

## **Fred J. Elmer**

**May 5, 1896 – August 29, 1956**

### **Fred J. Elmer, 60, Dies Wednesday; Rites to be Sunday**

Fred J. Elmer, 60 years of age, Madison, and a native of Monticello, passed away at 12:15 Wednesday morning at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Elmer, New Glarus.

On Aug. 10, 1955, Mr. Elmer was taken ill and entered St. Mary's hospital, Madison, where he suffered a stroke a week later. Later he was hospitalized at Wood Veterans hospital, Milwaukee. Since last November he had resided at his brother's home, having been confined to bed and a wheel chair. Ten days ago he suffered another stroke and his condition had since failed to improve.

Born in Monticello May 5, 1896, he was the son of Jacob H. and Catherine Widmer Elmer. He attended the Monticello schools.

### **Worked for Railroad**

"Engineer" Fred, as he was often referred to by his many friends in this area, started working for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad in Madison in 1918 and had always been employed by the railroad as an engineer except when he was in service during World War I. Mr. Elmer was a member of the 6th Infantry Division and spent three months in front line fighting. After the Armistice he transferred to the 3rd Army Composite Regiment, which formed an honor guard for Gen. Pershing and the victory parades following the Allied victory after World War I.

Mr. Elmer was a member of the Veterans association of the Northwestern Railroad, Alpha Lodge No. 26, Brotherhood of locomotive firemen and engineers, and a member of the Stuessy-Kuenzi American Legion post, New Glarus.

Surviving are seven brothers, Henry J., Wilbert D., John and Arnold, Monticello, Jacob (Tommy), Monroe, Marcus, Marion, Iowa, and Herman W., New Glarus.

### **Funeral Sunday**

Funeral services will be held at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Highland cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the graveside.