

## [Jones, Ralph McAdam]

### DEATH TAKES RALPH JONES, MANUFACTURER

Ralph McAdam Jones, 23 South, nationally known textile authority, died unexpectedly yesterday morning in Berwick, Pa. He had been on a business trip to Washington and was motoring back to Utica, accompanied by Mrs. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Doyle. Death was due to a heart attack while the group was at breakfast in the Berwick Hotel.

Mr. Jones was born in Utica July 19, 1886, a son of the late Albert O. and Julia Wyckoff Jones. He was educated in Utica schools and was graduated as an honor student from Utica Free Academy in 1904.

He began his career in textiles in the fall of that year, with the Utica Knitting Company and worked in all departments to become familiar with all manufacturing details.

He was promoted to foreman, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and later became vice president and general superintendent. On the death of Oscar Gridley in 1942, Mr. Jones was elected president and general manager.

Mr. Jones was president of the Utica Duxbak Corporation, of the Mutual Boxboard Company, of the Commercial Warehouse Company, and had for many years served as president, and was at the time of his death the chairman of the executive committee of the Underwear Institute.

He belonged also to the National Small Business Men's Association and the Army Ordnance Association.

Mr. Jones' trip to Washington was as chairman of the advisory committee to the OPA on the underwear industry. The group held important meetings this week.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist], was moderator and chairman of its board of trustees and superintendent of its Sunday school for years. Also he was chairman of the advisory committee of the St. Lawrence University Theological School.

He was on the board of the Hospital Plan Inc., Utica Mutual Insurance Company and the Boys Club of Utica; belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, the Izaak Walton League, the Mohawk Valley Historical Association and was president of the Oneida Historical Society. Also he belonged to the Sons of the Revolution, Fort Schuyler Club, Yahnundasis, was an executive of the Kiwanis Club, and the Nightstick Club.

Mr. Jones was given a citation last December by the War Department, in recognition of "his patriotic services in a position of responsibility in the war effort."

He had served as an employer representative on a textile probe committee for the Department of Labor and on a wage and hours division committee for that department. Recently he was elected to membership on the advisory group to the Committee on Standards, Department of Commerce.

Mr. Jones married Miss Bertha Chaffin, Utica, on July 16, 1909. He leaves Mrs. Jones, two sons, Dr. Quentin M. Jones and Alan Jones; two daughters, Miss Esther Louise Jones and Mrs. Milton Radell; two brothers, Carleton B. Jones and Wardwell W. Jones, and one grandchild, Ralph M. Jones II, all of Utica.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. Monday from the Church of the Reconciliation.

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