

# SKELETON MYSTERY: MURDER RULED OUT

**T**HERE is no evidence to suggest that the three persons, whose decomposed skeletons were found buried on a farm at Llandough last Monday, had been murdered.

This is disclosed in a report by a Home Office Pathologist who has carried out an examination of the skeletons, believed to be hundreds of years old.

Glamorgan police were called to Llandough Farm after members of Barry and Vale Archaeological Group uncovered the bones while digging at a 13th century house.

It looked suspicious. The bones, "many hundreds of years old", were in a spot not usually used for burials.

## Hole in skull

There was a hole in the skull of one of the skeletons.

Pathologist Dr. Lester James was asked to report, and Mr. Owen Rees, the East Glamorgan coroner, was informed.

But in his report Dr. James states: "There is no indication of any crime. The bones are of archaeological interest only."

One set of bones were of a young adult woman. The others were too decomposed for Dr. James to tell the age or sex.

There will not be an inquest. "It is not usual to hold one on bodies hundreds of years old like these are, and it is very unlikely that we could find out who they were, if we did," said Mr. Rees today.