

Former CCW Official Dies In Pennsylvania

Word has been received in Hackettstown of the sudden death of Frederick B. Odell Jr., 55, former director of admissions at Centenary College for Women.

Serving since 1966 as director of development at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa., he was fatally stricken on August 8, 1972, while jogging at the Robertson Athletic Field in Meadville with his youngest son, Kenneth. He was pronounced dead on arrival at City Hospital.

Mr. Odell joined the staff at Centenary as associate director of admissions in 1949, became director of public relations and placement four years later and in 1956 was made director of admissions.

Received Award

He left Hackettstown in 1959 to become assistant to the president of Hiram College, his alma mater, in Ohio, continuing there until he assumed his Allegheny post. His efforts at Hiram in raising \$2 million for the college won an award from the American Public Relations Association.

Mr. Odell was born January 9, 1917, at Rochester, N.Y., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Odell Sr. He attended high school in Rochester and was graduated from Hiram in 1941. During World War II he was a pilot in the United States Army Air Force and an instructor in the Royal Air Force, holding the rank of major. Following the war he was a pilot for United Air Lines and then became assistant director of admissions at Knox College, Galesburg, Ohio, before taking the Centenary post.

Was Active Here

In Hackettstown he was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church, the Parent-Teach-



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er Association and served on local and district committees of the Boy Scouts.

Surviving him are his second wife, the former Twila Smith, and five children, Frederick, twins David and Douglas, Holly-Jo and Kenneth. His first marriage to the former Harriet Bradshaw ended in divorce.

His home address was at 494 Gilmore Street, Meadville, Pa.

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OBITUARY: Frederick B. Odell Jr.
Date of Death,
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