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RAY WOLFE KILLED AT OMAHA WHILE IN PURSUIT OF BANDIT

One Bandit of Fleeing Pair Killed in the Chase. Smith Will Be Charged With Murder.

Reynold E. "Ray" Wolfe, cruiser patrolman of the Omaha police department, was fatally wounded in a running gun battle with bandits at Omaha about 9 o'clock last Saturday evening. He died an hour later at Lord Lister hospital. His cruiser partner, Clarence Drehsen, was wounded in the leg, but will recover.

Ray Wolfe is a son of W. B. Wolfe, of this city, and lived here until about a year ago when he moved to Omaha.

The shooting occurred when Wolfe and Drehsen gave chase to a car containing Roy James Smith and Roland Robert Welch, 26, later slain, in the belief that they were the two bandits who held up the Stahmer grocery at 20th and Bancroft streets, Omaha, earlier in the evening.

First degree murder charges will be filed against Smith for the slaying of Wolfe.

The following account is from the Omaha Bee-News:

"Charges of first degree murder were drawn up at the county attorney's office Monday afternoon against Roy James Smith, alias Earl Reynolds, for the slaying of Patrolman Reynold E. Wolfe, fatally wounded in a running gun battle Saturday night.

"The complaint will be taken to police station Tuesday morning for the signature of Inspector of Detectives A. C. Andersen by Deputy County Attorney Oscar T. Doerr. The death penalty will be asked, it was announced.

"Acting on information given by Smith, police arrested for investigation Halbert "Happy" Fitzsimmons, 2877 Cass St., who, according to Inspector of Detectives A. C. Andersen, admitted accompanying Smith and Welch on several robberies, including the hold-up of the Knights of Columbus club in Omaha; the hold-up of the Union Fuel Co. office at 4311 Nicholas St., and the robbery of a drug store in Fremont.

"Police said Fitzsimmons was sent to the boys' industrial school at Kearney on Oct. 3, 1927, for eight months, for participation in a series of holdups, and that he was sentenced to the state reformatory for three years on April 25, 1931, on a robbery charge.

"Both Smith and Welch also have police records.

"Ballistics experts said Monday the missile which caused Patrolman Wolfe's death was a large gauge shotgun pellet identical with similar slugs found in a shell in the gunmen's car. This fact, they said, indicated the fatal shot was fired by Smith, since the slain gunman, they said had no opportunity to fire a shotgun.

"Questioned by Chief of Police Robert P. Samardick and Chief of Detectives A. C. Andersen, Smith failed to account for the \$60 found on his person.

"Belief that Smith and his slain pal, identified as Roland Robert Welch, 26, alias Phil Crandall, were the two bandits who held up the grocery shortly before 8.30 p. m. Saturday, was expressed by police on finding the \$60, the amount taken in the holdup.

"While funeral arrangements were being made for Reynold E. "Ray" Wolfe, and while his cruising partner, Clarence Drehsen, lay in Lord Lister hospital with a gunshot wound in the left leg, Deputy County Attorney Fitzsimmons said police ballistic experts Monday morning would examine the weapons found on both Smith and Welch to determine from which the shot fatal to Wolfe was fired.

"He said, however, this would not hold up the filing of the first degree murder charges.

"When the slain bandit was found lying in the garage of the P. F. Peterson Baking Co., 12th and Jones Sts., after the chase and exchange of shots, a .38 caliber gun was in his hand, leading police to believe he had fired the fatal shot.

"The remainder of the bandit's arsenal not found in the car was discovered hidden under a tier in the bridge at 11th and Jackson Sts., by police after finding Smith in the Howard hotel where he had

run after the battle with the two cruiser patrolmen and detectives Lynch and Green, who entered the chase at 16th and Leavenworth Sts., when they saw the speeding bandit car streak across the street, with the cruiser car at its heels.

"It was Detectives Lynch and Green who helped Wolfe and Drehsen pocket the bandits at 12th and Jones Sts., and who aided in the capture of the fleeing man.

Emmet Harmon And Grace Huigens Wed Tues. At Creighton

Emmet A. Harmon, of this city, and Miss Grace Huigens, of Creighton, were united in marriage in the chapel of St. Ludgers Academy, in Creighton, last Tuesday morning, in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

The groom is a native of this city and is one of our prominent and rising young lawyers, and has a host of friends in this city and county.

The bride is a charming young lady, who for about six years was in the employ of the Interstate Power company in this city, resigning her position with the company a few weeks ago, in preparation for the event that was solemnized last Tuesday morning. She has a host of friends in this city who extend to her and her affable husband wishes for a long and happy married life.

The young couple left on a short wedding trip and are expected to arrive home the latter part of the week.

Poultry Auction Club Being Planned For 4-H Plans for a 4-H Auction Club, designed to stimulate interest in raising high quality production bred pullets, in Holt county were announced this week by Agricultural Agent Reece. Former 4-H poultry club members have an opportunity to join.

Members will start with 250 baby chicks or their equivalent and manage them in such a manner that a high per cent of the pullets produced may be profitable layers. Those joining the club will not only learn how to rear and manage a flock of pullets but will also become adept in culling for future egg production.

An auction is planned for the State Fair next fall for members exhibiting a pen of 25 pullets and some practical poultry equipment which will probably include feeders, water stands and nests made of boxes. Local and county fairs probably will have similar auctions.

Agent Reece has information about the new club and local leaders and former 4-H members are urged to get in touch with him as maturity of pullets at time of exhibition will be part of the basis for judging.

Trio Sentenced Here For Automobile Theft

Last Friday, Joseph Conaro, Everett Hoyer and Donald Kifer, arrested and charged with stealing the automobile of Ed. Burge off the streets of O'Neill a week ago last Tuesday night, were brought before Judge Dickson in district court. They pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing the car and Conaro was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. Boyer and Kifer were sentenced to one year each in the state reformatory. This should be a warning to young men who are in the habit of picking up other people's cars for joy riding, that there is danger in the practice.

Corn-Hog Directors Hold Meeting

The 1935 corn-hog board of directors met in the court room at O'Neill on Tuesday, February 26. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Allotment Committee: R. H. Lienhart, Chambers, President; Fred Beckwith, Emmet, vice president; A. L. Borg, O'Neill. Treasurer, Frank Allen, Page; Secretary, F. M. Reece, O'Neill; Advisory Finance Committee, Ed. Murray and A. J. Sausser, O'Neill.

Romaine Saunders came up from his ranch in the southwestern part of the county today. He says that things are fairly good in the south country and that stockmen are getting along nicely with their stock.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell

The governor's 1-cent gasoline tax bill is certain to pass, according to the political dopesters, but the measure has been subjected to heavy barrage by gasoline dealers, persons engaged in the automotive business in general, and members of the legislature, mostly republicans, who contend that the \$2,000,000 a year federal relief authorities have required the state to raise each year for the next two years to supplement FERA funds to relief clients, can be raised without adding to the gas tax.

Opposition to the governor's relief bill has been led largely by Cushing (R) of Ord, who would use a state treasury surplus, averaging about \$1,500,000 over the past few years, to meet relief requirements in the immediate future. Liquor license fees are suggested as a likely source of funds for relief within the next six months or so.

Among the proposed measures for raising relief funds aside from the 1-cent gas tax, is one by Cone, of Valley, proposing a half-cent gas tax, plus use of beer and liquor taxes estimated at about \$800,000 annually; a proposal to take \$200,000 out of the general fund; a proposal to collect \$5,000,000 annually by levying a 2 cents per package tax on cigarettes; a proposal to collect half a million dollars by levying a \$1 per thousand dollars tax on mortgages, to be paid by mortgagors; and a proposal to collect \$500,000 by levying \$1 per one thousand dollars tax on life insurance policies of legal reserve companies.

Two amendments have been made to the relief bill. One limits the cost of administering the fund, particularly salaries, to 6 per cent of the \$4,000,000, whereas the present FERA set-up in Nebraska spends about 13 per cent for administration. The other authorizes the governor to terminate the increase portion of the gas tax at any time before July 1, 1936 (the original expiration date set by the governor) if the cash in the relief fund reaches the \$4,000,000 mark.

Cone in presenting his substitute relief plan to the house of representatives said that the governor had agreed to ask for only a half cent gas tax, and furthermore had agreed to offset this burden against the motoring public by cutting automobile licenses in half and reducing motor truck licenses one-fourth, which would save about \$600,000 in license fees per year.

Still another proposal has been advanced to use for relief the \$300,000 beer license fee balance that reposes in the treasury.

In addition to the suggestion of a 2-cent-a-package tax on cigarettes for financing relief activities, Dugan of Omaha, is talking up such a tax law to finance the old-age pension law. He estimates such a tax would raise \$750,000 a year. Drug-gists and tobacco wholesalers are very much opposed to such a measure. Dugan says the tax would raise half of the \$1,500,000 needed yearly to make old age pensions worthwhile in Nebraska.

The house liquor committee has decided not to accept any of the control measures introduced to date and has begun writing its own bill, supposed to incorporate in itself all the best features of the other bills. The committee refuses to divulge any information concerning the nature of the proposed bill until they have had time to shape it up a bit more.

On the matter of liquor control, Governor Cochran says that he opposes state entry into the retail liquor business, and that "the best way to beat the bootlegger is to make liquor easily obtainable at a price that isn't excessive."

The open hearings held on the liquor question were not as successful as had been hoped for. Most of the persons appearing at the hearings used their time to argue on matters pertaining to the use of alcoholic beverages from a moral standpoint, but offered nothing constructive in the way of solving a control system.

Senator Sullivan of Omaha, a member of the senate liquor committee, was moved to remark, after attending the open hearings, that

"we are not interested in hearing any more from the liquor dealers, the brewers, or those who hope to go into business in any way, neither are we interested in hearing now from paid agitators on the dry side. We want to hear from the common citizens who want this law to be decent and successful."

The chances for Nebraska voters having to mark their ballots only for governor, lieutenant governor and auditor, where elections to state office are concerned, is lengthening as the senate passed the short ballot bill, S. F. 74 introduced by Stewart of Clay Center.

The bill would eliminate the state land commissioner's office entirely, and would empower the governor to appoint the head of all other constitutional executive departments, subject to confirmation by the legislature. Railway commissioners are not considered executive officers and their elective status would not be changed by the bill.

The bill also would extend the terms of the three elective officers from two to four years and would make the governor and lieutenant governor ineligible for re-election. The state officers now elective who would become appointees of the governor if the Stewart proposals are ratified by the voters are the attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer, and state superintendent of schools.

The new provisions would go into effect with the terms beginning in 1937 when the one-house legislature becomes effective. Should the bill pass the house, the series of three amendments embodied in the bill would be placed on the general election ballot next year. The governor's approval is not required.

Among the more important bills considered by the legislature during the past week were the two reorganization schemes embodied in three bills up for action. One bill would set up a state board of agriculture consisting of the governor, dean of the agricultural college, director of the university extension service and 13 members appointed by the governor. Another proposes a 7-man board, six appointed by the governor and the seventh to be the dean of the agricultural college.

Several prominent Lincoln business men criticized the state fair management and advocated reorganization of the annual exposition. They suggested that a "showman" (Continued on page 4, column 5.)

County And State Get Old Fashioned Blizzard

This section, as well as a large portion of the western states, was in the hands of an old time blizzard last Sunday. The only difference between the storm of last Sunday and those of olden days was the fact that it did not get very cold, the thermometer reaching only to zero Sunday night. Saturday evening it started blowing, and blew almost a hurricane during the entire night, also it was not very cold. Along about 6 o'clock Sunday morning it started to snow and kept it up thru the entire day and most of the night, with a heavy wind keeping the snow in the air.

The amount of the snowfall here cannot be estimated as the wind kept it moving all day long. The snow was so thick at times during the day that it was impossible to see across the street.

The snow quit during the night, but nearly all roads were impassible Monday morning, clogged with snow drifts. The road maintainers were out early that morning and about noon nearly all the roads leading to this city, that is the main highways, were cleared.

Monday night the thermometer dropped to 8 below zero. It warmed up during the day and it was five above Tuesday night.

The storm was very severe over practically all the state. Roads were impassible and many travelers in different parts of the state were compelled to put up in farm homes along the highway, until the storm had abated and the highways were made passible again. Monday morning's daily papers, which are brought to this city by truck every morning, failed to reach here, the truck being unable to get thru on account of the snow drifts.

The storm was tough on cattle on account of the scarcity of feed, but we have not heard of any stock losses as a result of the storm.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TUESDAY FOR SLAIN POLICEMAN

Large Crowd Gather To Pay Last Respects To Former Citizen Who Died A Hero.

The people of this city were shocked and grieved last Sunday when word was received that Reynold Wolfe had been shot and killed by a highway man in Omaha Saturday night. Word was received by his father Saturday night and he left for Omaha early Sunday morning, going down with Mr. and Mrs. Lamro, of Valentine, parents of Mrs. Wolfe.

The arrived home Monday night with the body, escorted by Police Lieutenants Martin Jensen and Earl Sherwood, in full uniform, as representatives of the Omaha Police Department.

Reynold Wolfe was born on April 28, 1909, and was nearly 26 years of age at the time of his death. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wolfe and grew to manhood on the farm of his parents a few miles southeast of this city. After getting through school he worked for a time in the Coyne hardware store in this city and had many friends among the people of O'Neill, by whom he was universally esteemed.

On July 21, 1932, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lamro, of Valentine, the ceremony being performed at Burke, South Dakota. About a year after their marriage they moved to Omaha where Reynold worked in a garage until he was appointed a member of the Omaha police force on January 15, 1934. He was a member of the force a little over a year at the time he met his death in the performance of duty. He made many friends in Omaha and was highly esteemed by his superiors in the department as well as the members of the force.

Deceased leaves to mourn the tragic death of a kind and affectionate husband, son and brother, his wife, his father, William B. Wolfe, a brother, Donald, and two sisters, Mrs. Clyde Allen, of Emmet, and Miss Wanda at home.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. A. J. May officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. The funeral was one of the largest seen in this city for years, the church not being nearly large enough to hold the people who attended to pay their respects and honor the deceased.

Relatives from out of the city who were present at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. William Lamro, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lamro, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lamro, June and Glenn Lamro, of Valentine; Mr. and Mrs. Rafe Shaw and family, of Tonawanda; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kelly, of Winnetoon; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baker, of Ainsworth.

After the funeral Mrs. Wolfe accompanied her parents to Valentine where she will visit for a few days before returning to Omaha.

The Frontier force joins the many friends of the family in this city and county in extending to them their heartfelt sympathy in their hour of sorrow.

Funeral services were also held at Omaha. The following appeared in the Omaha Bee-News:

"Between two lines of blue uniformed men the hearse bearing the body of Cruiser Policeman R. E. Wolfe passed Monday afternoon at 30th and Farnum Sts.

"It was official Omaha's last tribute to a brave comrade.

"The 200 policemen and firemen who stood at attention in salute as the funeral procession went by were saying farewell to the youthful policeman who lost his life Saturday night in a running gun battle with bandits.

"With relatives, friends and city officials, the men in the ranks had heard their brother policeman acclaimed as a patriot whose last deed was performed in a month unique in its contributions to American patriotism.

"In the service at Heafey & Heafey mortuary, shortly before the march down to 30th and Farnum Sts., Dr. Frank A. Hosmer, pastor, First Presbyterian church, declared:

"Once a year regularly we draw lessons from Washington and Lincoln. This man at his post was a patriot, even as those in promi-

ent positions whose doings we celebrate.

"In these days of racketeers and all kinds of law violators we need to cultivate respect for those who are risking their lives in order that our community may be a safer place in which to rear our boys and girls."

"The body was taken to O'Neill, Nebr., immediately after the ceremony. Police Lieuts. Martin Jensen and Earl Sherwood accompanied it, to represent the police department at the services there.

"Attending the service were former Chief of Police George Allen, Chief of Police Samardick, Fire Chief Olsen, Sheriff Hopkins, County Attorney English, Mayor Towl and Commissioners Knudsen, Trustin and Butler.

"W. B. Wolfe, O'Neill, father of the dead policeman, arrived in Omaha Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. William Lamoureux and Lester Lamoureux, Valentine, Nebr., mother and brother of the widow."

FARMERS MAY GET FREE TUBERCULIN TEST FOR CATTLE

Group Interested in the Eradication of Tuberculosis Is Working in Holt County.

Dr. W. T. Spencer, stock representative of the South Omaha market, Dr. A. H. Francis, of Lincoln, with the U. S. Bureau of Animal Husbandry, were in the city Wednesday visiting with Dr. J. D. Kopp, local representative of the State Bureau of Animal Husbandry.

These gentlemen are interested in the eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis in the state. Dr. J. D. Kopp is located in this city and will remain here until all the herds in the county have been tested, that is all those who express a desire to have their cattle tested. There is nothing compulsory about the testing of the cattle here. This work is being done under an emergency appropriation made by the federal government and it will cost the stock owner nothing for this work.

Every state in the union is actively engaged in the eradication of cattle tuberculosis in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. An average of more than a million cattle have been tuberculin tested each month for the past eight years.

In December, 1934, there were 1,931, or 62.9 per cent of the counties in the United States in which cattle tuberculosis was reduced to less than one-half of one per cent.

It is unlawful to introduce cattle that have not passed a tuberculin test into a county that has been declared an area for the eradication of tuberculosis unless they are steers or feeder cattle kept separate as to feeding, watering, and other association from tested cattle. With the full cooperation of the cattle owners, a county can protect itself under the state law.

The federal and state governments pay two-thirds of the difference between the appraised value and salvage received, with a maximum of \$30 on grade animals and \$60 on purebred animals to the owner of any animals that react and have to be disposed of. The first \$20 on grade cows and the first \$50 on purebred animals will be paid from federal funds made available under Dec. 1, 1935.

Dr. Spencer, of the South Omaha market, is a former resident of this city and while here visited many of his old O'Neill friends.

4-H Club Members Eligible To Enter Accounting Contest

Holt county 4-H club members enrolled in farm account projects are again eligible this year to compete in the International Harvester national club farm account contest. Agricultural Agent Reece has been informed by L. I. Frisbie, state club leader at the Nebraska College of Agriculture. Large prizes go to winners.

Under the rules of the contest, the farm records must run for any period of 12 consecutive months between January 1, 1935, and February 29, 1936. Prizes are offered for the best kept farm business records. A record of the year's business on the contestant's farm or a neighboring farm will be acceptable but records on any one farm will not be accepted from more than one entry.

The records will be scored for completeness, accuracy, neatness, analysis and suggestions for changes in farm plans to increase earnings. All record books and stories must be submitted to Agricultural Agent Reece not later than March 15, 1936. Five members in each county compete to be eligible for prizes.

A prize of a \$10 International merchandise certificate goes to the Holt county champion. In state competition, the winner receives a \$100 merchandise certificate while the sectional prize is a \$25 certificate or a choice of some farm implements. The national grand prize gives a choice of various farm implements or a \$500 merchandise certificate.

High School Students To Have A Chance At Winning Scholarships

St. Mary's Academy and O'Neill high school seniors will again have an opportunity this spring to compete for 250 tuition scholarship to the University of Nebraska offered by its board of regents. Students in the upper fourth of their graduating class may be entered by the superintendent or principal for the contest April 11, 12, and 13. Entries must be at the University by March 23.

Nona Bressler, of O'Neill, was awarded one of the scholarship to the University for this year.

Winners of scholarships for the first semester of next year will be announced in time for graduation exercises in the spring. Examinations will be held in the local high (Continued on page 4, column 4.)

Have Wild Trip When Caught On The Road Facing A Blizzard

Thomas Mains and son, Robert, had quite an experience last Sunday and one that Tom says he does not want to undergo again, as he was really scared. Last Saturday morning they drove down to Grand Island for a short visit with relatives.

Sunday they started back home, and they finally arrived here, but after fighting the snow storm for about three hours. It was snowing very little when they started, but the farther north they came the worse the storm was.

Tom says that Robert was at the wheel and the storm finally got so bad that they could not see where they were going. They stopped several times to be sure that they were on the road, straining their eyes trying to see along the side of the road to determine whether they were in the center of the road or on the side.

Tom says they were not bothered with other cars along the highway and do not know what they would have done had they met the usual amount of traffic on this highway. They finally arrived home about 4, glad to be back and able to navigate, but unwilling to undergo a similar trip.

Offices Moved

The corn-hog and rural rehabilitation offices, which were formerly in the court house, are being moved to the Davidson building across the street from the O'Neill Hatchery. All correspondence and business connected with these two divisions will be handled through this office.

Alfred G. Bauer and Miss Rose L. Bohn, both of Ewing, were granted a marriage license in county court last Tuesday.

CARD OF THANKS

Groping beneath the shadow of a great sorrow, still we behold a star of beauty—a star which reflects the sympathy and the kindness of many neighbors and friends who gave so freely of their sympathy and helpfulness on the occasion of our recent bereavement in the tragic death of our beloved husband, son and brother, the late Reynold Wolfe. We are very grateful to the members of the Omaha Police Department and the city officials of that city for the many beautiful floral offerings, as well as to our many friends in this city for their kindly remembrance with floral offerings. We will ever bear your many acts of kindness in grateful remembrance.—Mrs. Reynold Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wolfe and children.