

HEART ATTACK WAS FATAL

Alonzo Dutcher Dropped Dead This Morning on North Second Street.

HERE FOR VISIT

And to Attend the Fair -- Was Manager of Morris Store at Bluffton

Alonzo Wesley Dutcher, son of Mrs. Nancy Dutcher, of North Second street, a life-long resident of this county, until going to Bluffton seven weeks ago to become manager of the Morris store in that city, dropped dead this morning at 7:45 o'clock on North Second street, while on his way to town. He lived but a few moments after the fatal attack of the heart came upon him, and was dead before a physician could arrive, or before even simple home remedies which neighbors brought to the scene, could be applied.

Mr. Dutcher, with his brother-in-law, Harvey Ginter, wife and babe, of Bluffton, had arrived in this city this morning on the early Clover Leaf train, to attend the fair and visit with relatives. They proceeded to the home of Mrs. Dutcher, where they had breakfast, and then he left home to come down town to call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bigham. He had been in the best of health, although somewhat frail looking in appearance, and had never complained of his heart. This morning, however, he complained somewhat of a pain in the stomach, before leaving, but nothing was thought of it.

As he neared the curve on North Second street, between the Gauze and Krumenaker houses, he was seen to reel. A lady who met him, as he began to reel, not knowing him and not knowing that he was ill, passed on, and very soon after that he fell. Three men in a passing truck saw him fall and hastened to assist him. Later neighbor women arrived on the scene, among them being Mrs. Perry Robinson. Seeing that he was still breathing, although he was unable to speak or to recognize any around him, attempts were made to restore him. Some hastened for camphor and other home remedies, until a doctor could come, and others attempted to loosen the color [sic] and clothing to revive him. The clotting blood however, had settled about the throat, until it became swollen, and death was no doubt due in measure to strangulation. Before the women could return with the camphor, or other restoratives, he had passed away, probably not living more than five minutes after the attack.

Coroner D. D. Clark reached the scene in a very few minutes after death, and stated that the death was due to heart trouble. The body was placed on a cot and carried by Perry Robinson, Lafe Baker, Johnny Mayer and others to the home, where the family physician arrived later. No efforts had been spared, however, to do what could be done to revive him, but the fatal outcome, it is believed, could not have been warded off after the attack came.

The deceased was one of the best known young men of the city, and a boy of most exemplary character. He was born in Root township, two and a half miles northwest of this city, November 22, 1893. Had he lived until next November he would have been

twenty-one years of age. The father, Samuel Dutcher, met a sudden death June 29, 1905, when he was thrown from a hay wagon in the field. Soon thereafter the family moved to this city, and have lived since that time on North Second street. For six years Alonzo was employed at the Schafer hardware store, where he was well liked, being a young man of excellent business qualifications, as well as the best character. His employers speak in the highest praise of him. He resigned his work at the Schafer store a few months ago to become assistant manager to Manager Ray Collins of the Decatur Morris five and ten cent store. He was there but a short time, however, until his ability was recognized in a promotion, and seven weeks ago he was made manager of the Morris store at Bluffton, where he had been since.

Mr. Dutcher was a member of the Decatur Methodist church, and lived a consistent Christian life. Fraternally, he was identified with the Modern Woodmen.

He is survived by the mother, one brother, John Dutcher, a member of the faculty of the state university at Bloomington; and three sisters, Fanny, wife of Chas. Nyffeler, of west of the city; Blanche, at home, and Agnes, wife of Harvey Ginter, of Bluffton.

The family was indeed sadly stricken and the members are nearly prostrated with grief, as indeed are all the friends of the young man. The family certainly has the sincere sympathy of all in their heavy bereavement.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been made this morning, except that the funeral would be held at the Methodist church in this city.