

MRS. H. J. PLOOG PASSES ON
Dies at Madison Hospital Friday Following Second Operation

February 11, 1899 – July 8, 1926

Monticello residents were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Harry Ploog, Madison, formerly Miss Blanche Wuilleumier, of this village, who passed away at the St. Mary's hospital in that city at about 7 o'clock Friday morning, following a second major operation performed to relieve complications that developed after a first operation, to which she had submitted nine days previous. She had been a patient at the Madison hospital for nearly fifteen days.

Blanche Alice Wuilleumier was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Solothurn, February 11, 1899, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Wuilleumier. At the age of five, she accompanied her parents to this country, the family eventually settling in Monticello. She received her education in this village, having been a student at the local high school.

During the world war, Mrs. Ploog decided to do her bit for the cause of this country and enlisted in the United States army as French language interpreter, she being an excellent speaker of that language. She was the only one of a large group of recruits to pass the examination and was about to leave in a few days for France where she was to take her place at a signal corps switchboard to relieve a man for the front, when the Armistice was signed. As a result of her fine display of patriotism, her picture was carried in an issue of The Madison Capital Times, together with an accompanying story.

On June 9, 1921, she was united in marriage to Harry J. Ploog, Madison, and since that time had made her home in that city. For the past ten years she had been employed by the Forest Product Laboratory there where she rendered faithful service and won the love and respect of all her fellow employees.

During her residence in Monticello, Mrs. Ploog made many friends because of her pleasant and cheerful disposition. She was a kind and devoted wife and obedient daughter, who was highly respected by her vast number of acquaintances. She had planned to resign her position at the Forest Products Laboratory this coming fall in order to devote her full time to household duties in a pleasant little home that Mr. Ploog erected two or three years ago.

Besides the bereaved husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wuilleumier, of this village, one sister, Martha, Madison, and three brothers, George and Louis, Madison, and Marcel, Monticello.

Funeral services were held at the Ploog home, 419 Emerson street, Madison, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. J. E. Sarles, of the University Congregational church, conducting the services. Pall bearers were Alfred Dohr, Ray Holmes, Emil Dohr, Dane Roberts, Clarence Doubleday, and Harry Bartholomew. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Madison Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Ploog is a member.

The great number of floral offerings were a beautiful tribute to the love and respect which followed her to her last resting place.

Many people from Monticello and vicinity were in Madison Sunday afternoon to attend the last sad rites.