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CAPTAIN RALPH CONGER DIES AT BOONVILLE

Heart Attack Proves Fatal to Coach During Game With Kemper

Capt. Ralph Lloyd Conger, Wentworth Military Academy varsity football and basketball coach who died on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day early in the second quarter when his team was winding up its season against



Kemper Military School at Boonville, Mo., died following a coronary occlusion, Dr. B. T. Payne, Wentworth physician, revealed tonight. Payne was at Conger's side on the Kemper field.

Conger was sitting on the bench when the heart attack occurred, and every man on the squad knew that the coach had passed away. This was reflected in the playing the second half when the Kemper Yellowjackets piled up 14 points to defeat the Dragons. The audience in the Boonville stadium was not aware of what had happened. Conger's body was quickly removed from the field and spectators knew only that there was a little excitement on the Wentworth bench. Col. Lester B. Wikoff, former Wentworth athletic director and varsity coach, and Capt. Kenneth Sylvester, assistant coach, took over the coaching for the rest of the game.

At the end of the game the news was flashed over the loudspeaker system and everyone in the stadium stood with bowed heads for

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