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Reporter Found Dead at Home

James Koethe, 30-year-old Dallas Times Herald reporter, was found dead in his apartment at 4115 San Jacinto Monday morning.

Police said the body, lying on the floor wrapped in a blanket, was discovered, by his landlady, Mrs. Vera Nichols, after he failed to report for work.

No wound was apparent on the body, police said.

Charles Dhority, homicide and robbery bureau detective, said the apartment was in disarray and Mr. Koethe's car was missing. His billfold also had been stripped and several guns were missing.

The reporter's mother, Mrs. David Wirz of Seymour, called the newspaper Monday morning and told Paul Rosenfield, editor of Sunday Magazine, for which Mr. Koethe was a staff writer, that she had been unable to contact her son during the weekend.

Mr. Rosenfield contacted Nichols at the apartment house where the reporter lived alone. She and George Schwartz, an-



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other occupant of the apartment house, discovered the body.

Police estimated he had been dead since sometime Sunday afternoon or evening.

Mr. Koethe joined The Times Herald April 9, 1962, as a general assignments reporter and feature writer.

He was born in Henrietta and was graduated from Seymour High School and North Texas State University.

After two years on the Denton Record-Chronicler, he joined the staff of the Wichita Falls Record-News in 1955 as a staff writer. From 1957 to 1959, he served in the U.S. Army at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., after which he returned to the Wichita Falls paper.

Justice of the Peace W. E. Richburg ordered an autopsy.