

Prairieland Talk —

# Murder of Police Chief Calkins Brings Unspeakable Sorrow to Entire Community

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LINCOLN—The bullet-riddled body of Police Chief Chester Calkins brings unspeakable sorrow not alone to the family but to the entire community.

It is a tragedy which if the one whose finger pulled the trigger is apprehended, he will encounter the wrath of an outraged people. It is the first time an officer has been killed on a street of O'Neill since Billy Reed, a cowboy, killed Sheriff Kearns back in the early 1880's.

That was the outcome of a personal quarrel. Chet met his death in the line of official duty at the hands of an evil man or men.

I don't know who named the town of Tilden, sixth station east of O'Neill, probably an admirer of Samuel J. Tilden, the New York democrat, who lost the presidency by one electoral vote to Rutherford B. Hayes, although he received more than 200 thousand more of the popular votes than did Hayes. Whoever is responsible for starting the thriving town of Tilden got half of it located in Antelope county and the other half in Madison county. There is also a town in Illinois named for the democratic candidate for president in 1876.

When Lincoln was in the law business in Illinois, an irate gent came to him one day demanding him to start suit against a certain poor chap who owed him \$2.50. Mr. Lincoln tried to talk him out of going to court with such a small matter, but the fellow insisted on bringing suit. Alright, said Lincoln, my fee will be \$10. This was handed over, when Lincoln went to the penniless victim, handed him \$5 of the \$10 and told him to go and pay the \$2.50. That's one way of managing so an obstreperous creditor pays himself.

In a letter from Sen. Frank Nelson, he tells me the 81-year-old farmer over north of Omaha who gathered 1000 bushels of corn, noted in this department two weeks ago, is his brother-in-law and has lived practically all his life in the community where he farms. The senator also says Holt county is water-soaked and he looks forward to abundant pasture and hay in his community out toward the Redbird as a result.

Big, brainy, well-fed, a disarming smile, not what you would call handsome. Sen. Everett Dirk-

sen. of Illinois, was the cheerleader at the republican gathering in Lincoln last week on the occasion of the annual founders day banqueting, oratory and fellowship of some 800 party adherents who showed up in spite of a March blizzard. One of his big hits that brought out cheers that about cracked the plaster on the walls was when Senator Dirksen said, "And to think that little fellow in the white house under cover of midnight fired one of the greatest soldiers America ever had, Douglas MacArthur." And then this sobering thought: "The money you jingle in your pockets has fresh warm blood on it." The mother who mourns her battle-battered son, the father now in life's twilight and his boy gone, the young wife with her fatherless child facing the struggle alone, the young woman who thrilled when the soldier whose blood stains some foreign soil kissed her goodbye, relatives and friends would exchange this monstrous curse of war for less industrial activity, even financial stringency, if thereby those who have gone down in the struggles and agony and death could be restored to them, and were among men come to an end.

After a mild February, March came strutting in to bury the land under a blanket of snow and the first week draws to a close in a cloud of falling snow. A day in late February of that hard year just 20 years ago Mayor Charley Stout received the first appeal made to the city for bread. It was in the form of a letter from a woman who said she was down to a little flour and a few beans. The county Red Cross were taking care of relief work and the city had set aside no fund for that purpose. Mayor Stout saw that the woman's needs were taken care of. There was a woman in the long ago in time of famine who had a little meal in a barrel, a little oil in a flask, and a child and herself to feed. She planned to make a cake that she and her child might eat a bit and trust to the future, no mayor or relief agency to appeal to, when along came a bewhiskered old man and asked for something to eat. The woman hesitated and then baked the old man a cake. "And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the curse of oil fail." She had fed a prophet of God. Charley Stout made no claims of being an Elijah, but the "little flour and few beans" in the home of the woman who appealed to him "wasted not."

Another Nebraskan is before the court and jury charged with a revolting murder. The defense is not a denial of the crime but the old moss-grown plea of psychosis, the up-to-date day of saying he's insane. No doubt of that, insanely jealous, insanely angered, hell-

born "maniac-depressed" or whatever legal phraseology can conjure up to save the neck of the guilty one. But has not an evil genius who takes the life of another forfeited his right to life? "Who so shedeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed," is the divine decree.

Some of them have a program of sorts, others candidly admit they are after a place on the ballot because the country needs their services. Probably not a thing a candidate can say whose name appears on the primary ballot will either make or cost him a vote. Beside the candidates themselves there are a few out on the outer rim of the sidelines who know all about it and prescribe the course to pursue.

President Truman asks the congress for another seven billions in American currency for "foreign aid." Not much indication that congress is responsive. As the pilgrim of this department sees it, the withdrawal of much of the American interference in other lands would be the best "foreign aid" program for us, and slip a few of those billions back to the patriots who are paying the taxes.

South Dakota patriots now claim to outclass Kentucky in the production of bluegrass. Maybe those fellows up at Sioux Falls could learn something if they would come down and look over Holt county at bluegrass seed gathering time.

The 1951 food bill of the citizens of the nation is reported to have amounted to 56 billion dollars, and for the same period the tax load came to 75 billion dollars. Mr. Truman's presidential yacht Williamsburg has a \$500,000 annual share in the tax load.

Astronomers tell of a recent discovery that makes our globe appear as a pretty small potato. The planet is said to be 350 million miles in diameter and its dis-



CARPET RAGS FOR VETS . . . These ladies helped assemble this impressive array of carpet rags to be sent to Veterans hospitals. The vets make the rags into rugs. The move is sponsored by Simonson unit, American Legion auxiliary. In the photo (left-to-right) are: Mrs. Palmer C. Skulborstad, Mrs. George Kline, Mrs. Richard Minton, Mrs. Gilbert Winchell, Mrs. Axel Borg and Mrs. Laurence Haynes.—Photo by John H. McCarville.

tance from the earth is so vast it can be expressed only in light years.

To put into the marriage, "Till death do us part," a hopeful bride and bridegroom had the wedding ceremony in a cemetery.

## Don Cunningham Will Speak Here

Don Cunningham, well-known Sioux City market news reporter and radio personality, will be principal speaker at the annual combined meeting of the Holt

county extension service and the Holt county soil conservation district. The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 19, at the American Legion auditorium, registration starting at 12:45 p.m.

Everyone is invited. Mr. Cunningham is a popular speaker and has appeared in Holt county on numerous occasions.

His comments on local conditions and his homespun philosophy are widely recognized. He will give his views on present conditions and what he feels farmers and ranchers may expect in the future.

Other highlights of the meeting will be musical and dramatic talent from over the county, mo-

tion pictures, colored slides, exhibits, door prizes and free coffee and doughnuts.

Reports on accomplishments of the soil conservation district and the extension service will be given. There will be election of 3 extension board members and 2 soil conservation board members.

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### Granddaughter Measles Victim—

Mrs. Lyle McKim returned from Omaha Saturday morning, March 8, from a week's visit with her daughters, Hyldred, and Mrs. John DeGeorge, Little Shirley DeGeorge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John DeGeorge, has had the measles but is "improving."

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- Looks like about 400 head of cattle today (Thursday). These cattle will represent a mixture of cows, steers and a few yearlings.
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