

William E. (Bill) Blum

William E. (Bill) Blum, 93, longtime resident of Monticello, died December 27, 1982, at Pleasant View Nursing Home where he had resided the past seven years.

He was born on April 13, 1889 in Washington Township, Green County, the son of Fred S. and Mary Schuler Blum. He attended Monticello school and the Monroe Business College. On June 26, 1913, he was married to Lena U. Marty.

A veteran retired businessman and banker in Monticello, he started working for the People's Supply Store, at the age of 17, in 1907. He became sole owner in 1943 and operated Blum's Store until his retirement on April 1, 1967. Bill Dickson now operates the former Blum Store. Blum was also a director of the Bank of Monticello from 1940 and served as president from 1950-71 when he retired from the board. He also served with the US. Army during World War 1.

Survivors include his wife, Lena, who is a resident at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe; one niece, Miss Irene Marty, Monticello and one nephew, Wilbert A. Marty, Mt. Horeb.

He was preceded in death by his parents. and one sister. Mrs. Edyth R. Stroll in 1970.

He was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello, a 50-year member of the New Glarus Masonic Lodge and the Amstutz-Marty Post 256, American Legion, Monticello.

There was no visitation and funeral services were private.