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Monte Merchant

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Services Friday In Montezuma

Harry E. Rabenold, 68 this month, who, with Mrs. Rabenold, established the Western Auto Store here in 1944, succumbed at 4 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at his home. Death's call was most unexpected. Harry, Mrs. Rabenold and Mary had returned last week end from a delightful vacation in Minnesota where the program included fishing and celebration of Harry's birthday anniversary.

Memorial services will be Friday in Montezuma but the hour was not known at press time, awaiting word from relatives. Friends may call at the Steffy Funeral Home.

Harry was widely known and highly regarded throughout this area. Prior to opening the store in Monte, he traveled this territory for Standard Oil, with headquarters at Oskaloosa.

He was active in the Montezuma Business Boosters Club and in the American Legion. He was a World War I Army veteran. His sons John and Dick served in WW II, much to their father's pride.

Under Harry's leadership the Western Auto store thrived and soon outgrew its quarters on the east side of the square, moving to its present location at 307 E. Main. In 1946 Mrs. Rabenold and Mary purchased the apparel business, where the Republican now is located, and as it required larger quarters, the move was made to 301 E. Main in 1959.

When their children, Mary John and Dick became interested in the business the family formed a partnership, then later incorporated. Harry was president until his retirement to give the younger generation more responsibility.

Harry was a man who always had time to listen, and many times eased life's burden for someone by a well timed observation. He was an ardent fisherman, a loving husband and a patient father.