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"SCIOTOVILLE YOUTH SLAIN DURING LIQUOR ROW"

**" OHIO FURNACE VICINITY IS SCENE OF SHOOTING"
"MOON SHINE " DROPPED FROM HANDS OF ALLEGED GUN USER STARTS
QUARREL WHICH ENDS
IN DEATH OF CLYDE GAMMON --"MOOD" MADDOX IS SOUGHT**

AN ARGUMENT OVER A GALLON OF MOONSHINE, ONE "MOOD" MADDOX, OF THE OHIO FURNACE VICINITY IS SAID TO HAVE DROPPED WHILE DRINKING WITH THE ALLEGED PURCHASER, CLYDE GAMMON, 22 OF SCIOTOVILLE, RESULTED IN THE FATAL SHOOTING OF GAMMON AT THE HOME OF MADDOX, IN THE EASTERN PART OF GREEN TOWNSHIP ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK MONDAY NIGHT. GAMMON, SUFFERING WITH A WOUND INFLICTED BY A BULLET THAT PASSED CLEAR THROUGH HIS BODY, DIED AS HE REACHED THE OFFICE OF DR. FRANK MASSIE AT HAVERHILL ABOUT A HALF HOUR AFTER THE SHOOTING. IRVIN WOHLER AND ALBERT NAGLE, BOTH SCIOTOVILLE YOUNG MEN, FRIENDS OF GAMMON, TOOK HIM TO THE OFFICE OF THE PHYSICIAN IN AN AUTOMOBILE.

MADDOX, WHO FLED, IS BEING SOUGHT BY SHERIFF ELZA CANTER AS THE ALLEGED GUN USER. ACCORDING TO WOHLER AND NAGLE, THE TRIO LEFT SCIOTOVILLE EARLY LAST NIGHT TO VISIT THE OHIO FURNACE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY KNEW SEVERAL YOUNG WOMEN. THEY CLAIM THE FIRST STOP WAS AT THE MADDOX HOME WHERE THEY REMAINED WHILE GAMMON WENT UP THE ROAD AFTER TWO WOMEN. WOHLER AND NAGLE CLAIM GAMMON ORDERED A SUPPLY OF MOONSHINE FROM MADDOX BEFORE HE LEFT, AND THAT WHEN HE RETURNED WITH TWO MEN, MADDOX HAD SECURED A GALLON OF MOONSHINE, GAMMON USED NAGLE'S MACHINE IT IS SAID.

ON THE RETURN OF GAMMON AND THE WOMEN WOHLER AND NAGLE CLAIM THE JUG WAS UNCORKED AND GAMMON TOOK A SIP, MADDOX REMARKED THAT IF HE TOOK ANOTHER DRINK HE COULD PROBABLY SING BETTER. THE YOUNG MEN SAY THAT GAMMON DRANK AGAIN AND THEN PASSED THE JUG TO MADDOX WHO DROPPED IT, THE JUG BROKE.

WOMAN FEINTS WOUND

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ACCORDING TO HIS COMPANIONS GAMMON THEN REMARKED TO MADDOX "IF YOU ARE A MAN YOU WILL MAKE IT GOOD". MADDOX IS SAID TO HAVE PLACED HIS HANDS IN A TRUNK AND THEN TO HAVE BACKED INTO THE KITCHEN. ON REACHING THE KITCHEN, HE FIRED ONE SHOT, APPARENTLY INTO THE AIR, IT IS SAID. ONE OF THE YOUNG WOMEN IS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN OVER AS IF SHOT. THIS WAS A SIGNAL FOR THE VISITORS TO RETREAT FROM THE HOUSE AND ACCORDING TO NAGLE AND WOHLER, THE TWO WOMEN AND THEMSELVES GOT OUT OF THE HOUSE AHEAD OF GAMMON. THEY CLAIM THAT MADDOX WAS STILL IN THE KITCHEN WHEN THE SECOND SHOT WAS FIRED. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE THE SHOT THAT STRUCK GAMMON. GAMMON IS SAID TO HAVE FALLEN JUST OUTSIDETHE FRONT DOOR. JOHN MADDOX, FATHER OF "MOOD" MADDOX, IS SAID TO HAVE ASSISTED NAGLE AND WOHLER IN PLACING THE WOUNDED MAN IN THE MACHINE FOR THE TRIP TO THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE AT HAVERHILL. ACCORDING TO DR. MASSIE, GAMMON WAS PROBABLY DEAD WHEN HE REACHED HIS OFFICE ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE THAT HE BREATHED A LITTLE AFTER BEING CARRIED INTO THE OFFICE BY HIS COMPANIONS. CORONER VIRGIL FOWLER WAS CALLED TO THE OFFICE OF DR. MASSIE AND EXAMINED THE BODY. HE FOUND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED GAMMON'S BACK AND PASSED JUST UNDER THE HEART COMING OUT UNDER THE LEFT BREAST. THE ALLEGED GUN USER IS SAID TO BE ABOUT 22 YEARS OF AGE. HIS FATHER AND MOTHER ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN HOME AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING. THE MADDOX HOME IS UP A HOLLOW BEYOND OHIO FURNACE AND IS ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM OHIO FURNACE PIKE TO THE PINE CREEK ROAD. RELATIVES OF GAMMON DID NOT LEARN OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THEIR SON UNTIL ABOUT MIDNIGHT.

PARENTS NOTIFIED

ABOUT THAT TIME CLAUDE TAYLOR AND HARLAN REMY OF SCIOTOVILLE, WHO WENT TO THE HOME OF GAMMON'S PARENTS, MR. & MRS. W. T. GAMMON, 5411-1/2 WINCHESTER AVENUE, SCIOTOVILLE, AND BROKE THE NEWS OF THE DEATH TO THE PARENTS. UNDERTAKER E. E. HACGUARD OF SCIOTOVILLE HAD LEARNED OF THE DEATH A SHORT TIME BEFORE AND HAD REMY AND TAYLOR VISIT THE GAMMON HOME. THE GRIEF-STRICKEN MOTHER, IN HER ANGUISH, SAID THAT SHE COULD NOT BELIEVE IT WAS HER SON, BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN IN BETTER SPIRITS THAN USUAL EARLIER IN THE EVENING AND BEFORE LEAVING HOME HAD JOKED WITH HER. GAMMON WAS 22 YEARS OF AGE NOVEMBER 4 LAST. ALL HIS LIFE HAD BEEN SPENT IN SCIOTOVILLE WHERE HE ATTENDED THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE WORKED FOR A SHORT TIME IN THE CARLYLE BRICK PLANT WEST OF SCIOTOVILLE. SURVIVING IN ADDITION TO THE PARENTS ARE FOUR BROTHERS AND TWO SISTERS: WILLIAM AT HOME; ANDREW OF FREDERICK; BURT OF LINWOOD; GEORGE OF SCIOTOVILLE; MRS. STELLA BALDRIDGE OF SCIOTOVILLE; AND MRS. MARY TITUS OF PORTSMOUTH. SHERIFF CANTER AND DEPUTY GREEN WILLIS WENT TO THE SCENE AND AFTER VIEWING THE BODY AT THE OFFICE OF DR. MASSIE AND TALKING WITH WOHLER AND

NAGLE, BEGAN A SEARCH FOR "MOOD" MADDOX. EMRICK'S AMBULANCE WAS SENT TO THE SCENE BY DEPUTY SHERIFF ROBERT RENO, AFTER SHERIFF CANTER HAD COMMUNICATED WITH HIS OFFICE.

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