

Fred Epling

Obituaries

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Fred Epling was born March 27, 1899, and died May 1st, 1921, aged 22 years, 7 months and 4 days. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Epling of Otto, Fred was a boy well liked and respected by all who knew him. His death came as quite a shock to his friends as he was only sick a few days. Death followed an operation for peritonitis at St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg.

The deceased was one of the most popular and promising of the young men of our community with a bright future before him, but in a very short time the dark mantle of death was thrown around him and all had fled. How sad it is to have our loved ones taken from us, but it is so decreed that we must all die, but after death the Judgment. His sister, Upha, told the writer, that she witnessed his last moments and that he died happy, being at peace with God. His last testimony was to all his friends and comrades to prepare and get ready for death, not to put it off until the last moments of life. It was a sad and sorrowful place to be to see the grief-stricken family so overcome by the unwelcome guest coming in and claiming their only boy as its victim. But death will be no more. There is left father, mother, and five sisters, Upha, Letha, Ura, Stacel and Oshie, to mourn their loss of a loving son and brother.

Herbert Spencer

(Submitted by Evelyn Bissell Starcher)