

Fatal Stabbing

Police Press Search For Two Hitch-Hikers

Halifax RCMP are following up several "new developments" in their investigation of the stabbing death Friday or Saturday of 51-year-old Robert Arthur Ward, a Lower Sackville shopkeeper; "but no arrests have been made as yet," a detachment spokesman said last night.

Several youths were interrogated in connection with the case, and several others have been contacted. However, the spokesman added, the identity of two young hitch-hikers sought by police has not been established.

RCMP said Ward, whose body was found in a ditch in the Lakeside area Saturday

morning, had been stabbed 21 times. The multiple wounds were inflicted with an instrument "larger than a pocket knife."

Two youths, probably teenagers, are sought for questioning to aid police in investigation of the crime. A description of one youth as "supplied by witnesses who saw the two boys in the area" is — five feet, five or seven inches tall; about 130 pounds; very young looking; about 16 or 18; light, short wavy hair; young - sounding voice; wearing light - colored jacket, possibly blue, and light colored pants.

The other youth, also believed to be a teenager, was described as about five feet, five inches tall; short, of stocky build, with dark hair.

An RCMP dragnet has been laid throughout the Atlantic Provinces, and the Halifax spokesman said several leads were being followed. The case could break "at any time," he commented.

Although two persons did hitch a ride away from the scene of the crime, he added, there was no indication that they had been hitching a ride with the victim.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mr. Ward between 10:45 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday has been asked to contact the Halifax detachment of the RCMP.

Mr. Ward owned and operated Ward's Grocery Store, Lower Sackville.

Born in Lower Sackville, he was a son of the late Lawson and Lebin (Bond) Ward.

Surviving are two sisters, Hazel (Mrs. Percy Judge), Mae (Mrs. Curtis Dunn), both of Lower Sackville; two brothers, Murray, Halifax, and Jenner, Lower Sackville.

The body is at the R. D. Lindsay Funeral Home, Bedford,

where service will be held today at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

The two youths are still believed to be somewhere within the Halifax area, the spokesman said. Although information had been gained from persons "seeing the two lads after the offence" had occurred, nothing was known of Ward's movements from 10:45 p.m. Friday until 12:30 a.m. Saturday when he arrived at the Greenhead Road near Lakeside.

"Somewhere in the hour and a half, or hour and 45 minutes after he left his store, he met up with the people who did him in," the spokesman said.

RCMP believe Ward's car, a canary yellow 1967 hard-top Pontiac — Nova Scotia licence number 213333 — could lead to information about his movements during the brief period. Describing the car as "distinctive" due to its color, RCMP request anyone seeing the vehicle late Friday or early Saturday to contact the Halifax detachment.



RALPH A. RUSSELL, formerly of Pictou and now of Rockingham, has been elected president of the Cystic Fibrosis Society of Nova Scotia.

Psychiatrist To Lecture

Dr. Hans Strotska of Vienna, author of a study on social psychiatric investigations, will give two lectures at the Victoria General Hospital Nov. 27 and 28.

Dr. Strotska, whose visit is sponsored by Dalhousie University, will speak on concepts of social psychiatry in central Europe, and epidemiological studies of behavior disorders in Austria.

28 Dockyard Employees Receive Medals

Twenty-eight civilian employees at HMC Dockyard were awarded the Canadian Centennial Medal in recognition of valuable service to the nation.

Those honored were: Joseph Rowan, John E. McDonald, Herman Baker, Jack Harley, William Reyno, Randall Domenie, Lionel Jean, John Peach, Henry Jackson, Victor Embrett, Raymond McIntyre, Melburn Colford and Clarence MacFarlane, all of Halifax.

John Breen, Daniel Brownlow, Thomas Cantley, Robert Cochrane, Leverette Graham, Arthur Collier and Richard O'Connell, all of Dartmouth.

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