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recommendation to the county does not guarantee construction. It does, however, recognition to the need of St. Mary's

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BY ROBERT M. KIRBY Enterprise Editor

A 20-year-old Marine Corps hero of the Vietnam war

has been charged with murder here in the county. day was charged by the St. Mary's County Sheriff's first class und a veteran of six months in Vietnam, Sun-Department with the murder of Helen Patricia Pilker-William Earl Cosden Jr., a former Marine private

Her body was found early Sunday morains, sexerely, beaten, in a stream of water by the Flat Iron Road in 21, of Lexington Park.

two teenage girls,
The official cause of death,
She'lft Ben Burroughs Jr. told
The Enterprise, was not known
as of Wednesday morning,
COURT ORDER
Circuit Court Judge Philip said. the Great Mills area, a sheriff's department spokesman

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in September.

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Delegates to the convention, which will draw-up a new state constitution, will be elected by voters June 13.

The convention is scheduled to begin deliberations on De-

fender's Day, Sept. 12.

As of Wednesday morning local county delegates were Mrs. Betty Wilson, of Mechanicsville, Editor of the Maryland Parent Teacher magazine and past president of the St. Mary's County Council of PTA

Joseph A. Mattingly, attorney, J. Frank Raley Jr., former state senator from St. Mary's County; and Philip H. Dorsey, judge of the St. Mary's County Circuit Court.

TAWES SAYS NO
Concerning the presidency of
the state constitutional convention, former Gov. Tawes has
tion, former Gov that
said he will not run for that
post if he is elected as a can-

was not influenced by friends, but by a desire to help with the knowledge he has gained by serving as a judge, he said.
"I wasn't sure I was eligible

to apply as a candidate walls in office," he stated. "However, I talked it over with the judge

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mental capacity as to enable him to properly conduct his defense, or advisuig as to the conduct of his defense and to H. Dorsey Jr. Monday ordered that the Department of Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland inquire into "the question as to whether the said Willes to whether the said Willes determine his mental condition as of April 16, 1967, when the alleged crimes were

onmatted..."
The judge directed that Mr. Cosden Jr. be committed to the Citton T. Perkins Hospital for the examination.

Mr. Cosden Jr. has been transferred from the county jail to Clifton T. Perkins.
The court order followed the presentation of a petition for mental examination of Mr. Cosmental examination of Mr. Cosments. Walter B. Dorsey. den Jr. The petition was presented by the defendant's father, William E. Cosden Sr. and the defendant's attorney,

DEAD WOMAN
The dead woman was identified by the sheriff's department as an employe of the
A & E kickel in Lexington Park
and a native of St. Mary's

Wanda Marie Pilkerton and Miss Catherine R. Pilkerton; two brothers, John Raymond and Joseph Thomas Pilkerton. The Pilkerton nuneral services will be held today, April Rebecca A....
Theresa Silva, ....
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Wanda Marie Pilkerton and
Wanda Marie Pilkerton; Reportedly she and Mr. Cosden Jr. had known each other for about five years.

She is survived by a daughter, patricta Lynn Able; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pilkerton; four sister, Mrs. Rebecca Ann Frenzel, Mrs.