

In their Boone home Monday —

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Ex-Irwin resident, wife shot to death

BOONE — Robert Lee Bargaenquast, a former Shelby county resident and 1952 graduate of Irwin high school, and his wife were found shot to death in their home here Monday afternoon.

Survived by many friends and relatives in the Shelby county area, the Bargaenquasts had visited as recently as Saturday with the Marvin Mikkelsens of Kimballton,

friends of the family. Mrs Merlin Buthmann of Harlan, a friend of the family's, said she was informed by Bargaenquast's sister, Lois (Mrs Dick) Smith of Des Moines, that autopsies were to be performed Tuesday.

The Des Moines Register reported in its Jan. 8 edition that authorities, according to a

statewide law enforcement bulletin, were looking for a white man wearing a hat and trench coat, wanted in connection with the shootings. The suspect was believed to be driving a car stolen in Boone.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation was called in to help with the investigation.

LOCAL ANGLE

Bargaenquast grew up in the Irwin area with his father, Elmer Bargaenquast (deceased), and mother, the former Alice Laver.

Survivors from the Shelby county area include Bargaenquast's uncle and aunt

from Harlan, Ralph Laver and his wife, Vera.

After graduating from Irwin high school, Bargaenquast attended Simpson College at Indianola. His wife, Helen Lucille, 44, was a Des Moines native.

The couple is survived by four children.