

Howery Hale

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Howery Hale Died Suddenly Thursday

Illness of Two Days Fatal to Popular Young Man; Graduated from Hinton High School With 1928 Class.

A death that shocked and saddened the entire community was that of Howery Hale, popular young Hinton man, age 23 years, which occurred Thursday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock at the home of his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Griffith, at 513 Fourth Avenue. Mr. Hale was taken suddenly ill Wednesday night, but at that time his condition was not thought to be serious, and he walked to the office of his physician for a consultation. After an examination by the doctor he was immediately sent home, and ordered to remain in bed as it was found that his condition was serious. From that time on he grew steadily worse until death came at the time stated. The young man was conscious almost to the last, and seemed to be fully aware of his condition, and he died with a smile on his lips. Death was due to pneumonia and complications.

Howery Hale was a son of S. B. Hale, of Flat Top, and two years ago he came to this city and entered the Junior Class of the Hinton High School having previously completed the first two years of his high school course at the Oxley school in Raleigh County. He graduated last May with the 1928 Senior Class of the Hinton High School. During his stay in Hinton he has been employed as a drug clerk in Rose's Drug Store, and was a cousin of Mr. Rose's. In that capacity and as a student at the high school he became particularly well known, and was liked and respected by all who knew him. He was a boy of high moral character, good habits and had a genial, happy disposition that endeared him to the hearts of all his numerous friends. His winning personality and friendliness were outstanding traits, and he had a pleasant "hello" and smile for everyone he knew. He was popular among his classmates at school, and was one of the most active members of his class, and his fellow students speak of him in only the highest terms. The esteem in which he was

held is shown by a remark made by one of his former classmates this morning who said "Howery was one of the finest and best liked boys in school," and that is the way every one who knew him thought.

Howery was a member of the Hi Y club at the local school, and besides being a good student showed considerable dramatic ability. He had a leading part in the high school play last winter, and acquitted himself creditably. He was a boy with great ambition, and seemed to have a bright future, and had planned to continue his education this fall by entering Marshall College where he intended to study law.

His death is a great blow to his people and friends, and the sympathy of the people of this community goes out to his family in their hour of bereavement. Besides his father, S. B. Hale, of Flat Top, he is survived by seven sisters, Mrs. J. D. Lilly of Ghent, Mrs. O. C. Prince, of Mt. Hope, Mrs. A. E. Whitely, of Mt. Hope, Mrs. F. E. Lilly of Huntington, Misses Ruth, Mae and Virginia Hale all of Ghent; two brothers, Carl of Lillybrook, and Nathan, of Ghent, also his aunts, Mrs. G. W. Griffith, at whose home here he died, and Mrs. Virginia Brammer, of Cool Ridge.

A short funeral service was conducted Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of G. W. Griffith, and was in charge of Rev. H. P. Hackney. The body was taken to Flat Top Saturday morning where a service was conducted, and Mr. Hale was buried beside his mother, who preceded him to the grave six years ago.

The active pall bearers all of whom were members of his graduating class at the Hinton High School were: Roy Allstock, Iro Webb, Pete Allen, Tommy Rodgers, Carlos Callahan and Bal Shumate. Honorary Pallbearers were Frederick Sawyers, Benson Sowers, Billy Helms, Lewis Hannon, Charles Briers and Karl Wilson.