

Burlal Rites For Henry O. Babler 1927

Hundreds Pay Final Tribute To Life-Long Resident of Monticello

Funeral services for Henry O. Babler, life-long resident of Monticello, and one of the community's most valued and highly esteemed citizens, were held at the family home on South Main street at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, officiated at the last rites. and burial was in Highland cemetery.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Monticello, and was indeed an impressive illustration of the universal popularity of the departed and the high regard in which he was held, not only in his home community, but elsewhere throughout the county. Not only was his true worth manifested in the large number of sorrowing relatives, friends and neighbors who followed his remains to their last resting place. but the countless floral offerings of business associates, societies and individuals also bore silent testimony as to the sterling qualities which won for him the friendship and esteem of all with whom he came -in contact.

All business places were closed during the hours of the funeral.

Henry O. Babler. son of Henry L. Babler and Ursula Marty-Babler, was born April 7, 1884, at New Glarus, Wis. Although a native of New Glarus, he had lived in Monticello his entire life, with the exception of one year. He was a graduate of the Monticello high school and subsequently took a course in business training at the Monroe Business institute.

Mr. Babler was united in marriage to. Miss Florence Wittwer on June 9, 1910. To this union four children were borne—Ruth, 16, Arthur, 13, Leon, 6, and Carl, 4.

The deceased had been connected with the Bank of Monticello for a period of 25 years, starting in as bookkeeper at the age of 18. Through his close attention to details, his pleasant disposition and winning cordiality, he developed into a valuable asset to the institution and his services were awarded by well deserved promotions from time to time. He had not been with the bank many years until he was promoted to the position of assistant cashier. For the past twelve years he had held the responsible position of cashier.

Mr. Babler was a member of the local Masonic lodge, from the members of which the pall bearers were selected. He was generous hearted to a fault; seemingly more interested in doing for others than in doing for himself. He gloried in the success of others and envied no one. He was stranger to selfishness and greed. He was a home town enthusiast and a friend and supporter of every movement to promote the general welfare of the community and the county in which he lived. And now that he is gone forever from the scenes that were familiar to him from childhood up, his sterling qualities stand out more clearly than ever. He was one person of whom it can be truthfully said. "he was a friend to everybody and everybody was his friend."

Surviving are the widow and four children, his father, H. L. Babler, one brother, W. E. Babler, Beaver Dam, and one sister, Mrs. R. H. Schoonover, Monticello.

Mr. Babler was closely devoted to his home and family and the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the widow and children in the great affliction that has overtaken them.

The death of Mr. Babler occurred at the Methodist hospital, Madison. where he passed away at. 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. August 17. 1927 following a major operation to which he

submitted at noon on the previous day, the details of which were given in last week's issue. He had reached the age of 43 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Relatives present at the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wittwer and daughters, Mrs. Ella Wittwer, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Klossner and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wittwer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wittwer, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barlow, Robert Wittwer, all of Madison; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taft and Mrs. Will Preston, Beloit; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dick and son, Leon, Leroy, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Marty and Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Gerber, Baraboo; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marty, Elkhorn; Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Marty and John Voegeli, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. Ed. Balder, Rockford, Ill., and many others from New Glarus, Monroe, Brodhead and other points in Green county.