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PAUL DINSMOOR

We have been saddened by the sudden death of Paul Dinsmoor, who for many years has been a useful citizen of Lawrence, an active participant in our economic and civic life, a moving spirit in Rotary and a personal friend of all of us.

He was born in Lawrence and his entire life had been lived here. My first memory of him is that of a handsome, alert boy of High School age. Then I recall his appearance as a cadet when he came home from military school. A little later he was the close mouthed, sensible secretary of Congressman Bowersock, who exercised rare judgment for one of his years.

My closest personal contact with him came in 1906 or 1907 when he became business manager for The Lawrence Journal, under my former partner, J. L. Brady. It was a new experience for him, and it meant hard work, but he gave good service. He was honest, reliable and truthful. He used no weasel words to mislead, but was always straightforward.

His success in one field after another was an indication of innate worth. Associated with his brother-in-law, Irving Hill, they developed a small industry, until it became one of the largest in its field in the nation, and this growth continued thru the years, "Which tried men's souls."

In spite of the business cares he shouldered his full share of civic responsibilities, served as president of The Chamber of Commerce and of Rotary, and thoroly enjoyed the give and take sessions of The Old and New Club, in which one must not express opinions, unless ready to defend them.