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BODY OF MAN IS FOUND IN CREEK NEAR DECATUR

DECATUR, Ind. May 9 - The body of John C. Coffee, which evidently had been in the water for several months, judging from the condition of the body, was found last evening by two boys, Dierkes and Scheumann, while swimming in the hole in the creek that runs through the Harry Butler farm. It is not known whether Coffee committed suicide or came to his death as the result of an accident. He had been missing for some time. The body was taken to the Gay, Zwick & Myers morgue.

The deceased is not to be confused with "Sheriff" John Coffee, another well-known character, who was taken to Fort Wayne this week to answer to the charge of beating a board bill.

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