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GREENVILLE, DEL. (AP)-SOCIALITE MRS. KATHERINE THOMPSON WOOD, WHO WAS BLUDGEONED TO DEATH LAST WEEK, WAS BURIED IN SIMPLE CEREMONIES SATURDAY AS POLICE PUSHED A SEARCH FOR HER MURDERER.

ABOUT 200 RELATIVES AND CLOSE FRIENDS ATTENDED SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL OF THE CHRIST, CHRISTIANA HUNDRED PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH HERE.

THE PLAIN MAHOGANY CASKET, WITH A SINGLE SPRAY OF WHITE LILLIES, WAS THEN TAKEN TO LOWER BRANDYWINE CEMETERY, ABOUT TWO MILES AWAY.

EVEN WHILE MRS. WOOD WAS BEING BURIED, POLICE CONTINUED AN INEXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNTAGLE MYSTERY.

MRS. WOOD, WHOSE BROTHER IS THE FAMOUS "MISSING SILK KING OF THAILAND," WAS VICIOUSLY BEATEN ON THE HEAD AS HER TWO GIANT WATCHDOGS STOOD BY IN THE BEDROOM OF HER HOME IN NEARBY PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP, NEAR WEST CHESTER, PA. HER BODY WAS FOUND LAST WEDNESDAY BY A MAID.

DIST. ATTY. A. ALFRED DELDUCCO, OF CHESTER COUNTY, IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION, SAID A 75-MAN FORCE OF STATE AND LOCAL POLICE WILL COVER THE 14-ACRE ESTATE "INCH-BY-INCH" IN AN EFFORT TO TURN UP CLUES.

INVESTIGATORS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE KILLER HAD RANSACKED THE HOUSE, THUS RULING OUT ROBBERY AS THE MOTIVE. THE FAILURE OF THE DOGS TO DEFEND MRS. WOOD HAS LED POLICE TO BELIEVE THAT SHE KNEW HER KILLER.

MRS. WOOD'S BROTHER, JAMES THOMPSON, BUILT AN INTERNATIONAL SILK EMPIRE IN THAILAND AFTER WORLD WAR II BUT MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED LAST MARCH ON A WALK THROUGH A MALAYSIAN JUNGLE. POLICE OFFICIALLY LIST HIM AS ALIVE.

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