

Ship Officer's Body Is Found

W. J. Coffee, Mate Of Corrales, Drowns

The body of William John Coffee, 56, first mate on the SS Corrales, anchored in Pensacola bay, was recovered by police and sheriff's deputies at 9:25 a.m. Sunday from Bayou Chico at the foot of J street.

Captain H. J. Robinson of the Corrales told police that Coffee had been missing since March 24.

Police Detective G. C. Lott said the body was discovered by residents of the area who immediately notified Chief of Police William O'Connell.

Autopsy Held

Justice of the Peace L. B. Morgan said an autopsy conducted by Dr. Gretchen Squires indicated that Coffee had died from drowning. Morgan said there was no evidence of foul play and that no inquest would be held.

The body was identified through fingerprints taken by Special Officer J. D. Knepper who compared them with prints on Coffee's passport.

Coffee is a native of Seacombe, England. Fisher-Pou Funeral home, in charge of arrangements, has notified the British consul in Mobile, Ala., of Coffee's death.