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 Mc-Limans, 33, who has resided at Norfolk and Long Pine, confessed the killing.

an Adopted Boy

Joseph Emmett McLimans was born in a Hot Springs, S.D.,

steps after the confession had

"My boy was a fine boy and I tried to raise him right. After Mr. McLimans died 'it was hard."

said, "and I was very proud of

and produced two photographs-

one of her son smiling and in the air force "summer" issue

"He was a gunner on a Fly-ing Fortress. Joseph was sta-tioned in England only a month

when he became missing in action. He was in a German prison

camp for 15 months and the pris-

manding officer and I was proud because he was decorated."

The silver-haired mother, who

works in a dress shop in Norfolk,

retained her composure admir-

ably. She contained herself very

well and thanked the Holt county authorities for "being so nice

and considerate about every-

thing."

It wasn't until the foster mother reached O'Neill, with an attention of the McLimans talked.

torney, that McLimans talked. He confessed first to his mother and Dave Jewell, Norfolk law-

yer. His foster mother urged him

After the confession he asked

Mrs. McLimans, wearing a gray flecked rayon dress, a dark hat and a white carnation at the

neck, wearily got into a car and returned to Norfolk.

Authorities this spring went to Long Pine and searched the Joseph McLimans residence. Evidence was found of loots from a number of north Nebraska

to bare all to the authorities.

if he could see a priest.

Long Pine Residence-

Officers Search

"Joe enlisted in the air force

## Slayer's Wife Says Killer of Calkins She'll 'Stick by Him'

(Continued from page 1)

had refused to talk to the re-porter except that he promised hospital and when only 24hours-old was taken from the not to take a picture of the hospital by his foster mother, Mrs. Lillian McLimans, 713 South Third street, Norfolk. Mrs. children or ask anything on the microphone that "might hurt McLimans and her husband, the late W. S. McLimans, were resid-

Mrs. Coen said Joe was very

kind to her crippled son, 19, who had been permanently injured Mr. McLimans was a merchant. in a hunting accident 3½ years ago. "He wheeled my Robert is not the boy I raised," explainaround town in the wheel chair ed Mrs. McLimans tearfully as and took him fishing." and took him fishing." The slayer's foster mother

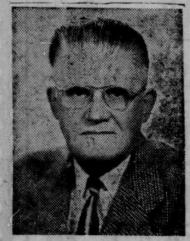
Mrs. Lillian McLimans of Nortold a reporter her son might be a split personality—a "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde."

Earlier she had insisted that Joe wasn't the same boy she had when the war broke out," she raised and sent off to the wars him in the service." She reached into her when he enlisted in the air

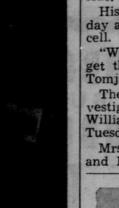
"I was proud of him when he was in uniform."

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 Joe's own children have silken

The slayer had been taken oner of war conditions were terrible," she said. 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 frolick-ed 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."



McLimans while their baby was born only two weeks before the Calkins killing. The home in Long Pine is on the nondescript

His wife visited him Wednesday afternoon and evening in the

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

was investigating the trunk of a "late model blue or green Kaiser" on Everett street.

him, and from that point on "we realized we were getting some-

children reside there. The 4- two of the witnesses who last Mrs. Chet Calkins, the chief's year-old child belongs to Mrs. saw Chet Calkins alive while he widow, is grateful the "whole widow, is grateful the "whole

In behalf of herself and her family she wanted to thank all Griffin said McLimans thought
Fleming and Spittler recognized
him, and from that point on "we was over, she said folks generally have been "very kind, helpius and considerate during these months."

Known in Norfolk—

The Calkins murderer was not sat near his mother in the court-The turning point in the investigation, County Attorney William Griffin says, came late Tuesday night.

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

The Caikins intriderer was not generally known in Long Pine or Bonesteel, although fellow C&NW workers up-and-down the mainlines of the North Western between Norfolk and Long Pine and between Norfolk and Long Pine and between Norfolk and Winner were aware of him.

Sat near his mother in the court-room, personally congratulated the investigators and asked The Mounts pointed this out before passing sentence on Joseph Emmett McLimans in a crowded courtroom.



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



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