

Emil W. Laut Rites Set At New Bremen

Funeral services for Emil W. Laut, 74, widely-known New Bremen man, identified with the business life of the neighboring village over a half-century, were arranged for 10 a. m. Friday in the Vornholt funeral home there. The Rev. J. C. Melchert, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed church, and the Elks lodge, will have charge. Burial will be in German Protestant cemetery.

Mr. Laut, who died in his home shortly before midnight Tuesday following a several month illness of complications, resigned from the Auglaize county fair board several weeks ago because of illness after having served as a director of that body 53 years. He operated the Laut cigar store up to two years ago, and prior to entering that business was identified with other ventures in New Bremen.

A lifelong resident of the community, he was born Jan. 13, 1872, son of Herman and Dorothea Purpus Laut. He married Ella Koeper Sept. 14, 1899. The widow survives with a son, Lester Laut, New Bremen; two grandsons, Thomas Emil Laut, Lima, and James Frederick Laut, New Bremen; a great grandson, John Thomas Laut, Lima; brothers and sisters, Robert Laut, Minster; Herman J. Laut, New Bremen; Mrs. Dan Headeppohl, New Bremen; Mrs. Ralph Heffner, Celina; Mrs. Charles Moore, Toledo; Mrs. Raymond Knipple, New Bremen.

Mr. Laut was a member of the Elks and Knights of Pythias fraternal organizations.