

## **Adolph Arn**

**March 8, 1879 – September 27, 1956**

### **Adolph Arn, Age 77, Prominent Retired Cheese Dealer, Dies**

Funeral services for Adolph Arn, 77 years of age, esteemed resident of Monticello for the past 50 years, and a prominent figure in the cheese wholesaling industry for some 20 years years, who passed away at approximately 10:30 Thursday morning from the effects of a severe heart attack, were held at 2 Saturday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Otto Bontly, Ernest Schuerch, Fred Escher, Arthur Escher, Dr. J. M. Harden, Christ Yaussi, Wilbert S. Hoesly and Traugott Senn.

Mr. Arn entered the hospital the previous Friday morning.

#### **Native of Switzerland**

Mr. Arn was born March 8, 1879, in Wangenried, Canton of Berne, Switzerland, the son of Jacob and Verena Mosimann Arn. In 1896, at the age of 17, he came to America with his mother and two brothers, Ernest, and Alfred, and two sisters, Elisa and Mary. They settled in the New Glarus area. Mr. Arn, like all Swiss immigrants of those days, bore an industrious and hardy life. He was employed in cheese factories for a time after coming to this country, for approximately six months in a factory known then as the David Zimmerman factory, southwest of New Glarus, where he also attended rural school when time would permit. The following year Mr. Arn was employed at the Wittenwyler-Burgy factory, a few miles southwest of Monticello. A few years as a farm worker and wood chopper in the winter months followed before he returned to his trade of cheesemaking in a factory in the Blanchardville area. He was engaged as maker at the Henry Duerst factory, near New Glarus, after working in the Blanchardville area factory, and his mother passed away while he was operating the Duerst factory.

#### **Came to Monticello in 1906**

Mr. Arn was employed as a cheesemaker in Monticello from 1906 until 1916, for the late John Urban in the factory now operated by Fred Minder. From 1916 until 1920, Mr. Arn was employed as buyer of cheese for the late Edw. Wittwer & Bro., a pioneer local cheese firm.

#### **Form Cheese Company**

In 1920 Mr. Arn and the late J. P. Zweifel, Jr., Albert Knobel and J. P. Zweifel, Sr., formed the Arn & Zweifel Cheese Co., wholesale cheese dealers. The firm become known as one of the top independent wholesale cheese firms of the area, and is today the only independent firm of that era still operating. He retired from active business in the spring of 1937 and disposed of his interest in the firm Jan. 1, 1948.

Mr. Arn was united in marriage March 3, 1910, in Monticello, to Louise Stalder. She passed away Aug. 28, 1937.

Mr. Arn was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, of the Monticello Masonic lodge and the New Glarus Chapter and the Order of Eastern Star.

#### **An Ardent Sportsman**

Many of Mr. Arn's leisure hours in his early years were devoted to sporting activities. He was a member of Monticello's target shooting club back in the early days of the club's existence, the range being located at the old Shooting Park, a mile and a half west of Monticello. Many deer hunting trips were numbered among his memories, and among his trophies is a mule deer which he downed in the state of Oregon. His time during the summer months, in recent years, was devoted primarily to fishing on Lake Wisconsin, where he owned a cottage.

His many friends in the community were deeply grieved at the news of his death. He will be missed a great deal, not only by his family, but by his many acquaintances as well.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John Streiff and Mrs. C. M. Wittenwyler, two grandchildren, Gail and Jerry Wittenwyler, Monticello, and one brother, Alfred Arn, Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Fred, Ernest, Gottfried and John, and two sister, Mrs. Christ Bringold and Mrs. Samuel Luchsinger.