



Walter O. Calkins... plainclothes patrolman elevated to chief following his brother's death.—The Frontier Photo.

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Vet Police Officer Is Dead at 55

Heart Ailment Fatal to 'Walt' Calkins; Rites Wednesday

(Photo at left) Walter O. Calkins, 55, former O'Neill chief of police and veteran member of the police department, died about 11 o'clock Sunday night, March 27, shortly after arrival at St. Anthony's hospital.

He had suffered a heart ailment and had been in failing health since December, 1953.

Mr. Calkins had reported for patrol duty as usual at 7 p.m. because he was not feeling well, he asked for relief from the shift, consulted a doctor, was taken to the hospital where he died.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, from the Methodist church. An overflow crowd attended the rites—the church's main auditorium was unable to accommodate the large crowd.

Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery. Rev. W. B. Smith, church pastor, officiated.

Members of the city council were pallbearers—Emmett Crabb, Joseph Stutz, M. J. Golden, L. M. Merriman, Marvin Johnson and Norbert Uhl.

The remains lay in state at Biglin's chapel between 3 p.m., Tuesday and the funeral hour.

The late Walter Ozles Calkins, son of Lora and Eva Dietz Calkins, was born September 8, 1899, on a farm near O'Neill. He was the oldest member of the family.

Except for a short time spent in Iowa, the late Mr. Calkins was a continuous resident of the O'Neill vicinity. On October 17, 1927, he married Miss Lettie Mae Strong at Salix, Ia. They became the parents of one son—Raymond O.

Mr. Calkins was a trucker and farmer in the O'Neill vicinity for many years and joined the police department in 1946. He served as a plainclothes patrolman on night duty for several years.

Following the death of his brother, Police Chief Chester Calkins, on March 7, 1952, Walter was elevated to police chief.

The late Mr. Calkins was known for his prowess in boxing and wrestling circles in this area when he was a younger man.

Survivors include: Widow—Lettie; son—Raymond O. O'Neill; grandchildren—Dawn Rae, Rena Lee and Lettie Lorraine Calkins; brother—Fred of Portland, Ore.; sister—Mrs. Claire (Ella) Hansen of Portland, Ore.; uncle—Harold Riley of O'Neill; aunts—Mrs. Charles Sanford and Mrs. George Van Every, both of O'Neill.

Among those from a distance here for the funeral were Fred Calkins of Portland; Mrs. Claire Hansen of Portland; Mrs. Merle Conley of Midwest, Wyo.; Mrs. Joseph Prokop of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. George Scholte of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. William Knock of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Van Every of Omaha; Marvin Van Every of Grand Island; Mrs. Walter Spangler of Ewing; Mrs. Harley Miller of Neligh; Mrs. Ralph Theye of Neligh.

Although oranges were more expensive than apples 45 years ago, apples now are usually the more expensive.

For city clerk: Roy F. Griffin (now serving by appointment to fill the vacancy created by the recent resignation of G. E. Gonderinger).

For city councilman, First ward: Mike Cody for the regular term of two years; Roy Gilg, for term of one year to fill a vacancy.

For city councilman, Second ward: No name will be printed on the ballot. The caucus nominee, R. M. Knowles, requested his name be withdrawn.

For city councilman, Third ward: L. P. Hayes for the regular two-year term.

For school board: Raymer Funk and Albert Lemmer, each for regular terms of three years; C. E. Spence for a two-year term to fill a vacancy.

TAKE REGENTS EXAMS VERDIGRE—Three Verdigre high school seniors were among those participating in scholarship examinations sponsored by the University of Nebraska. Taking the examinations were Frances Pavlik, Thomas Cerny and Elaine Wirth. To qualify for the tests, students must rank in the top one-third of their class.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER BUTTE—Miss Norine Armstrong of Butte is serving as substitute teacher in district 8, east of here, this week. Miss Dorothy Anderson, the regular teacher, underwent a major operation in the Lynch hospital last week.

Farm Home Burns While Couple Away

ROYAL—The two-story farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Timmerman, who live seven miles northwest of Royal, was destroyed by fire with all its contents Wednesday evening, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman were in O'Neill at the time and the blaze was discovered about 5:30 p.m., by a neighbor, Forest Maple. By that time the fire had too much headway to be stopped.

There are no telephones in the vicinity and firemen could not be summoned.

All clothing and other possessions of the Timmermans burned. Some insurance was carried.

Mrs. Timmerman is the former Marie Gallagher, daughter of Mrs. Julia Gallagher of O'Neill.

Special Training Sought by Students

Father Gallagher Notes Changes

Rev. Eugene F. Gallagher, S.J., a native of O'Neill and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, has been named a consultant to President Eisenhower's white house conference on education.

Father Gallagher, who headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., at present is regional director of education of the Missouri Province of Jesuit Fathers. He supervises 11 universities, colleges and high schools in the province, including St. Louis university, Creighton university, Marquette university, Regis college and others.

Father Gallagher tours the 11 schools under his supervision each year to survey curriculum and assist in future planning.

He noted that the student of today is a more individual than the ones of former years.

He says, "The pressure of the times and world events, plus the realization that the world is daily becoming more specialized, makes each college man aware that he must utilize his college years to the fullest in order to compete."

Father Gallagher said the schools under his supervision are constantly adjusting to changing needs and abilities of the students. He pointed out these Missouri province schools are faced with the necessity of determining whether they will keep their present facilities, in a time of rapidly expanding enrollments, and thereby be extremely selective in admitting new students, or expand to fill the needs of those desiring admittance.

Father Gallagher's brother, John R. Gallagher, is an O'Neill attorney.

Native of Ireland Dies in Atkinson

Nora O'Connell, 80, Holt Pioneer

ATKINSON—Miss Nora O'Connell, about 80, who was born in Ireland and who had lived in the United States as a young girl, died about 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, at the Maroney nursing home. She had been in failing health for some time.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Friday.

The late Miss O'Connell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connell, was reared on a farm and spent most of her life in Holt county. She made her home with her sister, Miss Nellie, until the latter died seven years ago.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

A rosary will be offered tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at Seger's chapel.

Survivors include: Brother—Timothy O'Connell of Atkinson; several nephews and nieces.

11 FFA'ers Going to Lincoln Today

Eleven members of the O'Neill high school Future Farmers of America chapter will be in Lincoln today (Thursday) Friday and Saturday attending the state FFA convention.

Those who will accompany the vocational agriculture instructor, Pat Gallup, are Robert Burvial, Edward Krugman, Elmore Blain, James Johnson, David Page, Kenneth Backhaus, Eugene Ermer, Donald Gruhn, Duane Boelter, Bernard Lorenze and Bennett Devall.

Pvt. Billy Lyons left Ft. Ord, Calif., Saturday for Camp Kilmer, N.J., from where he will leave from for Europe. Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don O. Lyons.



SMA Seniors Present 'Seven Cinderellas'

The seniors of St. Mary's academy presented "Seven Cinderellas" to large crowds Sunday and Monday evenings. The camera caught this dramatic action during Monday's presentation: Left-to-right: Terry Donlin, Jeannie Cole (in maid's uniform), Bennie Fleming (seated, with

mustache), Peggy Degan, Sandra Harper (weeping), Miriam Troshynski, Jerry Cuddy, Mary Lou Uhl (maid in background), Mary Ellen Froelich (weeping), and John Connot.—O'Neill Photo Co.

Snelsons to Mark 65th Wedding

(Photo at right) ATKINSON—Mr. and Mrs. James Snelson, who were married at Albion on April 7, 1890, will observe their 65th wedding anniversary at their home here on Sunday, April 3. The Snelsons will receive relatives and friends at an open-house between 2 and 4 o'clock.

They make their home on South Main street here with their daughter, Mrs. Opal Vargason. The dwelling is located two blocks south of the First National bank corner.

Mr. Snelson was born November 2, 1866, at Oskaloosa, Ia. He is now 88 and is confined to a wheel chair most of the time. His wife was born January 16, 1874, at Warren, Ill.

Following their marriage at Albion, they resided at Genoa before taking a homestead nine miles northwest of Bartlett in 1905. They became the parents of nine children—eight daughters and one son—and all are living.

They lived near Amelia for about 10 years and for several years at Ewing. Mr. Snelson carried the mail in Holt county and hills for a time, but has spent most of his life on a farm.

They lived in the village of Amelia for a time before moving to Long Pine where they spent about five years. One year ago they moved to Atkinson to be near their daughter, Mrs. Vargason.

Their children are: Mrs. Gary (Edna) Jones of Medford, Ore.; Emel E. of Long Pine; Mrs. Ira (Elsie) Goodwin of Long Pine; Mrs. George (Hazel) Cutler of Rockford, Ia.; Mrs. Albert (Ethel) Sanford of Red Bluff, Calif.; Mrs. Opal Vargason of Atkinson; Mrs. Delbert (Erma) Edwards of Amelia; Mrs. Clifford (Thelma) Green of Veneta, Ore.; Mrs. Donald (Velma) Huston of Sedro Woolley, Wash.

There are 20 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Two of Mr. Snelson's sisters are expected to be on hand for Sunday's observance—Mrs. Lulu Greenlee, 81, of Lexington, and Mrs. Olive Long, 74, of Genoa.

Mr. Snelson has another sister, Mrs. Ella Sabin, 85, of Portland, Ore., who will be unable to attend.

Mrs. Snelson has one sister, Mrs. James Sabin, 68, of Beaverton, Ore., and one brother, Gilbert Wray 70, of Denver, Colo. Neither expects to be in Atkinson for the celebration.

The Snelsons have been residents of Nebraska for 70 years and have resided in this section of the state for a half-century.

Most of the Snelsons' descendants were present in April, 1950, when the couple observed their 60th wedding date at Long Pine. The affair was held in the Methodist church parlors.

Their sons and daughters residing on the West coast likewise are not planning to travel to Atkinson for the 65th celebration.

Mrs. Snelson's health has been "very good" up until recently, relatives explain. Mr. Snelson can walk about the house but is quite dependent upon the wheel chair.

TOLL ROADS COMING Besides the 1,200 miles of existing U.S. toll roads there are 4,700 miles authorized for future construction.

Street Legal Battle into Next Phase

Demurrer, Publishing Technicality Project Issues Past Election

Another round in the controversy over whether or not two O'Neill streets should be widened to keep U.S. highways 20 and 281 running through town was initiated Friday in Holt county district court.

It involved a petition by C. J. Gatz and Jack Arbutnot seeking to enjoin the city council from proceeding in the street-widening project in cooperation with the state highway department.

The two plaintiffs contended the city's contract with the state is null and void.

The matter was presented on a demurrer before Judge D. R. Mounts Friday, the defendants holding that Gatz and Arbutnot had failed to state an action in their petition. Judge Mounts gave the defense two weeks in which to file a brief and allowed the plaintiffs another week to file an answering brief on the demurrer.

The state highway department had planned to take bids April 1 on the widening of the two streets, insisting that the widening be done on U.S. highways 20 and 281 are to continue along their present routes through the O'Neill business district.

But the contract-letting scheduled for April 1 had to be called off and a new date established because preparation for letting had not been completed.

The Holt County Independent was to have published the notice to bidders for three consecutive issues, but had published only twice.

A new series of notices to contractors has been authorized. New date for opening bids at Lincoln will be Wednesday, April 20.

The time granted by the court for filing of briefs in the matter projects it past the coming municipal election and makes it possible for the highway relocation issue to be a prime factor in the campaign.

There are two slates of candidates for the city offices, representing varying degrees of sentiment on the highway issue.

Round three in the running legal hassle will come up in April—after the election.

The election will be held next Tuesday, April 5.

John R. Gallagher of O'Neill and Harold Connors of Greeley are attorneys for the plaintiffs; Frederick M. Deutsch and George Dietrich, both of Norfolk, are defending the city.

It was generally predicted Friday's round two court session would not be a full-dress trial, but a matter of getting down to bare points of law.

Bids Sought on 1.5 Miles—The state highway department will accept bids on Thursday, April 21, for resurfacing U.S. highways 20-281 from the west edge of O'Neill northward 1.5 miles to the O'Neill drive-in theater corner.

Work is expected to commence this summer.

Plan NYC Trip—Mrs. Esther Harris and Mrs. John Conard of Emmet plan to leave Monday, April 4, for New York City where they will visit a couple weeks with Mrs. Harris' daughter, Miss Ruth Harris.

Twins Out of Army—ATKINSON—Sgt. Bernard Troshynski and Cpl. Leonard Troshynski, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. August Troshynski of Atkinson, who were recently separated from the army, arrived at their parents' home last week. The Troshynski brothers had been in the army since early in 1953 and spent 18 months in Germany.

Verdigre Will Graduate 20—VERDIGRE—Supt. J. J. Van Hoff has announced that 20 seniors will be graduated from Verdigre high school May 10. He said that Dr. J. R. Johnson of Wayne State Teachers college will be the commencement speaker.

WD—Louis F. Bartlett to Carl A. Denton 2-14-55 \$5,668.65- 1/3 Int in S 1/2 14-31-15

General Henninger... pleased O'Neill qualified for a unit.

It's Spring in O'Neill

This is The Frontier's annual spring opening edition. You'll find the 16 pages in this issue jam-packed with latest spring and summer fashions... study these advertisements and you'll realize why O'Neill is the shopping center for north-central Nebraska and south-central South Dakota.