HUNDREDS AT OBSEQUIES OF MURDERED BOY

Victim of Young America Murder Mystery Is Laid To Final Rest.

WOOD TO BE DENIED BAIL

Coroner Orders Him Held On Charge of Murder In the First Degree.

The body of Walter Collins, victim of a murder mystery near Young America, was laid to rest in the North Union cemetery, Kirkle township, yesterday afternoon, the funeral being attended by hundreds of sympathetic friends of the family and neighbors. The services were held at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Collins, of Kaspar, a little village adjoining Kirkle, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral was the largest ever held in Kirkle and Kirkle township in years. The tragic circumstances surrounding the boy's death, the mystery which still shrouds the criminality as to what effect it is to have on other lives, combined to make the occasion one and the most unusual.

While the community in which Walter Collins lived, and the relatives and friends, believing that the law's representatives are doing all that can be done to solve the mystery of the manner in which the killing is attended, it feels the wickedness and cruelty of the crime so keenly that it is determined to bring the person, or persons who perpetrated it to account. There are many rumors and many stories and reports that cannot be substantiated, being considered deep the case, but it is felt that there is a reason, there is an cause, whatever the case may be, and that the investigation of the crime will not stop until we or the law and determination may.

Information from Logansport is to the effect that Gardner Jerald C. Ralston, who was called to the scene from Young America, where he had spent the day with Prosecutor W. E. Stoner and Sheriff Charles Shook investigating the killing of Walter Collins, Hazelwood as order to the sheriff to take Ellis Wood, son of a wealthy farmer living near Young America, who is held pending the formal filing of a charge of first degree murder against him.

The Cass county officers, after spending the day in Kirkle township investigating dozens of rumors, probing innumerable stories and going over the ground where the boy's body was found, and again, arrived at the conclusion that Ellis Wood, the young farmer living near Young America, who is held in connection with the murder of Walter Collins, whom Jesse Wood covered, is the person who killed young Walter Collins in cold blood. Wood was seen in Young America on Sunday night, between eleven and twelve o'clock, driving his car, by near the village, received him and threw his body at the side of the road, it is said.

Wood, it is said, views with concern the proceedings looking to his arrest and charge of murder, and is so acting as a marvelous exhibition of sham indifference. His father, who is a wealthy farmer living near Carroll county near the point where Carroll, Howard and Cass corner, visited his son in the jail yesterday. During the interview, both the father and son insisted there was no the least cause for the charge of murder, that the arrest had been wholly unwarranted, and that the release of the accused would be ordered as soon as the matter came before Judge Hazelwood. Wood has engaged Attorney Ralph Gardner to sell non release through a writ of habeas corpus.

Wood is popular in the others who are trying to fasten the murder of young Walter Collins on him. He has numerous and other persons who have sought interviews with him. The young man is described as a young mixture of simplicity and sage. Persons who have conversed with him in the past, describe him as a young man having clear mannerism and a complete lack of stability and stinking. They find it difficult to reconcile the idea of a young man and talking with him that you somehow imagined to give cool, calculating, cunning, and cruel, and yet, at times, extremely a morbid and fantastic. Wood is about a little part of fourteen—a mere boy, in fact—and he is described by those who have known him for years as a boy who is not in their theory that he intentionally had killed the girl's attention seemed to.

When asked by a caller Tuesday morning, the day following the killing of Collins, Wood is reported to have replied:

"Well, no, I don't know—I don't know anyone that wouldn't want to login to his surname. Then was Sunday I was of Dad. When I came out of church, after services I was, Ellis Wood standing in the vestibule, and he said to me, 'Hello, Jesse,' and I replied, the meaning of 'Jesse' stop for a night and the exciting affair of the morning, I don't remember what things are alleged as when 'Jesse' is in and 'what' is in or so."

Wood was asked if he knew Jesse had endangered the strange story of Ellis Wood, double how or not, he certainly she was all unconscious of it.

"Why, he is a man," exclaimed the boy, "he is a man, he is a man, he is a man and age the father'and brother, but he better said anything to me and I don't know what I would do to him."

But while she was blind to it there were others to whom Wood's infatuation for the girl was all too evident. The others of the little town declare that Ellis Wood was in love with the girl that it was amazing. He had never had a girl in his life, they say, and he was amazed at the idea of her in the presence of the Freshman girl, but never tried to force his attention upon her. He was, in fact, really talking about her, and when, over the subject merged off in he always brought it back to Lucile Freshman. This is vouched for by all the people who knew the young couple. It was the society of boys of 16 or 17 that Wood sought almost exclusively. He was a boy among boys. He was the shamming, as a strange, morose, wild-eyed fellow. Very practical in his business life, he seemed to live in a fanciful world, romantic, romantic and poetic. He dreamed of adventure with pretty fellows about the country in his car; always carrying a revolver, and he was a good shot.

"Now, suppose there was a fellow laying for me with a gun just around the corner of the house, I'd go out and he would whip out his gun and fire three or four shots into a corner post where his imaginary enemy lurked. The tale of the neighborhood was that he was a good shot, he pulled that gun almost any old time," declared Virgil Dark yesterday.

Wood's father said yesterday, says Collins that Wood was jealous of him as has been stated.

"It was Collins who told me," said young Dark yesterday. "He came to my place and he said he was afraid he had told too about Lucile Freshman, and he said Wood was jealous of him. I told him I had seen Wood talking with his gun, but Collins said he was not afraid of him." Young Dark also said that he had seen Collins and Jesse Wood had taken Collins, Lucile Freshman, Ellis Wiles and Dave Wiles out

WALTER COLLINS OF ERVIN TOWNSHIP BELIEVED VICTIM OF A JEALOUS RIVAL

BODY FOUND ON THE COUNTY LINE ROAD

KOKOMO, IND., TUESDAY,

Ellis Wood, Son of a Wealthy Farmer Near Young America, Arrested On Suspicion That He Is the Slayer.

COLLINS A SCHOOLBOY

Young Man Suspected of Killing Him Is Twenty-Nine Years of Age.

MYSTERY ABOUT AFFAIR

Wood Denies Any Knowledge of Affair, But Officers Say the Evidence Points To Him.

YOUNG LADY IN THE CASE

Young America Schoolgirl Her Ring Was On the Dead Boy's Finger.

THE COMMUNITY IS STIRRED

Determined To Get At Facts—Question As To What County the Killing Occurred In.

The body of Walter Collins aged 16 son of Jesse Collins, a rather intelligent farmer living near Young America, was found on the road on the line between Carroll and Cass counties near Kaspar, Kirkle township, and Young America, Ellis Wood, son of a wealthy farmer living near Young America, is in the county jail charged with the murder of young Walter Collins, and Sheriff Charles Shook, of Kokomo, and Prosecutor Stoner, of Logansport, hold out the suspicion that he is the boy's slayer. Wood was arrested in Young America. He was carrying a shotgun when taken with a Winchester rifle in his car. It is generally believed that Collins had been dead twenty-four hours.

Wood was taken to Kokomo and when confronted that he was under arrest for killing Collins. He immediately denied that he was guilty and that he had no knowledge whatever as to who had committed the crime. Wood, when he was taken to Kokomo, said he had had long been the practice of carrying a shotgun and a rifle in his car, feeling that he might do so for his protection. He said he had been hunting around Kirkle for a week. When told that it was a thirty-two caliber rifle found in his car, he said that he had certainly could not be urged against him, as revealed by the ballistic experts.

The boy, he was reported, had left his home and disappeared, and was the day of the murder. He had been seen in Kokomo, Indianapolis, Logansport, and other places. He was seen in the second hand store in Kokomo, and he had purchased a Winchester rifle and a shotgun. He was also seen in the pawnshop. Wood's father said he had gone to the body and found the boy's body in the road. Wood's father said he had seen his son on Sunday night, and he had left his home in the morning, and he had left his home in the morning, and he had left his home in the morning