

**WORST CRIME KNOWN
TO PEACE OFFICERS**

The 8-year-old daughter of Co. Judge and Mrs. C. B. Maynard of Bastrop was kidnaped Tuesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. She was last seen crossing the street from the grade school on her way to her home one block from the school campus. Toward dusk when she failed to report to her mother, a search was begun which lasted all night and Wednesday afternoon the body was found 1½ miles north of Bastrop in a pasture when she was in an unconscious condition, having been slugged several times on the head and other marks on her body showed that she had been dragged a distance and through a wire fence where some of her school books were found. The crime is pronounced by veteran peace officers as the worst they had ever seen and the worst in Bastrop County in fifty years.

An army truck had been seen parked near the school campus the afternoon of the kidnaping. A track resembling that of an army model motor vehicle was found near the place where the body was found. The body was removed to a hospital Wednesday afternoon, a turn for the worse took place and chances for her recovery were slim.

Thursday a. m. one of the soldiers at Camp Swift, age 38, and a band director was apprehended as the one who did the crime. He was from St. Paul, Minn. He had stolen an officer's car and while going to Austin he bought some gasoline enroute and failed to pay for it. Soldiers at Camp Swift Wednesday night received no supper as the tightest restrictions were clamped down to apprehend any suspect.