

Jacob J. Legler
June 6, 1895 – March 28, 1954

Jacob Legler, 60, Well Known Cattle Buyer, Dies Sunday

Striking with a lightning-like suddenness which stunned the entire community, death claimed Jacob J. Legler, 60 years of age, well known Monticello man, at about 4:30 Sunday afternoon as he was being taken to the Monroe hospital by ambulance. Mr. Legler had complained of feeling ill Saturday night.

Born at Attica

Jacob J. Legler was born at Attica, June 6, 1895, the son of Abraham and Katherine Disch Legler. He attended the rural school at Attica. On Dec. 18, 1913, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Christen, the ceremony taking place in Belleville. Since 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Legler had resided on a farm at the northeast edge of Monticello. The farm has been operated by Thomas Saunders for the past several years.

During his many years as a dealer in dairy cattle, Mr. Legler became well known throughout southern Wisconsin and his many friends and acquaintances learned of his sudden death with deep and sincere regret.

Mr. Legler was identified with the livestock business in another capacity—that of a handler at the stock yards here. Shippers who came to look upon “Jake” as an important part of the day’s activities there each Monday will miss him a great deal. No longer will they have the opportunity to “shoot the breeze” with Jake, who was adept at joking, as well as in the art of telling tall tales in a friendly, good-natured manner. And when he was on the receiving end of a good-natured jibe, he possessed the ability to take it with a hearty chuckle.

“Jake” suffered many a bruise and abrasion in his work at the stock yards. When an unruly herd sire was delivered there, it usually fell to the lot of Mr. Legler to “tame” the critter. And sometimes the job was none too easy.

Mr. Legler was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church and of the Monroe Moose lodge.

Surviving are his wife: two daughters, Mrs. Walter Brink, Verona, and Mrs. Robert Kingdon, Monroe; five brothers, Herman, Sun Prairie, Emil, Basco, Fred, Verona, William, Brooklyn, and Walter, Milwaukee; one sister, Mrs. Henry Schmid, Verona; and four grandchildren, Elizabeth and Donald Brink and Robert and Judith Kingdon. He was preceded in death by a brother, George.

Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church. The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery. Pallbearers were Adolph Arn, Willis Babler, Jas. F. Dooley, Adam Duerst, Erwin Kissling, Sr., Armin Loeffel, Wm. G. Meier and Wm. Spring.