



Police Questioning Students In Killing Of B'ham Girl, 14

Boy, 15, Held As Suspect

By LARRY EVOE
City Editor

Birmingham police continued Wednesday to interview dozens of Barnum and Seaholm students in an effort to shed more light on the tragic slaying Friday of 14-year-old Nancy Jean Jones.

Daniel Lovaas, 15, who is being held for investigation in the death, was scheduled to appear at a hearing before Probate Judge Norman R. Barnard at 1:30 p.m. today. The hearing was originally slated for Monday morning but was postponed at the request of Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Robert L. Templin, Jr., to allow Michigan State Police more time to examine a knife that is believed to be the murder weapon.

A PRELIMINARY report has stated there was blood on the knife but police refused to comment on whether or not it could be Nancy's blood. The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, 1128 Emmons, Birmingham, was stabbed in the back at about 7:45 a.m. Friday as she walked along Purdy Street near Barnum School where she was a seventh grader. The Lovaas boy, a 10th grader at Seaholm High School, was apprehended shortly after he arrived at the school. He was identified by one witness as fitting the description of Nancy's attacker.

THE WITNESS, Robert Phelps, 862 Purdy, was standing on his front porch waiting for a ride to school when he saw the assault take place. He told police he saw the girl pass by and a boy was walking about 10 feet behind her. He said the youth started running and then, when he caught up with the girl, appeared to hit her in the stomach. She staggered a few feet and then fell on the lawn of Clint H. Brisendine, 864 Purdy. Police were unaware the girl had been stabbed until they were informed by emergency doctors at William Beaumont Hospital. She was pronounced dead at 8:15 a.m.

IT, ROBERT SCHAULE, who is heading the investigation, said the girl died of a knife wound that severed the aorta (trunk artery carrying blood from the heart to branch arteries). He said the only other marks on her body were bruises on her nose and a hand which she apparently received as she fell to the ground. Another witness whom police have not officially identified is believed to have seen a boy who fits Lovaas' description running away from the scene. Teams of detectives have been busy since last Friday trying to piece together the suspect's movements the day of the crime.

THE BOY, whom one official described as being "cool as a cucumber," has denied any knowledge of the slaying or of knowing the dead girl. Earlier reports that the boy had asked Nancy Jean for a date and was refused have not been substantiated by police although they do admit investigation has showed there is a possibility she and Danny might have been at several parties at the Birmingham YMCA and at several school dances.

They have not revealed, as yet, any information that the pair knew each other. WALTER R. DENISON, one of the boy's attorneys, said he talked to Danny Monday and the youth denied knowing Nancy. Denison and his partner, Richard P. Condit, have refused (under juvenile crime laws) to let police or the prosecutor's office talk to the boy since his arrest. Only (See SUSPECT, 2-A)

LYMAN J. CRAIG
U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart (D, Mich.) announced Tuesday that the Treasury Dept. has awarded a Coast Guard contract of \$225,000 to Lee Industries, 1300 Coalidge Road, Birmingham, for 15 hydrographic winches.



Nancy Jean Jones—because of a fat tire she missed her normal ride to school. While walking alone on Purdy Street, the girl was stabbed in the back with a knife. Police are holding a 15-year-old Seaholm 10th grader who has been identified as the attacker.

Kelley Seeks Test Of TAE Legality

By LARRY EVOE
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TAE has challenged the Birmingham Board of Education to test its legality in court.

After a heated 45-minute discussion with the board Tuesday night attorney Bethel Kelley announced that his daughter Nancy, a student at Seaholm, was an active member of TAE and challenged the board to prosecute her. The board ignored the challenge.

However, a special meeting of the Board has been called for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hill Building.

THE MEETING HAS been scheduled to consider what action will be taken by the board against fraternities and sororities that are operating within the schools.

The board, despite changes in the constitution and by-laws of TAE, has held that the organization is illegal and is operating within the state statute which prohibits membership in such groups by public school students.

Under the law Nancy could be suspended or expelled from school and her graduation credits could be withheld.

KELLEY TOLD the board he was pressing the issue because it appeared to him the board "had no desire to get a speedy determination on the matter."

"I'd like to get this silly quarrel out of the way and get back to the business of educating our children," he said.

Efforts by Kelley and TAE to get help from the board on seeking an attorney general's opinion have failed.

The board has taken the stand that it is in no position to get an opinion from the state.

Kelley told the board Tuesday night that if legal steps were taken against his daughter the schools would be faced with suits that

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This is the knife police believe was used to kill Nancy Jones. The weapon, which is commonly known as a fish knife, has a blade 4 1/2 inches long. Preliminary reports show there was blood on the knife. The weapon is reproduced here in almost its normal size.

Student Group Raps Us for Teen Articles

See "People's Column" letter on 1-B

The Student Congress at Seaholm High School has adopted a resolution criticizing The Birmingham Eccentric for its coverage of teen news.

The resolution, raps the paper for its articles on "Woodwarding," "wince-smoking," gang fights, "malboxing," paper-burning, fraternities and sororities, smoking and drinking and auto theft. It was adopted Jan. 2 by the House of Representatives of the Student Congress.

"It is the consensus of this body that these are the actions of a small minority of teen-agers, but are reported as representative of this group as a whole," the resolution stated.

"THE EXTENT" to which these crimes have been committed has been grossly exaggerated by The Eccentric.

"Teen-agers who do participate in these deeds are seeking attention."

"Stories appearing in The Eccentric fulfill this desire and encourage the culprits to continue their extrajudicial acts."

"Said stories also serve to inspire teen-agers previously unaware of these acts to participate in them."

"Therefore, (it is resolved) that The Birmingham Eccentric exercise better judgment in reporting the activities of teen-agers."

"That the president of the Student Congress, on behalf of the student body, write a letter to the editor of The Eccentric conveying the feeling of the House on this subject."

"That copies of this resolution be sent to The Birmingham Eccentric and the Highlander."

The resolution was signed by David Zimmer, president.

Suburbia Today Column Retells Local Incident

Remember the story about the neighbors calling Birmingham police after hearing a woman's screams one winter night? Remember what it was all about?

Whether you remember the incident or not, you will enjoy the retelling of it in the "Getting Around" column in the February issue of Suburbia Today.

It will appear with the Feb. 6 edition of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Especially interesting articles in this month's supplement include "How Necessary Is College?" by Sloan Wilson; "Should Your Town Welcome Industry?" and "Festive Food Best."

Be sure to look for these and other informative, entertaining articles in Suburbia Today appearing with next week's Eccentric.

Give Impressions Of Nancy, Daniel

By DAVE PHILPO
Township Editor

A study in contrast. A 14-year-old girl with many close friends and a 15-year-old boy who was known in his high school classes as a "loner."

Both Nancy Jean Jones, the slain, and Daniel Lovaas, the suspected slayer, left definite impressions with those who knew them.

At Seaholm
Ross Wagner, principal at Seaholm: "Daniel Lovaas only entered the school in September, so we knew very little about him. As far as we know, he was not a problem, except that he was not a strong student and his attendance was poor."

"He was really the quiet type who didn't have a friend in the world," he said. "The one thing he wanted most was to be accepted."

At Barnum
Roy E. Vannette, principal at Barnum Junior High School: "Nancy was a very well-liked girl with an unusually large group of close friends. Needless to say, everyone—teachers and students—was shocked at her death."

Although the news of Nancy's death was not formally announced at Barnum until shortly before school let out at 3:18 p.m., students and teachers had known hours beforehand.

Several of Nancy's close friends were so overcome with grief they were sent home by the principal for the rest of the day.

ONE OF THESE—a 14-year-old girl, who wished not to be identified—said Nancy was loved by everyone. Her eyes were red from crying.

"Nancy had such a wonderful personality," she said. "She was the type who would fit in anywhere."

The friend was one of the first to arrive at school, had indicated Nancy had been hurt.

"She just lay there, not moving," she sobbed.

THE FRIEND'S mother said Nancy had visited her daughter many times and had always seemed like "a nice, quiet little girl."

Vannette said first reports brought to him by students just arriving at school, had indicated that Nancy was injured, possibly in an automobile accident or a fight.

He was informed by police that Nancy had died in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, at 8:15 a.m. (See BARNUM, 4-A)

Bloomfield Township trustee charges "undue concern" given to local youth problems. See story on 3-A.

It's the little things in life that makes the social whirl go round. See story, pictures on 1-C.

TV star B'wana Don entertains boys and girls at the Community House. See pictures on 1-D.

Groves swim team, edged by Thurston, points to league meet March 7. See story, pictures on 1-E.

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B'field Adds 2 Members to Study Unit

See editorial 1-B

Two additional members were appointed to the Citizen's Committee for Local Government by the Bloomfield Township Board Monday night.

The board also changed the fee for direct tap-in to the township water system, denied a rezoning petition and authorized issuance of \$146,000 of special assessment water improvement bonds.

Committee appointees are Robert Fink, 1577 Island Lane, and John Denman, 2572 Covington Place. A third member representing the Chapel Hills area will be appointed after a selection is made by the subdivision association.

THE TOWNSHIP board also gave Supervisor Homer Case authority to appoint the chairman and vice chairman for the committee, which is studying various forms of local government which could be adopted by the township.

Trustee Frank Swindell questioned the length of time members of the committee have lived in the township.

"I would resent anyone without three or more years of residency serving on the committee," he said. "Case assured me that the new (See UNIT, 7-A)

Watch Your Language on The Phone

Telephone harassment is now illegal in Birmingham. Commissioners Monday night adopted an amendment to the city code making it unlawful for a person to bother another over the telephone.

Assistant City Manager Robert S. Kenning said the amendment will come under the disorderly conduct. Persons convicted under that ordinance are subject to fines of up to \$100 and/or up to 90 days in jail.

The new amendment will make it unlawful to "telemole" someone repeatedly or cause the same to be done for the primary purpose of harassing such other person or his family, whether or not conversation ensues; or to use any threatening, vulgar, indecent, obscene, immoral or insulting language over the telephone.

COMMISSIONER David F. Breck first proposed the adoption of such an ordinance several weeks ago.

Breck said he personally knew of two cases where Birmingham residents had been "telemoled" or harassed or threatening telephone calls.

"In one instance the culprit identified himself, but in both cases there could be no prosecution because no crime had been committed," Breck said.

He said he believed the state legislature should adopt a statute (See LANGUAGE, 7-A)

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