

## **Rites Held Monday For William W. Roethlisberger, 55**

**May 11. 1899 – Jan. 1955**

Funeral services for William W. Roethlisberger, 55 years of age, who died Friday morning, were held at 2 Monday afternoon at the Voegeli funeral home.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Dick Stauffacher, Baraboo; Erwin Spring, Monroe; Marvin Freitag, J. M. Freitag, Harold Ott, and Walter Zeller.

### **Found in Store**

Mr. Roethlisberger, who had been employed at the L. R. Pease hardware store here for about 10 days, took his life by hanging. He had been working in the basement of the store during the forenoon and Mr. Pease found the body when he went to investigate at noon when the man failed to come out of the basement.

“Bill,” as he was always referred to by his many friends, had been despondent for some time. While he was always known as a jolly, affable fellow, his unhappy moments were not reflected on the surface to the attention of his friends.

William W. Roethlisberger was born in Lafayette county May 11. 1899. the son of Simon and Elise Mueller Roethlisberger. He attended rural schools. In 1927 he went to California and was employed in a creamery for a number of years.

In 1932 he was united in marriage to Esther Hagge. the ceremony taking place in California. Since 1946 he had been employed on the Stauffacher Bros. farm, a few miles north-west of Monticello.

Mr. Roethlisberger was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

He is survived by his mother; one son, William, Jr., and one daughter, Joyce, Glendale, Calif; two brothers, Carl, Gratiot, and Fred, Monticello; and two sisters Mrs. Conrad Stauffacher and Mrs. Fred G. Haldiman, both of Monticello. He was preceded in death by his father in 1930 and one sister, Ida, in infancy.