

# Salt Creek farmer's demise drew irreverent newspaper coverage

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sumption that Baxters were not like that.

Obviously, with six children at home, whatever money Calvin Baxter managed to hoard was sorely needed. Having lost the father and breadwinner, his family was not likely to be amused about the reporter's description about what was happening on the farm after Baxter's death.

The tone of the *Telephone* article speaks for itself. "Now his (Baxter's) relatives are in search of his

wealth, supposed to be several thousand dollars . . . He was afraid of our local banks and their large vaults, and preferring the clay banks on his farm, he is said to have hidden his treasures there. The exact amount of money and its hiding place is not known, and it is reported that an *exciting* hunt is taking place on the farm today."

Among those who were coming from a distance (and presumably not taking part in the exciting hunt) were Mrs. Tilden Stephenson, Mrs. Theodore Poore and Mrs. Edgar Patt of Iowa and Baxter's son, William, who was in the U.S. Army.