

Otis George Abbott October 7, 1900 – January 21, 1935

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Dr. Abbott Succumbs Quickly to Heart Attack

A distinct shock to the community is the sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Otis G. Abbott Monday night, Jan. 21, 1935, shortly after 11 o'clock. His death has been attributed to an acute attack of heart trouble, a malady with which he had suffered in the past. However, he had been going regularly to his office of late and Monday he seemed to be as well as usual.

A few minutes before his death he was found slumped in an unconscious condition in the car of Rube Donaghue. The latter had left his car parked near the post office and Mr. Donaghue was returning to his automobile preparatory to going to work at the C. & O. shops when he discovered Dr. Abbott. An ambulance was hurriedly called and the stricken man was taken to the Hinton hospital where he only lived a few minutes. The general opinion is that while he was on his way home he became desperately ill and had climbed into the nearest car to rest and get out of the rain.

Dr. Abbott was born and raised in Hinton, being a son of the late George S. Abbott, one time mayor and for years prominent in civic and fraternal affairs of the city. His mother, Mrs. Jean Abbott, and his wife, formerly Miss Dorothy Kessinger, of White Sulphur and his attractive little son, George Richard, survive.

Dr. Abbott graduated from the Hinton High School in 1917. For a number of years he was connected with the C. & O. R'y Co. in a clerical capacity, a position he gave up to attend the College of Dentistry at the University of Cincinnati from which institution he graduated in 1924. He had since practiced his profession here, maintaining offices in the Alderson-Shumate building on Temple street. He was a member of the Episcopal church and the Masonic and Elk lodges.

Dr. Abbott was a man in whom the milk of human kindness flowed. He was cordial in his greetings and sincere and kind to all who knew him. His many friends will miss him and are aware of the poignant sorrow his death has caused his loved ones.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal church with the pastor, Rev. G. J. Cleaveland officiating, assisted by Rev. E. W. Billings. Burial will be made in Greenbrier Burial Park.