

William Frederick Buehl Sr.
March 10, 1901 - September 5, 1972

A well-known Mt. Pleasant Township resident, William F. Buehl Sr., 71, Rt. 1, Monticello, died at 3:35 a.m. today in St. Clare Hospital, after a long illness. He had been in failing health for several years and was last hospitalized since Aug. 24.

He farmed in Mt. Pleasant Township, east of Monticello, and then moved to a smaller farm in the area when his health began to fail.

William Frederick Buehl was born in Washington Township March 10, 1901, a son of George and Augusta Schmerse Buehl. He was married Nov. 16, 1921, in St. John's United Church of Christ, Monroe, to Ada Legler.

The Buehl family was one of the first in the county to become widely-known as Swiss entertainers, singing and yodeling, and with a daughter, Gladys, as accordionist. Singing and yodeling came natural to him. As a young man his father and a friend got a job aboard ship to pay their way to this country. Soon after sailing, a ship's officer heard the two young men yodeling and offered them free passage if they would entertain the passengers.

For 20 years, the William Buehls, attired in Swiss festival costumes, led the parade of Brown Swiss cattle into the show ring for judging at the Dairy Congress in Waterloo, Iowa. They had also performed at similar functions at Chicago's International and the Wisconsin State Fair.

Mr. Buehl was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ at Monticello, and sang in the church choir for 30 years. He was formerly on the Church Council, former member of the Green County Fair Board, and former treasurer of Mt. Pleasant Township, the latter for 20 years.

Surviving are his widow, Ada; a son, William F., Jr., Jefferson; two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Gladys) Williams, Brodhead, and Mrs. William (Bertha) Miller, Monticello; three brothers, George, Janesville; Edwin, Monroe, and Ervin, Waukesha; five sisters, Mrs. Jacob Schindler, Janesville; Mrs. Baltz Schindler, Monroe; Mrs. William Schwartzlow, Janesville, and Mrs. Carl Vogel and Mrs. Rudy Kubly, both of Waukesha, and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mrs. Sam Schwartzlow, Brooklyn, and his parents.

Funeral services for Mr. Buehl will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in Zwingli Church at Monticello. Rev. Charles G. Workman is to officiate. Burial is to be in Highland Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Memorial Lounge of Zwingli Church after 3 p.m. Thursday and in the Church Sanctuary after 11 a.m. Friday.

Voegeli Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.