

## **Etta Babler**

**June 1, 1880 - Feb. 5, 1974**

Mrs. Etta Babler, 93, Monticello, who once edited and published a weekly newspaper founded by her father, died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, in St. Clare Hospital. She was hospitalized three times in 1973 and since Jan. 23 this year. She died of heart failure and complications of age.

The former Etta Williams was born at Belleville June 1, 1880, a daughter of John and Susan Turner Williams. She attended Belleville schools and taught in rural schools near Monticello before her marriage.

She was married Dec. 3, 1902, in Madison to Henry A. Babler. They lived at Humbird where he was a bank cashier. He died in 1913 and the following year his widow and child moved to Belleville. There Mrs. Babler took over operations of The Belleville Recorder, weekly newspaper for a six-year period during the 1920's.

Mrs. Babler had been a Monticello resident for many years, making her home with her daughter and family in late years.

Mrs. Babler was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Ivan (Charline) Wichser, Monticello; four grandchildren: a granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Luethy, Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and three grandsons, Richard Wichser, Brodhead, and Terry and Carlton Wichser, both of Monticello, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Babler was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, DeWitt, Homer and Hubert Williams, and two sisters, Mrs. Myron (Flossie) Ross, and Mrs. Wilkes (Elaine) Douglas.

Funeral services for Mrs. Babler will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in Zwingli Church Memorial Lounge at Monticello. Rev. Charles G. Workman is to officiate. Burial will be there in Highland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Memorial Lounge after 5 p.m. Friday. Voegeli Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.