

# James Hutchison

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It was with the deepest regret that the community learned this morning of the sudden death of James Amos Hutchison, age 23, who died this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hutchison of Herman Street. James came home from work yesterday morning about 10 o'clock complaining of a severe headache with which he suffered throughout the day. A physician was called and gave him medical attention, but he was not believed to be seriously ill. He remained in bed during the day, and was attended this morning about 3 o'clock by his mother who gave him a drink of water, and his condition at that time did not seem alarming, but when Mrs. Hutchison went in his room again this morning about 7:30 o'clock he was found dead, his death being attributed to acute dilatation of the heart.

"Jimmy" as he was fondly called by his legion of friends was one of the most likable young men in the city, and his countless friends were both grieved and shocked to learn of his death. He was a boy of high moral character and one of high ideals, and to know him was to love him for he had a most pleasing personality, a winning smile and cheerful disposition that made his friendship something to be treasured. He was always kind, and considerate of others, and it was rare that he was ever seen without his pleasant smile, which had become so familiar here.

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"Jimmy" was not only a brilliant student, but possessed rare musical talent, being able to play several different instruments, and his musical talents were much in demand. After leaving the university he spent nearly three years in California where he was a member of one of the well known Pacific Coast orchestras which broadcast over the radio a number of times. He returned to this city last June, and recently accepted a position with the Virginia Public Service Company by which company he was employed at the time of his death.

This highly esteemed young man was not only well and favorably known in Hinton and Summers county, but is known over the entire state due to his many acquaintances and friends made while a student at West Virginia University.

His loss is a great one, not only to his family, but to the community as a whole which had become to and like him so well, and the heartfelt sympathies of all Hinton go out to his bereaved family in this hour of their great sorrow.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison, who are one of Hinton's best known and liked families he is survived by one brother Howard, a recent graduate of the Hinton High School, but who at present holds a position with a coal company at Charleston, and two sisters, Barbara and Louise who are students in the local schools. His father has long been an employee at the local post office department.

"Jimmy" was born at Prince, W. Va., but at the age of six moved to this city with his parents where he had lived ever since. He attended the schools here, and graduated with honor from the Hinton High School with the class of 1922. His popularity among his school mates is attested by the fact that he was elected president of his graduating class, a position that he filled most capably. He was a brilliant student, and during his high school career he twice won honors in the sectional and state oratorical contests while representing his school. In 1920 he was awarded the medal in the finals of the orations in the annual contest held at the state university in Morgantown and the following year he was awarded similar honors in extemporaneous speaking.

After graduating from high school he worked a year, and in the fall of 1923 he enrolled in the engineering school at West Virginia University where he also made splendid grades. While at the University he became affiliated with the Phi Delta Lambda, a national social fraternity, and he was also prominent in other campus activities during his stay at the university where he was quite popular. He remained at the university for two years, but was forced to discontinue his studies at that time due to his health.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the Central Baptist church of which he had been a member since the age of 12 years. The service will be in charge of the Pastor, Rev. H. P. Hackney. After the service at the church the body will be taken to Forest Hill for burial.