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DR. F.M. WASHBURN DIES SUDDENLY
Stricken With Fatal Heart Attack At His Home
LEADER IN CIVIC AFFAIRS
Apparently in Perfect Health When Attack Came
Without Warning and Death Ensued

It is seldom that a community experiences a shock such as followed the sudden and untimely death of Dr. Fred M. Washburn, shortly after noon last Thursday. Apparently in his usual perfect health in the forenoon, he was stricken with a heart attack, and death resulted within a comparatively few minutes.

Dr. Washburn was on the street as late as 11 o'clock in the morning, when he discussed with the president of the Rotary Club a matter that he expected to bring up for discussion at the noon meeting. He returned to his dental office in his home and kept an appointment for 11 o'clock. Toward noon he was seized with severe pain and telephoned to the Country Club to have word sent to Mrs. Washburn to come home immediately, and also asked the telephone operator to send for a physician. The doctor arrived in a few moments, and Mrs. Washburn a few minutes afterward. First-aid measures were given and another doctor was summoned, as the first had an appointment out of town in the afternoon and wished to leave him under medical care. He was conscious and appeared to be comfortable, but passed way suddenly a few minutes later with both physicians at his side. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis, a blood clot in an artery near the heart.

Fred Marcus Washburn was born at Cairo, Mich., on September 6, 1875. He was a son of Alphonso and Elizabeth Westlake Washburn and one of a family of two children. His brother, Dr. John Washburn, of Akron, O., died about two years ago. His parents had moved from Perry to Michigan soon after their marriage, his father owning a drug store in [obliterated] passed away a short time after he was born. He returned to Perry when he was about four years old and made his home with his aunt, Miss Mary Anna Westlake, in the house built by his grandfather, John Westlake, about 90 years ago, where his mother was born and married, and which had been his home until his death.

He was graduated from Perry High School in 1893, and after two years in which he was employed in Olin's hardware store, he went to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated in dentistry in 1899, returning to Perry and starting practice in the office in his home, continuing successfully until the time of his death. On August 20, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Ada Thomas of Perry, who is left to mourn his loss after nearly 30 years of devoted companionship.

Fred Washburn was a man of vivid personality, fine character and notable attainments. He had an exceptional fondness for competitive sport and excelled in the things he undertook. He had a keen interest in golf and was one of the most ardent devotees of that sport in the State. It was due to his interest and energetic sponsorship that the Silver Lake Golf Club came into existence, in the face of much adverse sentiment at that time, which has since changed to completely vindicate his

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foresight. He gave a great deal of time and ability to the welfare of the institution, never losing his enthusiasm for the project, and it is due to him more than to any other man that the members now enjoy the privileges of a golf course that is the envy of many other clubs in the State. He recently served as vice-president of the Western New York Golf Association and was well and favorably known wherever the game is played in this section.

On the day before his death he played 27 holes with some guests from Buffalo and had planned to play the finals of a tournament in the afternoon of the day itself. His opponent had called him in the morning to arrange for the match, and Dr. Washburn said he would like to play it that day, as he was feeling so well that he thought he would be able to put up a good battle. His opponent was waiting for him at the first tee when he received word of his death.

Dr. Washburn was a Past Master of Constellation Lodge, No. 404, F. & A.M., and Past Worthy Patron of Perry Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. He was also a member of Damascus Temple, Knights of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Universalist Church of Perry and took an active interest in its affairs. In the Perry Rotary Club he was song leader for some time and particularly active in Boy Scout projects and the Student Loan Fund. He was especially interested in the welfare of young people and had many friends and admirers among them. He was a devoted husband, a loyal friend, clean living, and possessor of sterling attributes that make his untimely passing keenly felt by a host of friends.

He was a member of the Universalist Church choir for several years; of the National, State and District Dental Associations and of the Stafford Country Club.

Funeral services were largely attended at his home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. J.A. Judge of the Universalist Church officiating, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. Clara Morgan of Avoca. Impressive Masonic services at the grave in Glenwood Cemetery were conducted by A.D. Sloane, Master of Constellation Lodge.

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Dr. Fred M. Washburn, who was suddenly stricken Thursday noon, was born in Cairo, Mich., Sept. 6, 1875. Orphaned at the time of his birth he came to Perry to live with his grandparents and an aunt, living from infancy in the house where he had his office and where he so happily spent his life.

Shortly before twelve o'clock, he attended to a patient and apparently he had planned to attend the weekly luncheon of the Perry Rotary club of which he was a charter member. Suddenly stricken he reached the telephone in time to summon a physician. Mrs. Washburn, who was at the Silver Lake Country club, was also quickly called. She arrived before he passed away, in the meanwhile two physicians working heroically over him.

After his graduation from the Perry high school, Mr. Washburn went to the University of Michigan to take the course in dentistry. He completed his course in 1900 and returned to Perry to open an office. In 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Thomas, who survives. He was the son of Alonzo and Elizabeth Westlake Washburn. His brother John, two years older, passed away in Youngstown, Ohio, three years ago. Coming here when only a few days old, he was given the loving care of his grandparents and an aunt.

Dr. Washburn was the exponent of a well balanced life. He was interested in music and took an active part, not only in local choirs and musical groups, but also in the various oratorios, cantatas, etc., sponsored by civic and religious organizations. He was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at one time, Master of Constellation Lodge, F.&A.M., at the time the beautiful new temple was built, and first Worthy Patron of Perry Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star.

He was also a member of the Perry club, interested in the Boy Scout movement, and only the night before his death visited Camp Sam Wood at Silver Lake where the welfare of the boys had drawn him.

A charter member of the Perry Rotary club, he had missed very few of its meetings since the club was established. When the Student Loan Fund was established, he was named to represent the club and he has taken a zealous interest in this worthy enterprise, giving it unselfish thought and attention.

Of the professional organizations he was a member of the National Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association and the Eighth Judicial Dental Association.

Recognizing the value of outdoor life long before scores of others, he promoted the establishment of the Silver Lake Golf club and with Harold Phelps of Rochester, landscape engineer, devoted hours in developing it. It was almost entirely through his efforts that enough public spirited individuals were induced to supply the required financial backing and it was largely to his foresight and wisdom that a course was built so economically that almost any individual could afford to play. It is doubtful if there is another course, so beautiful and slightly,

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in all the United States, built so cheaply and so efficiently managed. Credit for that must be given him in a big and generous way.

Dr. Washburn was vice-president of the Buffalo District Golf Association and in addition to his local membership, belonged to the Stafford Country club. This summer he won the much prized Gillifillan cup, offered by the Stafford club. In 1929 he and Mrs. Washburn won the Me and Mine contest and last year they donated the prize for the contest. Fred Washburn knew the rules of the game and he played them accordingly. Likewise he knew the rules of the game of life and played them like the genuine sportsman. In these days of recognized sportsmanship and the value of a well balanced life, touching humanity here and there, it is no meaningless tribute to call a man a "real sport." Fred Washburn was all that, in golf, in church, in civic enterprise, in welfare work, in young peoples' interests and in his home, where a beautiful companionship rounded out his life.

The funeral service was held at the house, Lake street, Sunday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. Rev. J.A. Judge of the Universalist Church, of which he was a member, officiated. Rev. Clara Morgan of Cohocton, a former pastor, offered prayer. Burial was made at Glenwood Cemetery where Constellation Lodge, F.&A.M., conducted the ritualistic service, impressively given by Worshipful Master A.D. Sloane and Chaplain David H. Tuttle.

The pall bearers were George J. Grieve, L.A. Walker, C. Read Clarke, L.P. Benedict, Howard Jenks and Fred W. Johantgen.

A number of people prominent in the life of Western New York attended the funeral, including Federal Judge and Mrs. John Knight of Arcade; Hon. James E. Nash, Silver Springs; Dr. W.B. Bartlett and Charles VanArsade, Castile; Harold Phelps, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Hawks, Albion; Irving G. Botsford, Gainesville; and Ford White, W.B. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swales, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hobson, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Fiske, Miss Ruth Fiske, Rochester; Dr. and Mrs. J.S. Sortore, Belmont; Seymour Rogers, Mrs. John Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. N. Herrick, Holland; Mr. and Mrs. G. Richardson, Machias; Mr. and Mrs. R. Bridgeman, Elma; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rockweed, Mr. and Mrs. Buck, East Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. W. Pettit, Lockport; Miss Elizabeth Bishop, Warsaw, and Miss Blanchard, Cohocton.

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