

Body Of Woman Prosecutor Found; Death Cause Unknown

The body of Miss Alberta O. Jones, prosecuting attorney in Louisville Domestic Relations Court, was found about 10:35 a.m. yesterday in the Ohio River near Fontaine Ferry Park.

Costguardmen called to the scene recovered the body early yesterday afternoon. Deputy Coroner Charles Proctor said after an autopsy that the cause of death has not been determined and that chemical analyses and examination of brain tissues would be necessary.

Her Shoes Are Missing

Miss Jones' body was fully clad when found, except that her shoes were missing. Proctor said two small cuts which were on her face could have been inflicted accidentally.

Miss Jones, 52, a Negro, lived at 2327 Virginia. Appointed to the domestic relations post last February, she was thought to be the first woman ever named prosecuting attorney in a Louisville court.

While police were trying to identify the body, Miss Jones' mother called the Louisville Crime Prevention Bureau at 1:30 p.m. and said her daughter had failed to return from a Wednesday night visit with a friend. Police said Miss Jones lived at the Virginia address with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Jones, and a sister, Mrs. Lutisha Shanklin.

Telephone Call Received

Police said Mrs. Shanklin told them that Miss Jones was at home about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday when she got a telephone call from a close friend, Mrs. Gladys Wyckoff, 2105 W. Broadway.

Police said Mrs. Wyckoff told them she asked Miss Jones to come to the Wyckoff residence to be fitted for a wig, if it were convenient. Mrs. Wyckoff said Miss Jones had ordered the wig earlier.

Miss Jones drove to the beauty salon and tried on the wig, police said. Mrs. Wyckoff said, the two women drove to a restaurant on Fourth at River Road and ordered sandwiches.

After eating, Mrs. Wyckoff said, they returned to Mrs. Wyckoff's residence, talked for awhile, and Miss Jones left for home about 1:30 a.m., still wearing the wig.

Neither Wig Nor Car Found

Police said that neither the wig nor the car driven by Miss Jones has been found. Proctor also said that Miss Jones' dentures were missing when her body

was found. Relatives said she wore both upper and lower plates.

Miss Jones' body was recovered from the river after boys spotted it in the water about 15 feet from the bank at the rear of Fontaine Ferry.

No Jewelry Found On Body

No jewelry was found on the body. Police quoted Mrs. Shanklin as saying her sister never wore jewelry, not even a wrist watch.

Mrs. Shanklin dismissed any theory that her sister might have been despondent. She said Miss Jones was happy in her work and had many friends.

Miss Jones, born in Louisville, was an honor graduate of Central High School. She won a scholarship there and used it to attend the University of Louisville. Later she studied law at Howard Uni-

versity in Washington, D.C., where she was graduated in 1959, fourth in a class of 70.

Her activities included the Independent Voters Association, which she helped found as an agency to increase the number of Negroes registered to vote in Louisville and Jefferson County.

Miss Jones' law office was at 2018 W. Broadway. Proctor said her body was identified by Darryl Owens, who shared the office with Miss Jones.

She was a member of Phillips Chapel CME Church, the Falls City and Kentucky bar associations and Zeta Phi Beta and Iota sororities.

In addition to her mother and sister, she is survived by a brother, Calvin Jones, Los Angeles. The body will be at A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1305 W. Chestnut.



MISS JONES

Strip Mine Ban Sought Within Sight Of Parks

Elimination of strip mining within sight of all state, interstate and national parks in Kentucky will be recommended to Gov. Edward T. Breathitt and the General Assembly.

State Parks Commissioner Robert D.

One Of Most Ugly

He said several outstanding natural areas are now being damaged by direct and indirect effects of open-surface mining. He cited Chained Rock Overlook at Pine Mountain State Park, near Pineville, where the first bench scars from strip mining are visible.

"If the present (mining) operations in this area continue unrestricted, the site that is now one of the nation's most beautiful can soon become one of the nation's most ugly," Bell declared.

The same situation exists at the State Line Overlook on the Kentucky-Virginia border, Cumberland Falls, Natural Bridge, Jennie Wiley, Kingdom Come, Buckhorn and Carter Caves, he said.

Bell noted that Kentucky is a leader in restricting billboard advertising on turnpikes and interstate highways, requiring screening of automobile junkyards and conducting antilitter and beautification campaigns.

"I applaud these progressive steps, but I ask you if their value is not diminished if our tourists and travelers can see . . . a ravaged, gouged landscape as they try to seek outdoor recreational opportunities within our borders," Bell concluded.

Gresham Road Street Lights To Be Studied

An aide to Mayor William O. Cowger said last night the city will consider erection of street lights along Gresham Road.

Joe Glass, administrative assistant to Cowger, told 50 residents along the road he will report results of the city's survey to them.

He met with the residents last night to discuss arson, theft and vandalism that have occurred along the road in the past 18 months. The meeting was in the home of Robert Seery, 1529 Gresham Road.

The city also will study street resurfacing and installation of storm sewers in the area, Glass said. Property owners would pay for any improvements except street lights, he said.

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