

Walter Goodland, Oldest Governor in Nation, Dies

MADISON, Wis., (AP)—Gov. Walter S. Goodland, oldest governor in the nation's history who proudly told voters he was a "tough old codger," died suddenly Wednesday night of a heart attack. He was 84.



DEAD THURSDAY was Walter S. Goodland, 84-year-old governor of Wisconsin. Oldest governor in the U. S. he was reelected in November, 1946, after holding office since 1943.

Wisconsin's governor since 1943, when he took office as acting governor after the death of Gov. Elect Orland S. Loomis. Goodland was re-elected in 1944 and again in 1946.

Refuted Age Critics
Attacked by his opponents as "too old," Goodland told the voters last fall that he was in better physical shape than when he took office.

"If I didn't think I could serve out my term, I wouldn't run again," he said. At his inauguration last January, he said he would retire after this term to let a younger man take over.

Lt. Gov. Oscar Rennebohm, 56, will become acting governor. A man of regular habits, Goodland followed his usual working schedule Wednesday. He told his secretary when he left the state capitol that he felt "fine." He had not seen his physician, Dr. Ovid Meyer, for several months.

Goodland constantly smoked a pipe and took an occasional highball. He attributed his longevity to hard work. He said he was a "glutton for punishment."

"He scored his greatest political triumph last fall. The state Republican organization, irritated by his plain-spoken attacks on the

state legislature, sought unsuccessfully to defeat him in the primaries.

Goodland had frequently accused the GOP-dominated legislature with failing to use "common horse sense." During his first term, when the legislators overrode 19 of his vetoes, a record number, he called them "a band of willful young men." Last year he bawled them out "for frittering time away."

At his third inauguration last January he predicted correctly that he would get along better with the legislature. "This is my last term," he said, "and I want to leave with a pleasant taste in my mouth."

Retired at 70
By a series of political accidents Goodland became governor of Wisconsin after he had "retired" at the age of 70 to his prosperous farm at Franksville, Wis., following a full life as teacher, attorney, newspaper publisher, postmaster, mayor and state senator.

Five years later in 1938 he was called back into politics to run with a Democratic-Republican coalition to defeat the entrenched Progressive rule of the La Follettes. Goodland was elected lieutenant governor with Julius Heil as governor in 1938 and again in 1940. He was elected with Loomis in 1942, and became governor upon Loomis' death.

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State police said Creswell residents remembered the crash, and recalled that two men and a girl had died in the wreckage. No person questioned remembered the year of the wreck, but all estimated it occurred from ten to 20 years ago.

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