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**WIDE SEARCH FOR SLAYERS OF A. BOWIE**

Former Newport Merchant Killed at Place of Business in Augusta Saturday Night.

WAS SHOT IN BACK.

Funeral Services Held in Newport This Afternoon.

Arthur Bowie, former general store operator in Newport and for many years the teacher of the men's Bible class of the First Methodist church, here was shot and killed in his place of business just outside the city limits of Augusta about 11 p.m. Saturday. The murderer or murderers had not been located today and officers over this section of the state had spread a wide net in their efforts to trap them. Funeral services for Mr. Bowie were held in the chapel of the New Furniture and Undertaking Company here this afternoon. The Rev. O.L. Cole, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the Rev. A.N. Storey, pastor of the Methodist church in Augusta, were in charge.

Burial was made in Walnut Grove cemetery.

Arthur Bowie was a native of Stillwater, Okla, but had spent most of his life in Newport. He was a quiet and unassuming man, and was ever held in high repute among his fellowmen. He defended his convictions vigorously and for many years was an ardent worker in the church of his choice. He was 60 years of age at the time of his death.

Mr. Bowie is survived by his widow, four sons, Arthur J. Bowie of Tampa, Fla, Bill Caxon Bowie of Fort Riley, Kan., Bobby Bowie and Max Owen Bowie of Augusta, and a daughter, Miss Doris Bowie, University of Arkansas.

Officers believed that robbery was probably the motive for the killing, although money on Mr. Bowie's person was not taken. Late in March, three bandits robbed Mr. Bowie of \$200, forced him into their automobile and took him eight miles into the country before putting him out. They have not been apprehended.

Sheriff Ed Ramsey said his office had very little to go on in the search for the assailants. Mr. Bowie, he said had fired three times from his gun and two bullet holes were found in the walls.

Mr. Bowie, the sheriff said, was shot only once, the bullet entering the border of his left shoulder and ranging downward.