

ERNEST J. SOUCEK FARM WORKER OF PAGE IS A SUICIDE

Takes His Own Life In An O'Neill Rooming House Monday At Midnight

Ernest J. Soucek, 40 years old, was found dead in his room at the Schultz rooming house in this city last Tuesday afternoon. The top of his head had been blown off with a charge of shot, the gun lying on the floor at the side of the body.

Coroner Cronin and Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom viewed the body and decided there was no question but that it was suicide and no inquest was held.

His wife was notified at Page and she came to O'Neill Tuesday afternoon. Neither his wife nor any of his relatives could give any reason why Mr. Soucek ended his own life.

His brothers, Fred and Frank Soucek, prominent farmers living near Venus, his mother and two nephews, George and Raymond Soucek, came over from Knox county this morning, accompanied by several friends and the body was taken to Knox county and will be interred in the cemetery at Jelen, about ten miles from Verdigre.

Mr. Soucek was born near Walnut, Nebr., and had lived in this section of the state all his life. He was married about six months ago and had been working near Page, while his wife has been employed in a cafe at Page. He came to O'Neill last Monday and took the room at the rooming house, that had been occupied by his wife prior to their marriage. The shot gun, with which he killed himself, belonged to his brother-in-law, Dallas Robinson, who lives near Page. He came to O'Neill from the Robinson farm home and Mr. Robinson did not know his gun was gone until after he had heard that Soucek had killed himself, then he found that the gun was gone.

From facts that have been gleaned it appears that he took the gun and went to the rooming house with the intention of doing away with himself. Several others in the rooming house at the time heard the shot, or noise, about midnight or a little after, but did not investigate until the next day, when the lifeless body was found.

FARM BUREAU COST IS OVERESTIMATED

The estimate of expense for the Holt County Farm Bureau as listed in the County estimate of expenditures for 1933 is too high according to Farm Bureau officials. William Riege, of Page, Farm Bureau President, stated Saturday that the budget filed by the Farm Bureau with the County Clerk is for \$1,900.00. The amount published was \$3,200.00 or \$1,300.00 more than the Farm Bureau asked for. The Farm Bureau cannot draw more than the budget which is filed at the beginning of the year.

At the time the estimate of expenditures was made the Board of Supervisors was unaware that the budget for \$1,900.00 was on file in the County Clerk's office.

John Todson, of Grand Island, and Bob Hetchler, of Spaulding, came up last Saturday and spent a couple of days visiting at the Pete Todson home, Mr. Todson being a brother of Pete's and Mr. Hetchler a nephew. They returned home Monday afternoon.

JURY SELECTED TO TRY SLAYER OF PAUL LOWERY

Flannery to Stand Trial for Shooting Last August 30 Which Killed Lowery

The jury that is to decide the fate of William Flannery, on trial for the murder of D. Paul Lowery on August 30 last, on the highway near Pierce was empaneled late Monday afternoon.

Most of the jurors are farmers. The state has not revealed whether it will ask the death penalty in the event that Flannery is convicted.

Assistant Attorney General Chaney, of Lincoln, is assisting the county attorney in prosecuting the case, while Hugh J. Boyle, of Norfolk, and W. L. Moyer, of Madison, are conducting the defense.

Flannery is accused of slaying Lowery from ambush in a farm yard near Pierce, while Lowery was aiding Sheriff Schwartz, sheriff of Pierce county, to a large liquor laden automobile, seized on the premises, to town. As the sheriff and Lowery, riding in the officers car, approached the highway from a lane shortly after midnight, they were met with shot gun fire from nearby bushes. Lowery was struck in the head and face and died on the highway.

Flannery was arrested later in a room he occupied in the farm house with his wife. Officers found a shot-gun they said had been fired recently. Flannery admitted ownership of the automobile, according to the officers.

Ernest Lowery, brother of the slain young man, was in court for the opening of the trial. He has not been called as a witness.

BEER BILL MAY BE PASSED AT THIS SESSION

With full speed ahead the U. S. Senate finance committee last Monday reported the Collier-Blaine bill, to legalize 3.05 per cent beer, back to the senate with the recommendation that it be passed. The line-up in the committee was 12 for to 5 against.

Senate leaders announced that the bill to repeal the eighteenth amendment, sponsored by Senator Blaine, of Wisconsin, would be given precedence over the beer bill, but they believed that both would be voted on at this session of congress.

Senator Smoot, chairman of the committee, had announced that hearings would be held on the bill and several prohibition leaders were waiting outside the committee room to be heard, when the committee decided to recommend the bill for passage without any hearings.

The bill provides a tax of \$5 a barrel and this was endorsed by Secretary Mills as likely to raise more revenue than any other levy.

Miss Marjorie Joan Cronin entertained a dozen of her little friends at her home last Saturday afternoon, it being her tenth birthday anniversary. The young ladies were taken to the picture show in the afternoon and then dinner at the Cronin home at 5:30.

Roy Griffin drove to Lincoln last Sunday, taking his son, William back to Lincoln, where he is attending the state university, after a few days visit at home. From Lincoln Mr. Griffin went to Omaha, where he is sitting this week as a member of the Federal Grand Jury.

BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Grace Huiggens entertained the Tve-Nix Club last Monday evening.

Frank Phalin won the cribbage tournament at the K. C. hall last Monday night.

George Harrington was looking after some legal business in Creighton last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moss drove to Omaha last Friday, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Peter Duffy is looking after business before the state legislature in Lincoln this week.

Supervisor Jesse James is in a hospital at Atkinson suffering with a severe attack of asthma.

Supervisor John Sullivan returned from a visit to legislative halls in Lincoln last Friday evening.

Mrs. Aimee Maxwell came up from Omaha last Friday and spent the week end visiting friends in this city.

Fred McNalley closed up his bowling alley last week and the alleys were taken out of the building.

W. H. Stein returned last Sunday from South Bend, Ind., with a new Rockne car that he had sold to Hugh Coyne.

Mrs. C. F. McKenna and Miss Grace Joyce made a business trip to Sioux City, Iowa, last Friday, returning home Sunday.

Pat Stanton, of Tilden, and Hugh J. Boyle, of Norfolk, drove up last Saturday morning to attend the funeral of J. F. Gallagher.

Wednesday Supervisors John Sullivan and John Steinhauser drove down to Lincoln, where they will spend a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beha and little daughter came up from Sioux City last Saturday and spent Sunday visiting with the home folks.

Mearl Sparks and Miss Berneita Britnell, both of Newport, were united in marriage at the county court room by Judge Malone last Saturday.

John Dailey came over from Winner, South Dakota, last Friday to attend the funeral of J. F. Gallagher, returning home Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gallagher came up from Lincoln last Friday to attend the funeral of J. F. Gallagher. They returned home last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Agnes entertained the Martez Club at her home last Monday evening. Miss Rose Taylor, Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. Ed. Campbell won high scores.

William McClellan, of Joy, one of the county's progressive farmers, was a caller Tuesday morning and advanced his subscription to The Frontier to 1934.

Miss Marie Biglin arrived in the city last Friday to attend the funeral of J. F. Gallagher and for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Biglin.

Mrs. R. B. Mellor entertained the Delta Deck Club at her home last Thursday evening. Mrs. John McManus and Mrs. P. B. Hartz were the prize winners.

Mrs. J. L. Quig, Mrs. Pace nad Mrs. John Lydon went down to Plainview last Sunday and spent the day at the home of Mrs. Lydon's parent, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kersenbrock and children drove to Osmaond last Sunday and spent the day visiting at the home of Mrs. Kersenbrock's brother, Ervin Krotchival and family.

Leo Ryan, formerly one of this county's prominent ranchers living southwest of here, was in the city last Friday looking after his real estate holdings. He is now living in Sioux City, Iowa.

Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Meer, of Valentine, spent Sunday in the city visiting relatives. On their return home they were accompanied by Miss Hilda Gallagher who will spend a week visiting at Valentine.

J. P. MANN PRESIDENT FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank, held in the banking rooms last Tuesday afternoon, J. P. Mann was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. F. Gallagher, and Mrs. E. F. Gallagher was elected to the board of directors.

The new president of the bank has been a stockholder and a director of the bank for the past forty years.

Pete Todson, local manager of the J. C. Penney store, drove to Omaha last Saturday where he attended a meeting of the executives of the various Penney stores in the state, which was held in that city that afternoon and evening. One of the largest Penney stores in the United States will be opened in Omaha the coming month and the managers of the various stores in the state were taken on a tour of inspection of the new store. Mr. Todson returned home Sunday afternoon.

IRENE PALMER BECKWITH

Irene Ellora Palmer was born at Lavonia, New York, February 13, 1870 and departed this life January 30, 1933 at her home, near Emmet, at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 17 days.

At the age of three years she moved with her parents to Oakdale, Nebr., where her father operated the first store in that place.

At the age of thirteen she returned to Geneseo, New York, where she finished her education. After her graduation from the Geneseo State Normal she taught school two years in New York, then returned to Oakdale where she taught one year.

On September 5, 1893 she was united in marriage to Fred F. Beckwith. To this union were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

At the age of fifteen she united with the Baptist church, and later with the Presbyterian church at Oakdale. For several years prior to her death, she was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Atkinson, Nebr., remaining faithful in the same until death.

She was a wonderful mother, a consistent Christian and a kind neighbor.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a loving husband, six sons, Guy, Rex, Leon, Ralph, Dean and Verne, all of Emmet, Nebr., and one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Garvin, of Scottsbluff, Nebr. One son, Kenneth, preceded her in death several years, when he was but ten years of age. All the living children and her husband were at her bedside at the time of death.

Services were held from the home three miles west of Emmet, Wednesday morning, 10:00 A. M. Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. J. I. Elrod, Presbyterian minister of Atkinson and the sermon was given by Rev. S. M. Ohmart, of O'Neill. Interment was at Oakdale beside her son Kenneth. xxx.

THOMAS QUINN

Thomas Quinn died at his home in this city last Tuesday night, January 31, about 11 p. m. after an illness of several weeks of cirrhosis of the liver, at the age of 74 years, four months and 25 days.

Thomas Quinn was born at Dubuque, Iowa, on September 6, 1858. When Mr. Quinn was quite young the family moved to western Iowa and on January 16, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Eubank at Vail, Iowa. Three children were born, who, with their mother are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father. The children are: James C. Quinn, Mapleton, Iowa; Mrs. R. J. Regan, Creighton, Nebr.; and E. F. Quinn of this city, all of whom were at his bedside when he passed away.

Mr. Quinn lived in western Iowa until the spring of 1911 when he came to this county, coming here from Mapleton, Iowa, and located upon a farm a half mile north and two miles east of this city where he farmed for a few years then moved to this city where he resided up to the time of his death. After his removal to this city he was for several years engaged in the flour and feed business on lower Fourth street, retiring a few years ago.

Mr. Quinn was a good citizen and neighbor and his passing will be mourned by a large circle of friends in this city and vicinity.

The body was taken this morning to his former home at Mapleton, Iowa, accompanied by his wife and children, and the funeral will be held there from the Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9 a. m. burial in St. Mary's cemetery.

HOLD-UP OF CHAMBERS BANK IS THWARTED BY PRESIDENT ED. ADAMS

Seizes Bandits Gun and Sons Capture Him

Phil Bross, of Lincoln, was in the city yesterday and favored this office with a short call. During the administration of Governor McKelvie he was head of the department of Finance and made a good record in that office. He was later for several years connected with the Nebraska Farmer. He is now engaged in the newspaper subscription business, boosting the subscription lists for the several newspapers that may need his services. He says that business, considering the times, has been exceptionally good.

Insurance adjusters last week settled with Warner & Sons for the fire loss on their hardware stock. In the settlement they received the salvage from the stock and are now holding a fire sale in the building north of the post-office. Walter Warner says that the salvage from the fire will bring in more money than they had anticipated at the time of settlement, and that their stock is going fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, of Opportunity, are mourning the loss of a little son who was born on January 31st and died yesterday. The funeral was held Thursday, at 11 a. m. and burial in Marquette cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. F. J. Dishner went down to Columbus last Sunday for a weeks visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. F. J. Kinsman.

NEW BANKING BILL PASSES

State Journal: Governor Bryan signed H. R. 167 Wednesday afternoon. This bill, introduced by banking committees in both houses, has the sanction of the state administration and becomes effective immediately. It will permit failed banks to continue to operate and do a limited banking business when the state banking department gives it approval.

The banking bill was signed by Lieutenant Governor Jurgenson and Speaker O'Malley during the afternoon. It was sent by Secretary Porterfield to the governor's home and returned to the executive office bearing Governor Bryan's signature of approval.

Banks which have been taken over by the state department may continue to operate by agreement between the bank and the unsecured depositors and unsecured creditors, the agreement to be approved by the department of trade and commerce. The bank will then be allowed to pay checks, receive deposits and do a limited banking business. The agreement must be approved by depositors and creditors representing 85 per cent of the total amount of deposits and unsecured claims, and by the bank or its board of directors. The object is to restore the bank to solvency. Deposits received shall be kept separate as a trust fund for the security and repayment of the deposits so received and shall not be subject to payment of any deposit or debt of the bank theretofore created. Several banks are said to be ready to comply with the law and ask for leave to continue to operate.

Boyle is about thirty-six years of age and is a veterinarian by profession. He made his home at Columbus (Continued on page 4, column 6.)

CHARITY SOCIAL

Cards, Dance and Lunch

K. C. Hall

Friday, Feb. 3, 1933

A Good Time Assured

Music by Streeter's Orchestra

Tickets 25c

NOTICE!

THE Nebraska Bankers Association has recommended that country Banks be not open for the transaction of business during the noon hour of each business day. In accordance with this recommendation the Banks of O'Neill will not be open for business during the noon hour, being from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P. M. on each business day, commencing on Monday, February 6, 1933. This is a precautionary measure against daylight holdups.

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