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SUDDEN DEATH OF FORT PLAIN MAN

Martin A. Pickard Has Fatal Attack When About to Enter Jewelry Store

FORT PLAIN, June 23.—Martin A. Pickard, one of Fort Plain's leading business men, died suddenly at 8 o'clock this morning as he was about to enter his jewelry store at Canal and Division streets. Mr. Pickard was apparently in good health up to the time when a heart ailment developed, and although Dr. C. E. Congdon was immediately called and the physician made a lengthy effort to revive him, the seizure was fatal.

Martin Pickard was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Pickard of Brookman's Corners. He was 27 years of age, having been born at Brookman's Corners on December 12, 1904. Following the completion of a course in the public schools of that vicinity, Mr. Pickard accepted a position at the Beech-Nut plant in Canajoharie. After leaving the Canajoharie plant, he became connected with the General Electric company at Schenectady and he remained there for three years.

He then attended a watchmaker's school in Philadelphia and upon the completion of a course returned to this village. In 1926 a partnership was formed with Kenneth Bowman and the new firm of Bowman & Pickard purchased the old established jewelry house of A. Dunn & Son. Mr. Pickard purchased his partner's share and became sole owner of the business through negotiations concluded at the beginning of the present year.

Mr. Pickard married Miss Katherine Lasher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lasher of this village, October 24, 1925. He was a member of Fort Plain lodge, No. 433, F. & A. M., and also a member of the Universalist church.

Surviving are his wife, parents and one sister, Mrs. Harold Cronkhite of Hallsville.

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Martin A. Pickard

Martin A. Pickard, 27 one of the youngest business men of Fort Plain, died on Tuesday morning in his jewelry store as the result of an attack of heart trouble which he suffered as he was starting the business of the day. He was stricken shortly before 8 o'clock and lived only a few minutes. Dr. Clark E. Congdon was called. The remains were later removed to his home on Main street.

Mr. Pickard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Pickard of Brookmans Corners. He had spent practically his entire life in this section. About four years ago, Mr. Pickard and Kenneth A. Bowman formed a partnership and purchased the jewelry business of the late A. Dunn & Son. Shortly after the first of the present year, this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Pickard buying out the interest of his partner.

Mr. Pickard was a member of the Fort Plain Masonic lodge and of the Universalist church.

He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Katherine Lasher; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. [Elmina Moyer] Pickard of Brookmans Corners; one sister, Mrs. Harold [Ruth] Cronkhite of Hallsville.

Martin Pickard was one of the most popular young men who ever engaged in business in Fort Plain and his death is a great loss to the community. He was active and progressive and ever ready to help in promoting the best interests of the community. He looked forward to an extended business career in which his store would be a considerable factor in the business life of Fort Plain. His death is a great shock to his family and his many friends, and his passing is a cause of genuine sorrow to the community in which he lived.

The funeral will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the home, Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Fort Plain Universalist church, officiating. Burial in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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