

Who's Who In Wisconsin Rapids

The Who's Who column will be run each Saturday in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune. It will include a brief sketch of the life of citizens who have helped make history for Wisconsin Rapids.

Frank Waldon Calkins



FRANK WALDON CALKINS

Frank Waldon Calkins, son of Hansford J. and Mrs. Cora Franklin Calkins, was born November 3, 1884, on a farm in the town of Stockton, Portage county, Wisconsin. His mother is a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin.

He began attending school when five years of age at the Merrill school house in Stockton, where he studied until twelve years old. His parents then moved to Stevens Point where he entered the seventh grade and at the end of six months was promoted to the Eighth grade. He entered the high school there and graduated in June, 1902.

Attended State Normal

He then entered the State Normal of Stevens Point, and graduated from the full course at the closing term of 1904. The following fall he went to Madison to attend the State University where he took the Letters and Science course for one year, the next year taking the law course, graduating from that class June 17, 1908. On the same day he was admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin and the U. S. District Court of Wisconsin.

He then returned to his home in Stevens Point where he practiced his profession for one year. In June, 1909 he moved to this city and became associated with the late Attorney W. E. Wheelan, remaining with him until January 1, 1915. On September 1, 1915 he formed a copartnership to practice law with the Hon. Geo. F. Humberrecht, and the firm still continues practicing the profession.

City Attorney

On May 1, 1910, Mr. Calkins was appointed City Attorney by Mayor W. E. Wiseman, and served as such for two years. On January 1, 1910, he was appointed alderman of the third ward to fill the unexpired term of George W. Davis, deceased, and at the following spring election, was elected to the office. He served in that office until January 1, 1915 when he resigned to become Justice of the Peace, to which office he was appointed by Mayor J. A. Cohen. He was Justice of the Peace until May 1, 1918. At the November election the same year he was elected district attorney, and was re-elected to the same office at the November election of 1920. On May 1, 1918 he was appointed city attorney by Mayor C. E. Biere, resigning the office January 1, 1919.

In 1918 he was appointed United States Court Commissioner for the Western District of Wisconsin by the late Hon. A. L. Saphorn of Madison, Federal Judge.

Active During War

He rendered active and efficient service during the late war, was appointed Government Appeal Agent for Wood county, was a member of the legal advisory board and also one of the four minute men making speeches for the different drives.

Mr. Calkins is a republican, has been secretary of the republican committee for the past four years, and still holds that office. For the past year he has been secretary of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for the southern half of Wood county.

He is what is termed a "joiner", being a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, also of the Wood County Bar Association, the 7th Judicial Bar Association, the Wisconsin Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

He belongs to the Masonic Order, the Order of Eastern Star, and the B. F. O. E., in all three orders having held important offices. He is also a member of the order of Mystic Workers.

Married in 1911

On June 21, 1911, Mr. Calkins was united in marriage to Miss Vida Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Riley, of this city. They live in a pretty cottage at 647 Third street south, recently purchased by Mr. Calkins.

He is a young man of christian prin-

ciples, being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is superintendent of the Sunday school, and is an active member of both business and social matters pertaining to the church.

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