

## **Joseph Wendell Barlow**

**April 1, 1896 – May 31, 1953**

### **J. W. Barlow, Local Banker and Civic Leader, Dies Sunday**

Striking with a lightning-like suddenness which stunned the entire community and plunged it into sadness, death claimed J. W. Barlow, 57 years of age, cashier of the Bank of Monticello for 26 years, Sunday morning at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. May Milbright, North Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Barlow were in North Bend to attend funeral services to be held Sunday for the lady's mother, Mrs. A. D. Polleys, Melrose, when Mr. Barlow was stricken. Death was due to a heart condition, which had its inception 11 years ago. They had gone to Melrose Thursday morning and Mrs. Barlow returned home Sunday night with Frederick S. Voegeli.

### **World War I Veteran**

He was born in Monticello April 1, 1896, the son of Joseph H. and Martha Wallace Barlow. In 1913 he graduated from the first four-year course in the Monticello high school and after graduation from high school he began his duties in the Bank of Monticello. After one year he was made assistant cashier. On June 15, 1918, he was united in marriage at Freeport, Ill, to Dorothy Ann Polleys by the Rev. McNary. Mr. Barlow entered military service in 1918 and saw service in France. He participated in the famed battle of Argonne Forest and was in one of the first troops to enter Germany. Following the war he took some courses at the University of Bonn, Germany. Upon his return from service he resumed his duties at the Bank of Monticello and became cashier in 1927 after the death of H. O. Babler. He had been cashier since that time, as well as a director of the institution. Mr. Barlow was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

### **Active in Civic Affairs**

Keenly interested in public and civic affairs, Mr. Barlow held many offices of public trust. He was a charter member and past commander of the Amstutz-Marty American Legion, and also past county American Legion commander. He held membership in the 40 et 8. He was a member and past master of Monticello Union Lodge No. 155, and of the New Glarus chapter. He was a member and past worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

### **School Board Member**

Mr. Barlow was a member of the board of education of the Monticello public schools for 27 years, serving as clerk and treasurer. He was a bank director for 26 years.

His public duties also included several terms as a village trustee.

### **Active Republican**

He had been closely identified with the Republican party for many years and was very active in the county organization in which he held several offices at various times. He served as a delegate to the state Republican convention several times.

Mr. Barlow was the first president and also secretary of the Monticello Commercial club.

An untiring worker, who gave willingly of his time and efforts in the public interest, Wendell always played a leading role in the planning and operation of celebrations and other events in the village. His judgment and counsel was often sought by his fellow men. Monticello and the surrounding community has suffered a heavy loss in the death of Mr. Barlow. He will be missed a great deal.

Surviving are his wife; one son, W. P. Barlow, Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Mrs. Edward Mills, Milwaukee; one brother, Reuel R. Barlow, Urbana, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Michael Mowry, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. Myrtie Yost, Pasadena, Calif; and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence, and two brothers, Ray and Clifford, in infancy.

### **Funeral Thursday**

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, The Rev. Howard L. Orians, pastor of the Immanuel Evangelical church, Monroe, will officiate.

Burial will be in Highland cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Amstutz-Marty post, American Legion. The Eastern Star and Masonic lodges will attend in an honorary body.

Active pallbearers will be H. A. Becker, C. W. Karlen, R. W. Karlen, M. E. Lynn, Laurance G. Marty, R. H. Schoonover, C. M. Stauffer, and R. W. Woelffer, Sr. Honorary pallbearers will be directors and officers of the Bank of Monticello—W. A. Loveland, W. E. Blum, Fred Burgy, Albert Knobel, Conrad Stauffacher and Howard Steinmann.

Friends may call at the Voegeli funeral home until 11 a. m. Thursday; when Mr. Barlow will be taken to the church.