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FRANK R. CHAPPELL

Frank R. Chappell, 65, commercial manager of the Orange County Telephone Company for 20 years, died Saturday at Horton Hospital, Middletown, after a brief illness. A native of North Plainfield, N.J., Mr. Chappell moved to Kingston as a boy and was a member of the graduating class of 1905 at Kingston Academy. On May 16 of this year he attended a class reunion at the Governor Clinton Hotel. Mr. Chappell went to Middletown in 1931 to join the staff of the telephone company. He was the brother of Charles C. Chappell, former Middletown mayor and president of the Orange County Telephone Company. He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge of St. Mary's, Ontario, and also a past president of the S.t Mary's Rotary Club. He was a member of Christ Church Universalist Middletown, and served as president of the church's board of trustees for some time. In addition, he held the post of assistant treasurer of the Orange County Chapter of the National Polio Foundation. Born August 12, 1887, Mr. Chappell was the son of Samuel F. and Edna Clark Chappell. He was graduated as an honor student from St. Lawrence University at Canton where he served as president of the student body and as business manager of the college baseball team. He was a first lieutenant in World War I. In 1922 at Brooklyn he married Ida Singlehurst, who survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Katharine, wife of Dr. Samuel S. Shorter of Middletown; a son, John S. of the University of Oklahoma; a sister, Mrs. Frank Thomas of Elizabeth, N.J., and his brother, Charles. Several grandchildren also survive. Private funeral services were to be held this morning at the Burnett Funeral Home, Middletown, with the Rev. George H. Welch, pastor of Christ Church Universalist, officiating. Burial was to be in Wallkill Cemetery, Philipsburg.

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