

J.W. Charlton, Faculty Veteran, Dies Suddenly

Dr. Joseph W. Charlton, 64, a member of the economics and business faculty for almost 30 years, died suddenly at a local hospital Jan. 31 after a heart attack during the night. Chairman of the department at the time of his death, he was expecting to retire in June.



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Born in 1892 in Oberlin, Ohio, he received his A.B. from Oberlin College in 1914 and his M.A. there in 1916. In 1938 he took his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, where he had studied for three years just before coming to Grinnell in 1927 and where he taught in 1926-27.

He started his teaching here as an assistant professor and was an associate professor from 1929 to 1947, when he became a full professor. He served the college one year, 1944-45, as dean of men.

Keenly interested in athletics, he had been chairman of the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics since 1942, was an honorary member of Men's Honor G, and last May served as honorary referee of the 34th annual Midwest Conference track and field meet. He was conference president in 1954-55.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa while an Oberlin undergraduate, Dr. Charlton was also a member of professional organizations and listed in various "Who's Who" publications for his scholarly and professional attainments.

He was active in community affairs and a member of the First Congregational Church. During World War I he was a first lieutenant in the infantry, serving 16 months in France, and was a member of the American Legion. He served on the Grinnell City Council from 1945 to 1948.

In 1921, he married Maud Clements, a 1916 Oberlin graduate, who survives him. There were no children.

Burial was in Ohio, following a Herrick Chapel memorial service conducted by the Rev. Leland W. Mann (D.D., '27), Dean of the Chapel, Winston L. Kling, and Dr. Carl D. Strong, '09 (LL.D., '50), *hon. emeritus* of the college.

Dr. Charlton Dies Today

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College Faculty Member;
Memorial Rites Sunday



Dr. Joseph Charlton

Dr. Joseph W. Charlton, 64, a member of the Grinnell college economics faculty since 1927, died about 7:40 this morning at a local hospital following a heart attack. He had become ill in the night at his home.

Memorial rites for Dr. Charlton will be conducted Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3:00 p.m. from Herrick chapel. Rev. Winston King and Rev. Leland Mann will officiate at the memorial. Dr. Earl Strong will make some personal remarks.

Oberlin Graduate

Dr. Charlton, who was born Feb. 26, 1892, in Oberlin, Ohio, was graduated from high school there in 1910. He received his A.B. from Oberlin College in 1914, majoring in economics, and his M.A. in education, in 1916 from the same college. Just before coming to Grinnell, he studied three years at the University of Chicago, where he was an instructor in 1926-27, and from which he received his Ph.D. in economics and business in 1938.

On Aug. 22, 1921, he married Miss Maude Clements, a 1916 Oberlin graduate, who survives him.

Dr. Charlton joined the faculty here as an assistant professor in 1927 and was an associate professor from 1929 to 1947, when he became a full professor. Chairman of his department at the time of his death, he was expecting to retire this June after rounding out an even 30 years of service to the college.

Interested in Athletics

Dr. Charlton was keenly interested in athletics. He had been chairman of the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics since 1942, was an honorary member of the Men's Honor G, lettermen's club, and last May served as honorary

referee of the 34th annual Midwest conference track and field meet. He was conference president in 1954-55.

He also served the college one year, 1944-45, as dean of men.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa while an undergraduate at Oberlin, Dr. Charlton was also a member of the American Economic Association and the Midwest Economic Association, and was listed in "Who's Who in Education" and "Who Knows and What," for his scholarly and professional achievements.

Active in Community

He was also active in community affairs and was a member of First Congregational church. During World War I he was a first lieutenant in the infantry, serving 16 months in France, and was a member of the American Legion.

He served on the Grinnell city council from 1945 to 1948 and was in frequent demand as a speaker on economic problems for the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and other local organizations.

* * * * * BOWEN MAKES STATEMENT

President Howard Bowen, in behalf of the school, made the following statement to the H-R this morning:

"The faculty and staff of Grinnell college are sorrowed by the sudden passing of a fine man who has been a friend and colleague for nearly 30 years.

"In addition to his teaching career, Professor Charlton gave generously of his ability in services to the community. Through his lifelong interest in athletics he influenced the lives of many young men of Grinnell through his personal counsel and through his zeal for high standards in intercollegiate sports.

"He will long be remembered in warm regard by his fellow teachers, the people of the community, and especially by the hundreds of young men of Grinnell for whom he had a special affection."

Many Will Miss Joe Charlton

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Many people will miss Dr. Joseph Charlton, who died suddenly last Thursday morning at a Grinnell hospital.

Literally thousands of college students had passed through courses in his classrooms during the 30 years that he taught in the economics department of the school. Also, many, many students on the Grinnell campus who had probably never enjoyed the privilege of taking his courses knew him well, and held him in high esteem. He was a friend to all the students attending the college during the time he was a faculty member.

But, probably the men students of the college came to know him best. He served briefly as dean of men following World War II, and was always known as a counselor to the

men students in various phases of their athletic activities, particularly intercollegiate sports. He was faculty member of the athletic council for most of the years of his service here.

Also, in the community—outside of college circles—Joe Charlton's friends were legion. He always manifested more than the usual interest in community affairs, both municipal and school matters, as well as community undertakings and programs of any and all kinds.

Also, when called upon to make public appearances, or to give expert discussions before any group, he willingly responded most enthusiastically, and always did a superior job.

Joe will be missed, indeed—on the campus and off.

Des Moines Register, Feb 1, 1957

GRINNELL RITES FOR CHARLTON

(The Register's Daily News Service)

GRINNELL, IA.—Dr. Joseph W. Charlton, 64, member of the Grinnell College economics faculty since 1927, died Thursday morning in a hospital here, a few hours after he had suffered a heart attack.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p. m. in the college's Herrick chapel, with the Rev. Leland Mann of First Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in Oberlin, Ohio, following another service there Tuesday.

Born in Oberlin

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Planned to Retire

Dr. Charlton joined the faculty here as an assistant professor in 1927. Chairman of his department at the time of his death, he was expecting to retire this June.

He had been chairman of the faculty committee on intercollegiate athletics since 1942, was an honorary member of the men's honorary Lettermen's Club, and last May served as honorary referee of the thirty-fourth annual Midwest Conference track and field meet. He was conference president in 1954-55.

Dean of Men

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