

Fred R. Holcomb
Dec. 25, 1889 - Jan. 20, 1961
Fred Holcomb Stricken at 71

Fred R. Holcomb, 71, Monticello, a former resident of Monroe for 12 years, died at 5:30 p.m. yesterday in St. Clare hospital from a heart condition. He had been in ill health for sometime and was hospitalized twice before entering again Sunday.

He was born Dec. 25, 1889, in Adams Township, one of 11 children of Ernest and Rose Blumer Holcomb. He attended Dividing Ridge rural school and Monroe high school. He and Bertena Odegard were married Feb. 23, 1910, in Blanchardville. They held open house last year in observing their golden wedding.

They farmed in the Monticello area for many years and then both Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb were employed at Lakeshire-Marty in Monroe for 12 years. They retired to Monticello in 1958.

Mr. Holcomb was a member of Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. He was custodian at the church for about a year, forced to resign because of his health.

Surviving are his wife; a son, LeRoy, Rockford; eight brothers, Robert Holcomb Sr., Ira and Clarence, all of Monticello; Harold, James, Marvin, Leon and Arthur, all of Monroe; a sister, Mrs. Fred Zweifel, Monticello; two grandchildren, Richard Holcomb, Denver, Colo., and Tom who lives with his grandparents in Monticello, and one great-grandson, Michael Steven Holcomb, Denver.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest, a rural school teacher, in September, 1935. His father, who served many years as Adams town chairman and town clerk, died Jan. 19, 1930, and his mother, May 26, 1939.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Zwingli church at Monticello, with the pastor, Rev. J. Allan Mittler, officiating. Burial will be in Highland cemetery, Monticello. Friends may call at the Voegeli funeral home, Monticello, after 2 p.m. tomorrow.