

[Doty, Charles M.]

CHARLES M. DOTY

Middletown lost one of its most prominent merchants on January 3 by the death of Charles M. Doty, sixty-two years of age. He died suddenly from a heart attack in his home. For more than forty-five years he had been active in the clothing business in this city and since 1922 his firm was known as Wood and Doty, Inc. He was born in Wallkill. In 1909, he married Miss Edna O'Neil of Middletown.

During World War I, he was assigned to the USSS Amphitrite, a monitor guarding Chesapeake Bay against German submarines. He served as chairman of the Draft Board during World War II and was honored in 1946 by receiving a Selective Service Medal from Governor Thomas E. Dewey. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and president since 1946. He was a past chairman of the Better Business Bureau, a member of Rotary and the Middletown Club. In the Universalist church, he was a member, a trustee for many years, and chairman of the board of trustees. He also served as a deacon. He was a Mason and allied with several other organizations.

He is survived by his wife, a niece and a nephew. The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. George H. Welch in the Universalist church on Saturday afternoon, January 6.

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