

Sylvan E. Duerst

Feb. 21, 1911 – November 12, 1962

Sylvan E. Duerst, 51, Dies Monday; Rites Set for Thursday

The body of Sylvan E. Duerst, 51 years of age, was found on the farm of his nephew, Robert Duerst, Jr., Adams township, Monday morning.

Deputy Coroner Richard Wagner said that death was a suicide by hanging. Mr. Duerst had been despondent over poor health for the past several months.

Duerst died on the same farm where he was born on Feb. 21, 1911. He was the son of Thomas and Eliza Steiner Duerst and attended the nearby Diving Ridge rural school and the Monticello schools. He never married and had always worked as a farm hand.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Edward D. Wittwer, Monroe, and Mrs. Frank Smith, Portland, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1931, his mother on Feb. 1, 1961, three brothers, Thomas Duerst, New Glarus, in 1942, Ernest in 1903, and Robert in 1957.

Funeral Services Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2 this (Thursday) afternoon at the Voegeli funeral home here. The Rev. J. Allan Mittler, pastor of the Zwingli United Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will be in the Swiss church cemetery,