

throughout New England last night as the key to a solution of the brutal killing of Mary DiRocco, 14, found shot, stabbed and her body set afire in the cellar of her home at 39 Minnesota st., Somerville.

Capt. Leroy D. Pierce of the Somerville police sent out a teletype message to the police of the six states asking that Mildred McDonald of Somerville be picked up for questioning.

He warned that she may be armed and should be approached with caution.

The victim of the brutal gun slaying was the niece of Boston City Councillor Gabriel Piemonte.

The girl being sought is the former girl friend of the slain girl's brother, Joseph. Their romance was broken off when he married another girl last April.

As the hours dragged on into the morning without finding Miss McDonald, Somerville police expressed fear that she herself may be dead.

If she is not found Somerville police will begin dragging the Mystic river from Wellington bridge to the Medford line this morning.

The search took in motels in New Hampshire and Maine at which Miss McDonald is known to have stopped when on vacation trips with girl friends.

The girl's father, Alfred J. McDonald, of 9 Lovell st., Somerville, a teacher at Northeastern Junior High, said he had not seen or heard from his daughter since early morning.

He expressed himself as bewildered by the turn of events. Late last night the family engaged the services of Atty. Dwight Allison of Belmont.

The grisly discovery of the slain girl's body was made by her brother, Robert, 17, who smelled smoke as he entered the house and traced it to the cellar.

AFIRE ON BREAST

Going downstairs he found his frail, young sister lying face down on the floor. Sheets of oil-soaked newspapers were smouldering about her.

Still burning, on her breast, was a magazine. No weapon was to be found, neither knife, or revolver, both of which were used in the fiendish slaying.

Robert said he encountered Mildred McDonald leaving the house as he was entering.

"When I came into the house I smelled smoke," he told police. "I called for Mary but got no answer."

"I traced the smoke to the cellar. Then I ran downstairs and there was my sister lying on the cellar floor. She was covered with blood. The fire was beginning to burn her sweater."

"I beat out the flames with my hands and feet. Then I ran to the home of the Haggertys across the street and got help. I begged them to come over to

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JOSEPH DIROCCO



POLICE SGT. JOSEPH DOLE AT MURDER SCENE
Body of Girl Found on Floor in Front of Him
(Record-American Photo by Paul Queenan)

Smith Girl Missing At Wellesley Home

Sylvia Plath, 20, a Smith College girl living at 26 Elmwood st., Wellesley, was reported missing to the police last night by her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath.

She left a note at her home stating she was going for a walk. Her favorite spots for walking were the Public Garden and the Esplanade along the Charles River where police of the Back Bay and Joy st. stations went to look for her.

Miss Plath was to re-enter Smith in the fall as a senior. She topped her junior class. Her mother said she has been under a doctor's care for a nervous condition.

She is five feet nine inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. Her hair is dark brown and her eyes are brown. She was wearing a light blue skirt and white, sleeveless blouse when she left home.

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Edward Christopher, 34, of North Beacon st., Brighton, father of two, a railroad express employe recently discharged from the Mattapan State Hospital, was found dead yesterday on his kitchen floor. The room filled



Mrs. Ruth Wood, 23, of Pittsfield, holds a .45-calibre slug that passed through her body without injuring any vital organs. She was wounded accidentally as a gun her husband, Arthur, was cleaning, suddenly discharged. She calmly told him to call a doctor.

MILDRED McDONALD Sought by Authorities

Bolts Hit 20 Homes In Squall

Lightning struck a score of homes last night as a driving thunder storm, accompanied by gusts of wind up to 50 miles-an-hour, swept over Metropolitan Boston. The wind-driven rains disrupted vehicular traffic throughout the area.

The storm, part of a squall line extending from Portland, Me., to south of Boston, struck between 6 and 7 p. m. and tumbled temperatures from a humid 80 to 67 degrees, within an hour.

Lightning started small fires in homes on Harvard st. and North Munroe ter., Dorchester, while in South Boston 18 persons were driven out of a three family house on Boston st., by a small fire in a roof cupola.

Mrs. Evelyn Stenstream, 28, was stunned when lightning struck a garage behind her home at 37 Bertwell rd., Lexington. She and her brother, Wayne, had just left the garage.

C. J. Smith, 30, of 46 Gilman st., Somerville, suffered critical internal injuries when he lost control of his auto and crashed a tree at Fellsway and Mystic ave., Somerville.

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