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O'Neill Buries Its Police Chief

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Outside, in a chill 40-degree, sunless afternoon wind, people sat in cars and listened to loudspeakers.

Present were many of Chet Calkins' admirers, young and old. The senior class and members of the athletic squads of O'Neill high school attended in a body. The basketball team from St. Mary's academy was there, too. So were law enforcement officers from near and far.

In that sorrowful service there was more than one hardened person, with whom Chet Calkins had brushed in the business of law enforcement. There were people of all walks, of all ages.

The widow, her two sons, Harold and Donald, and her daughter, Mrs. Walter Lyons, sat in the front pew.

Other survivors include: Brothers—Walter, of O'Neill; Fred, of Portland, Ore.; sister—Etta, of Portland.

A mixed quartette, composed of Roy D. Johnson, bass; Mrs. Donald Loy, alto; Mrs. Roy D. Johnson, soprano, and R. W. (Ben) Johnson, tenor, sang several hymns. A. E. Bowen accompanied on the organ.

In charge of the flowers were Mrs. K. C. Hunt, Mrs. D. H. Clauson, Mrs. C. W. Porter, Mrs. R. E. Evans, Mrs. Harold Seger and Mrs. Robert Kurtz.
The O'Neill streets were deserted during the rite. Stores were closed from 1:45 until 4 p.m. The workaday whirl was suspended as the city paused to pay its respects to its universal friend.

Chet Calkins was born on a farm northeast of O'Neill, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Calkins. Except for a few years he spent virtually his entire life in the O'Neill community. He attended O'Neill public school. He married Hazel Terpening at Safford, Ia. They became the parents of three children.

When the body was borne out of the church and into the funeral coach, the pathway was lined by state patrolmen in full dress uniform. The funeral procession, probably the longest in the history of O'Neill, required about 20 minutes to pass any given spot along the route. It was led by four state patrol cars with their red lights blinking as the procession moved westward on Douglas street.

In Prospect Hill cemetery the body later was lowered.

The Omaha police forwarded an elaborate floral offering. Other bouquets came from the "N" club at Neligh high school and the Lettermen's club at Plainview high school. Neligh and Plainview were semifinalists in the class B district basketball tourney on the eve of the slaying and Donald Calkins, the chief's 10-year-old son, had been a performer as a member of the O'Neill entry.

One stranger in town observed: "England buried its king, but today, O'Neill buried its police chief."

In the island of Barbados, a divorce involves division of all property, including the house. The husband carts off his half of the house and the wife boards up the open side and continues to live in the remainder.

POSTS REWARD

Mayor J. E. Davis promptly posted a \$500 reward to any informant lending information to the apprehension of the assassin.

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Mrs. Clara Thorin Dies at Neligh

CHAMBERS — Mrs. Clara Thorin, 68, who lost a son, Melvin, during World War II, died late Saturday, March 8, without knowing that another son, Duane, recently had become a captive of the reds in the Korean war.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon, March 11, at the Methodist church in Chambers and burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

Mrs. Thorin, who had been gravely ill for several months, lapsed into a state of semiconsciousness several days before her death at the home of her son, Clarence.

Clara Albertine Nelson was born January 21, 1884, at Nor-kopping, Sweden. In 1892 she came with her grandparents to the U.S., residing with them near Meadow Grove. On February 2, 1901, she married Charles F. Thorin. They spent the early years of their married life in Antelope county, moving to a homestead in Keya Paha county in 1900. They returned to Antelope in 1916 and moved to near Chambers in 1939. Mr. Thorin died in January, 1949.

They became the parents of eight sons.

Survivors include: Sons—Ernest, of Elgin; Edwin, of O'Neill; Clarence, of Neligh; Leonard, of Cheyenne; Oscar, of Sparks; Harold, of Portland, Ore.; and Duane, a chief aviation pilot in the navy, now a prisoner of war in North Korea; 15 grandchildren.

Melvin died during fighting in Belgium in 1945.

The late Mrs. Thorin was an active member of the Methodist church, American Legion auxiliary and Rebekah lodge.

She wrote many original verses and poems based on everyday experiences.

Slaying Sidelights

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idolized by at least a generation of young admirers.

Visitors included persons in all walks and of all ages. The looks on the faces of persons emerging from the mortuary and the remarks that were dropped were ample evidence it wasn't a matter of curiosity with them. It was sincere respect and devotion.

Among them was at least one ex-convict, a hardened man who had a reputation of being unruly while incarcerated in a state penitentiary. He walked away with tears in his eyes and mumbled something like: "I hope they catch the xifkgdrr.x.l!"

At noon Sunday a crowd of St. Mary's academy school girls filed downtown in a body. They were mostly boarding students whom Chet had befriended at odd hours of the night and day in their arrivals and departures. Several wept. They were accompanied by several nuns.

Elderly ladies were numerous among the grief-stricken friends. These were ladies whom the chief had favored with kindnesses somewhere along the way. He was the kind of a guy who would throw his spotlight on an icy sidewalk for a bent little woman groping her way in the dark.

Special Broadcasts—

The "Voice of The Frontier" went on the air (WJAG, 780 k.c.) at 10 o'clock Friday morning with a five-minute flash broadcast of the Calkins murder story. Cal Stewart, editor of The Frontier, was at the microphone in the absence of the regular announcer, George Hammond. An earlier, cryptic report had been broadcast throughout the mid-west based on an Associated Press story originating in The Frontier office. The 10 o'clock special newscast ended like this: "Chet Calkins died in line of duty while the city slept—the city he loved so well. The city in which for more than a generation he was the symbol of honesty, fine citizenship and law and order."

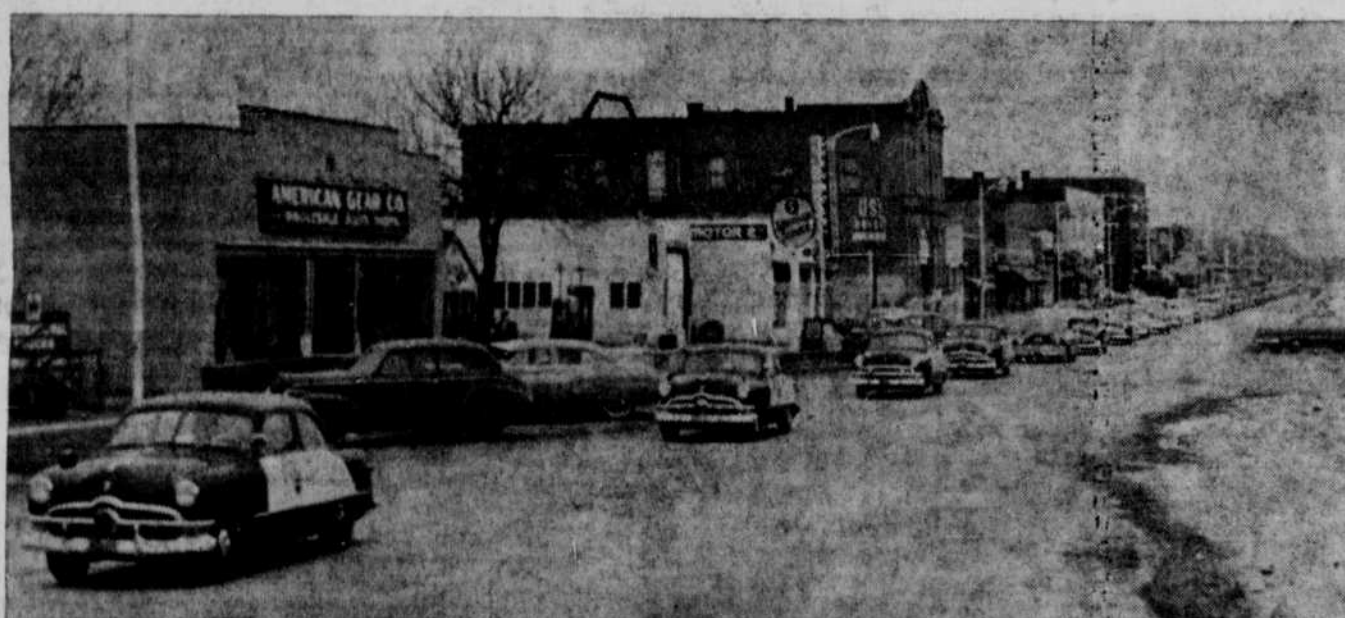
A second special broadcast was presented by the "Voice of The Frontier" at 5:15 p.m. Friday. This was a detailed story of the tragedy, the robberies, and a word reconstruction of the scene of the crime. Bob Thomas, manager of radio station WJAG, hurried to O'Neill to assist. He introduced Tom Allen, Omaha World-Herald reporter-photographer, who had also rushed to O'Neill to cover the story, and Lt. Harry Brit, of Norfolk, member of the Nebraska safety patrol, who was active in the investigation just getting underway. Bulk of the time on the regularly scheduled Saturday and Monday "Voice" programs was de-



Rev. J. LaVerne Jay, in a brief eulogy in behalf of the late Police Chief Calkins, said: "We should search our hearts and turn from our ways of selfishness; we should be unselfish as exemplified by the life of Mr. Calkins." The church could not accommodate the throng. The floral pieces were numerous and elaborate.



The body of Chief Calkins was borne from the church by eight lifelong friends Dean Reed, Roy Johnson, K. C. Hunt, Earl Hunt, Norbert Uhl, Leo Carney, Fred Lowery and Matthew Beha.



The funeral procession, moving west on Douglas street, stretched for a mile and a half. Blinking state patrol cars led the procession from the Methodist church to windswept Prospect Hill cemetery.



Hundreds gathered under a grim, sunless sky for the graveside rites. Sorrowing relatives and friends shivered in 40-degree temperatures as they paid final respects to the body of their beloved chief.

voted to the slaying, developments in the investigation and funeral arrangements. Mail response to all broadcasts was heavy, including cash from listeners for the Chet Calkins memorial fund.

Fund Over \$2,300—

By 3 p.m. Wednesday the memorial fund had passed the \$2,300 mark. The fund was opened by the Chamber of Commerce within a few hours after the tragedy. Basis of the gesture simply was this: Chet Calkins, like most peace officers, was underpaid. He gave his life in line of duty. Why not a financial gesture in behalf of the widow? Chamber Secretary Laurence Haynes directed the move. Saturday was designated Chet Calkins memorial day. Receptacles were placed in most stores and offices and hundreds of dollars were poured into the fund. The fund officially remained open through Monday and Tuesday. Even now, a check made out to the Calkins Family Fund, in care of the Chamber of Commerce, O'Neill, Nebr., will be deposited in that fund.

Frontier for printing!



Hobo... "belongs" to trainmen but a friend of Chet's... kept vigil at mortuary.



— The Frontier Engraving Harry Wayman... one of last to see Calkins alive.

Plan Marker for Gold Star Mother —

CHAMBERS — The American Legion auxiliary unit 320, met on Monday evening, March 10, at the home of Genevieve Bell with nine members present. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Nellie Medcalf. A legislative bulletin was read by the president in the absence of the Legion chairman, Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, concerning the department of health bill S1140. The result of the vote in behalf of the bill is to be sent in.

It was voted to send a girl from Chambers high school to girls' state in cooperation with the Commercial club.

It was decided to carry on a cancer drive. Coin collectors will be placed in business places. It was voted to give a donation to the American Red Cross. The auxiliary also voted to sponsor the blood mobile unit.

Members will send for an auxiliary grave marker for the grave of a gold star mother, Mrs. Clara Thorin. Mrs. Tillie Walter, gave a report on "Americanism." Year books were distributed.

The opening of a library was considered. Mrs. Margaret Cooper, Mrs. Alberta Cameron and Mrs. Genevieve Bell served refreshments. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Louise Crandall.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF O'NEILL

CLAIMS ALLOWED ON GENERAL FUND, March 10th, 1952:

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Repairs 2.00
Bricker Typewriter Co.,

Ribbons 18.35
Omaha School Supply

Co., Supplies 70.30
The Frontier, Publ. Fees 7.35

Gillespie's, Electrical Repairs 12.11

Moore - Noble Lbr. Co., Lumber 8.80

C. S. Hammond & Co., World Atlases 17.90

Lawlor's Athletic Equipment 34.24

Marcellus Implement Co., Voc. Ag. Supplies 18.75

H. M. Rowe Co., Supplies 21.73

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Omaha Compound Co., Flour Sacks 10.82

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Shelhamer Grocery, Home Ec. Supplies 27.85

Gambles Store, Supplies 19.35

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Rav H. Shriner, Ins. Prem. 242.50

181.70

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HOSPITAL NOTES

O'NEILL HOSPITAL

Admissions: March 5—Mrs. John Hynes, of O'Neill. 6—Mrs. Earl DeLong, of O'Neill; Donald Brown, of Chambers, accident, condition good. 7—Frank Reiser, of Butte, medical, condition improved. 9—Faye Miles, of O'Neill, accident, condition good; Mrs. Robert Eppenbach, of Ewing. 10—Mrs. Melvin Carson, of Page.

Still in hospital: Charles Homolka, of Chambers, medical, condition improved.

Dismissals March 6—Mrs. Mattie Urban, of Ewing. 7—Donald Brown, of Chambers; Clinton Smith, of Inman. 11—Mrs. John Hynes and daughter, of O'Neill; Mrs. Earl DeLong, of O'Neill; Faye Miles, of O'Neill.

ATKINSON MEMORIAL

Admissions: March 3—Silas Coy, medical. 4—Mrs. Donald Marcellus, obstetrical; Mrs. Richard Kaiser, medical. 5—James McLachlan, medical. 6—Frank Karo, sr., medical. 10—Mrs. Henry Werner, medical.

Dismissals: March 3—Mrs. Lawrence Skrdla and daughter. 4—Sid Farewell; Richard Engler. 5—Mrs. William Crawford; Bernard Coday. 6—Mrs. Frank Lemunyan. 7—Walter Reis; Baby Head. 8—John Wenner. 10—Silas Coy.

Still in hospital Mrs. Josephine Urbanski.

STUART COMMUNITY

Admissions: March 6—James Stewart, of Bassett, medical, condition good. 7—Mrs. Violet McCray, of Stuart, medical, condition good. 9—Mrs. Elmer Oldberding, of Stuart, medical, condition good. 10—Mrs. Richard Fox, of Atkinson, medical, condition good; Mrs. Lawrence Ziska, of Stuart.

Dismissals: March 7—James Stewart, of Bassett. 10—Mrs. Violet McCray, of Stuart.

Private Velder Wears Combat Badge—

SPENCER—Pfc. Norman G. Velder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rav J. Velder, of Spencer, has won the combat infantryman badge, symbol of the front line fighting man, while serving in Korea with the 45th infantry division.

The badge shows a tiny Revolutionary war flintlock rifle mounted against a blue rectangle

which is surrounded by a wreath. The Oklahoma national guard division left the U.S. early in 1951 and trained extensively on the Japanese island of Hokkaido before it was committed to Korea in December.

A truck driver in the 180th infantry regiment's service company, Private Velder entered the army in June, 1950, and joined the 45th division in December, 1951.

Assessors Meet, Adopt Valuations

The meeting of the Holt county assistant assessors was called to order by Wm. F. Wefso, county assessor. Joe Winkler was nominated and elected Secretary for the meeting.

Motion made by Keyes, seconded by Rutherford to assess cattle and livestock at the price set at the state convention. Motion carried. The values as set by the state convention are as follows:

PUREBRED CATTLE

Calves under 6 mo., \$35.00; yearlings, 6 to 18 mo., \$85.00; steers 18 to 30 mo., \$110.00; Milch cows, \$160.00; stock cattle, \$160.00; bulls, \$200.00 and up;

GRADE CATTLE

Calves under 6 mo., \$25.00; yearlings 6 to 18 mo., \$75.00; steers, 18 to 30 mo., \$100.00; heifers, 18 to 30 mo., \$95.00; steers over 30 mo., \$130.00; stock cattle, \$120.00; Milch cows, \$140.00; cattle on feed, 60 days or more, \$20 per hundredweight; bulls, \$170.00.

HORSES & MULES

Saddle horses, stallions, jacks, \$50.00 an up; other horses, mules, \$15.00.

HOG

Butcher hogs, \$12.00 cwt.; sows and other hogs, \$10.00 cwt.

SHEEP

Ewes and rams, \$15.00; feeder lambs, \$15.00; sheep on feed, \$15.

POULTRY

Turkeys, \$30.00 per dozen; chickens, \$5.00.

DOGS

Dogs, \$10.00 and up.

Grains, seeds and hay are to be assessed about the same as last year. Tractors, combines, corn pickers and all other farm machinery will be assessed as authorized by the supplement issued by the state tax commissioner.

Motion made by Nissen, seconded by Strong to set prices of new underlings at \$400.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nissen, seconded by Hull to set price of new winches at \$100, motion carried.

Motion made by Strong seconded by Graff to assess gas tanks the same as last year.

Meeting adjourned.

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