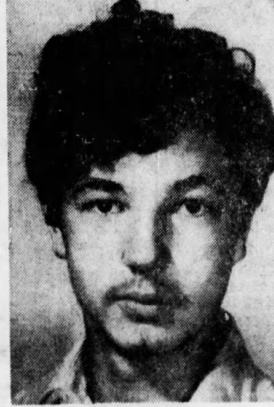




CINDY DWORCHAK
Missing since April 26.



JOHN BESONG
Victim of gunshot wound.

Both Shot in Head, Dead 3 Months

Bodies of Teen-Agers Found in Leet Twp.

Authorities yesterday probed the gunshot deaths of a Leetsdale teen-aged couple in an effort to determine whether they resulted from a murder-suicide or a double murder.

The skeletal remains of Cindy Dworchak, 13, of 351 Washington St., and John Besong, 15, of 415 Washington St., were found at 7:25 p. m. Sunday in a wooded area of Leet Township near the Leetsdale border. The desolate area, known as the old Davis estate, is about 800 yards from Davis Lane.

The couple was reported missing April 26 by Police Chief Michael Poninsky of Leetsdale, who said the Dworchak girl had run away four times and the Besong boy had run away twice. Poninsky said the girl had taken \$300 in quarters and half-dollars belonging to her mother.

ROBERT NEWHOUSE, 31, of 2 Davis Road, Fair Oaks, and his 10-year-old son found the bodies while they were picking berries.

County Homicide Detective William Fera, heading a five-man squad, said the bodies were virtually skeletons. They were fully clothed.

An antique .22 caliber single shot bolt action pistol and 74 cents in change were found beside the bodies.

Fera said identification was made through clothing and a wallet.

Dr. Cyril Wecht, Allegheny County coroner, said both deaths appeared

caused by single gunshot wounds to the head.

THE GUN REPORTEDLY was owned by the Besong boy's family.

Yesterday, authorities sought to locate the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dworchak, who are vacationing in Florida. The Besong boy's family was reported in Erie, but authorities contacted other relatives.

The couple was seen several days after they were reported missing and residents of the area reported hearing shots about two months ago.

The victims were students at Quaker Valley Junior High School.

