

[Roof, Dow G.]

Dow G. Roof, Minden Native, Dies in Conn.

Fort Plain, Jan. 19.—Dow G. Roof, who was considered to be one of the greatest athletes ever to attend Union College, having played fullback on its first undefeated football team in 1911, died in Stamford, Conn., Monday night at his home following a heart attack. He was born at Fort Plain March 10, 1893.

Mr. Roof went to Stamford in 1935 as assistant director of the industrial relations of the Stamford Division of Yale and Towne to develop athletic and other recreational programs for employes [sic]. While engaged in this work, he also devoted a great deal of time to develop Stamford's city-wide industrial athletic leagues, which have become nationally known. Three years ago he organized the Independent Baseball League of Stamford and served as its president until his death.

Mr. Roof became director of industrial relations in 1944 at Yale & Towne, and in 1947, he was appointed materials handling engineer of the Stamford Division. He resigned from the company in September, 1949, because of illness. At the time of his death, he was acting as executive secretary of the Retail Merchants of Stamford, Inc., for which he developed city-wide merchandising campaigns.

He prepared for Union College at Dean Academy in Massachusetts. At Union, in addition to football, he was a star on the basketball and baseball teams. Following his graduation in 1917 as a civil engineer, he joined the T.A. Gillespie Company of New York, for which he handled water works and pipe line construction in various parts of the country for 18 years. During this time he frequently coached Y.M.C.A. and other community athletic teams. It was this athletic coaching which brought him to Yale & Towne in 1935 as assistant director of industrial relations.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura L. (Hatcher) Roof; a sister, Mrs. Frank [Nellie Roof] Sticht, Fort Plain; a niece, Catherine E. Sticht, Fort Plain; and a brother, John R. Roof, Massena.

A prayer service was held in Stamford last night. The funeral will be held at 2 P.M. Friday at the Gray funeral home, Fort Plain, the Rev. Lyman Achenbach, pastor of the Universalist Church officiating. Burial will be made in Fort Plain Cemetery.

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