



Slain Police Chief

O'Neill's beloved Police Chief Chet Calkins, 51, veteran peace officer, was slain in the early hours on March 7, 1952, by an assailant whose identity remained unknown for one year, three months and 17 days. Late Wednesday, Joseph Emmett McLimans, 33, who has resided at Norfolk and Long Pine, confessed the killing.

Slayer's Wife Says She'll 'Stick by Him'

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had refused to talk to the reporter except that he promised not to take a picture of the children or ask anything on the microphone that "might hurt Joe."

Mrs. Coen said Joe was very kind to her crippled son, 19, who had been permanently injured in a hunting accident 3½ years ago. "He wheeled my Robert around town in the wheel chair and took him fishing."

The slayer's foster mother, Mrs. Lillian McLimans of Norfolk, told a reporter her son might be a split personality—"Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde."

Earlier she had insisted that Joe wasn't the same boy she had raised and sent off to the wars when he enlisted in the air force.

"I was proud of him when he was in uniform."

There has been no apparent deep affection between the slayer's foster mother and the wife and mother-in-law, although the three women sat together in the courtroom.

Joe's own children have silken white hair.

The slayer had been taken to Ainsworth and Long Pine Thursday afternoon in rounding up some of the loot. At his home, he held his stepson in his arms for an hour or more. A toy terrier dog romped and frolicked when he saw his master—the first time in four months.

It was the first time McLimans had seen his month-old baby.



District Judge D. R. Mounts ... "I sentence you to life imprisonment at hard labor."

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This is a portion of the overflow crowd in the second floor courthouse lobby. Those with seats in the courtroom congregated early.

children reside there. The 4-year-old child belongs to Mrs. McLimans while their baby was born only two weeks before the Calkins killing. The home in Long Pine is on the nondescript side.

His wife visited him Wednesday afternoon and evening in the cell.

"We did lots of bargaining to get the confession," Sheriff Leo Tomjack said.

The turning point in the investigation, County Attorney William Griffin says, came late Tuesday night.

Mrs. Mary Fleming of O'Neill and Richard Spittler of Ewing,

two of the witnesses who last saw Chet Calkins alive while he was investigating the trunk of a "late model blue or green Kaiser" on Everett street. Griffin said McLimans thought Fleming and Spittler recognized him, and from that point on "we realized we were getting somewhere."



The nondescript McLimans dwelling ... the toy terrier romped.

Mrs. Chet Calkins, the chief's widow, is grateful the "whole thing is over."

In behalf of herself and her family she wanted to thank all the peace officers who assisted in cracking the case. When the trial was over, she said folks generally have been "very kind, helpful and considerate during these months."

Her oldest son, Harold, who sat near his mother in the courtroom, personally congratulated the investigators and asked The Frontier to include his "thanks." Mounts pointed this out before passing sentence on Joseph Emmett McLimans in a crowded courtroom.



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