Sheriff's deputies at Seneca, called by fearful neighbors, found the bodies of William Winders, 30; his wife, Patricia, 27; and their three children, Debbie, 6, Mike, 5, and Leslie, 2, in their one-story white frame home.

Deputies said Winders, who worked in the National Biscuit Co.'s carton factory at nearby Marseilles, apparently shot his

three children as they lay in bed, shot his wife and then killed himself.

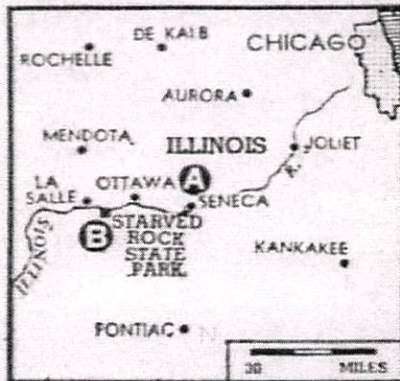
Shotguns Taken Out

Winders and his wife were sprawled in the living room of their home. A .22 caliber pistol was lying near Winders.

Mrs. Winders apparently tried to protect her children and herself, with two shotguns, deputies said. Both guns had been removed from their cases and broken open. But Mrs. Winders apparently couldn't find any shells.

All the victims were shot in the head. Deputies said neighbors called police after noticing lights had been burning in the Winders' home since Thursday night, when the killings apparently occurred.

Police discounted a theory that the family was wiped out in a fit of remorse over the Starved Rock murders. However, La Salle County authorities and state police sent investigators to Seneca.



(NEWS map by Staff Artist)

Multiple slaying was discovered in Seneca (A), 20 miles east of Starved Rock State Park (B), site of Monday's cave murders.

Fall Kills Patient

William Dustre, 42, of 511 Washington St., Newark, fell 12 stories to his death yesterday at Martland Medical Center, Newark. Dustre, suffering pneumonia, had been a patient there since Feb. 15.



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Man, Wife, 3 Children Found Dead at Seneca

Police Drop Starved Rock Slaying Link

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK—UPI—A man, his wife and three children were found shot to death in their home about 20 miles east of here Saturday.

Police sought a possible link with the sex slayings Monday of three Chicago area women, but they later discarded the theory.

FOUND DEAD

William Winders, 50, a factory worker, his wife and three children were found dead in their home at Seneca, a village of less than 1,500 persons. A deputy sheriff said, "We've pretty much made up our minds it was the father."

However, La Salle County authorities and state police sent investigators to Seneca to delve into what apparently was a quadruple murder and suicide, while other lawmen gathered for a conference on the park murders before testing of an suspect at nearby Otsewa.

TO QUESTION TWO

State Police Chief William Morris questioned a truck driver and a resident of the park area in the slayings of three prominent women from Chicago suburbs, beaten to death and sexually attacked as they hid through a severe canyon Monday.

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OBJECTS TO '1984,' 'BRAVE NEW WORLD'

MIAMI—(UPI)—Two famous novels about dictatorships of the future disappeared from Miami high school library shelves Saturday because a student's father objected to them.

Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" and the late George Orwell's "1984" were quietly removed after an anonymous telephone call complaining of "obscene passages."

Both novels are political satires warning against fictional totalitarian states of the future in which the individual would be helpless.

Author Philip Wylie, a Miami resident whose books also have aroused a lot of wrath at times, attacked the action of the school principals as "ignorant and craven."

"If you haven't read '1984' you can't talk to any intelligent person," he said. "To take it away is to bring 1984 dictatorship closer and do just what the book was written to try to stop."

Militia Quells La Paz Revolt

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA—(AP)—A national police regiment rebelled against the government Saturday but threw down its arms after half a day of fighting in the suburbs of La Paz, the government radio said.

Ten persons were reported killed and 30 wounded in the brief fighting. The radio identified one of the dead as Col. Justo Burges Navia, second in command of the insurgents.

The revolt leader, Col. Hermogenes Elias Ledesma, head of the national police, was said to have escaped.

COUNTRY CALM

The radio said the rest of the country was calm.

Loyal troops drove the rebels out of their camp in the city of Calvary Hill north of the capital. The loyal forces surrounded the insurgents and got them under

Little Rock Police Chief Kills Wife

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Family of Five Found Slain

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Believe Wife Slew Family

Seneca, Ill., March 20 (UPD)—A mother, known to have been worried and despondent, may have killed her three children, her husband, and then committed suicide, a law officer said Sunday.

“That is the way it looks right now,” said Sheriff Ray Eutsey of La Salle county. “We’ll know more when we receive an analysis of paraffin tests made of the couple’s right hands.”

Notes Body’s Position

Eutsey said the position in which the body of Patricia Winders, 27, was found Saturday led him to believe she killed her husband and children. Her body was found lying across the legs of her husband, William, 29, in the living room of their home.

Also shot to death in their

beds were the couple’s children, Ebbie, 6; Michael, 5; and Leslie, 2.

Eutsey said the paraffin tests might disclose traces of powder from the pistol used as the death weapon. A report on the tests was expected from the state police crime laboratory in Springfield.

Fatal Wounds Compared

Police had theorized that Winders might have done the shootings. But Eutsey noted that the husband had been shot in the center of the forehead, while his wife had been hit in the right temple.

“Of all the similar suicide cases I’ve investigated,” Eutsey said, “I’ve never seen a victim who had shot himself in the forehead. Normally it would be the right side of the head.”

Mother, Not Father May Have Wiped Out Family at Seneca

SENECA, Ill. (UPI)— La Salle County authorities were awaiting the results of lab tests today to explain the fatal shootings of a family of five.

Sheriff Ray Eutsey said it now appeared that the mother, known to have been worried and despondent, killed her husband and three children and then committed suicide. At first it was believed the husband had killed the family.

"That is the way it looks right now," Eutsey said. "We'll know more when we receive an analysis of paraffin tests made of the couple's right hands." The tests, which would determine who did the shooting, were being made at the state crime lab at Springfield.

Dead were William Winders, 29, his wife, Patricia, 27, and their three children, Debbie, 6, Michael, 5, and Leslie, 2. The bodies were discovered Saturday.

The slayings occurred just 20 miles from Starved Rock State Park, where the bodies of three women who had been beaten to death were found Wednesday. Au-

thorities said there was no apparent link between the two tragedies.

Eutsey said one of the things which made him think Mrs. Winders did the shooting was the position of the wounds. Winders was shot in the center of the forehead and his wife in the right temple.

"Of all the similar suicide cases I've investigated," he said, "I've never seen a victim who had shot himself in the forehead. Normally it would be in the side of the head."

Eutsey said that another fact was that Mrs. Winders' body was found atop her husband's legs.

He learned from the Rev. Roy Wilson of the Assembly of God Church that Mrs. Winders had called at Rev. Wilson's home Thursday and said she was worried and despondent.

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EVIDENCE IN SENECA DEATHS INCONCLUSIVE

Authorities Lean To Theory Placing Death Weapon In Hands Of Wife

State laboratory tests have failed to reveal any powder deposits on the hands of either William Winders, 29, or his wife, Patricia, 27, that might indicate who wielded the gun that brought death to them and their three children, in their Seneca home 10 days ago.

They were shot with a .22 caliber target pistol. The bodies of the children were found in their beds, while the husband and wife were found in the living room.

At first authorities assumed that the husband did the shooting, but now they are convinced that the gun was fired by the wife. Her fatal wound was in the temple and he was shot in the forehead, which authorities say would be almost impossible with the type of pistol that was used.

The bodies were discovered Saturday, March 19, and the shooting is believed to have occurred the prior Thursday night.

Wednesday, Mrs. Winders had visited a minister, the Rev. Roy Wilson, seeking spiritual guidance. The Rev. Wilson said she was quite despondent.

The children were Debra Lynn, 6, Michael Roy, 5, and Leslie W., 2.

JURY RULES HOUSEWIFE KILLED FAMILY, SELF

OTTAWA—(UPI)—A coroner's jury ruled Monday night that Mrs. William Winders, 27, killed her husband, her three children and herself.

The five bodies were found in the Winders' home at Seneca March 19. Authorities said they had been dead two days. Tests were made to determine which of the victims fired the shots that killed them but they were inconclusive.

The coroner's jury based its finding on positions of the bodies.