

Gustave Hefty

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Services Held for Gus Hefty, Aged 52

Well Known Washington Township Farmer Dies Of Bullet Wound

Funeral services for Gustave Hefty, 52 years of age, well known Washington township farmer, who died on Wednesday morning of last week from a .22 calibre bullet wound in his head, were held at 2 Saturday afternoon in the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church here.

The Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, church pastor, officiated, and burial was in Highland cemetery.

When Mr. Hefty's body was found in one of the buildings on the farm at 7:45 in the morning by Arthur Blum, employed there, the Blum youth and Arthur Legler, a neighbor, immediately took Mr. Hefty to Monroe, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. The family is of the belief that death was accidental, inasmuch as Mr. Hefty had no motive for taking his life and was in good spirits. He had outlined the day's work to the family and his farm hand, Young Blum was told to pour gasoline into the family car and drive to Monticello for parts for a farm machine. Mr. Hefty, meanwhile, intended to shoot a sick cat. A short time after the cat was disposed of, the Blum youth heard another report from the gun. Upon returning the gasoline can to its place, the young man found Mr. Hefty in the farm building with the bullet wound.

Native of Switzerland

Mr. Hefty was a native of Switzerland, having been born in Canton Glarus. He came to the United States in 1912 and settled near New Glarus. On Feb, 20, 1920, he was united in marriage to Clara Grossenbacher. Since then the couple had farmed at various points in Green county and last farmed on the Gottlieb Wittwer estate farm, Washington township.

Mr. Hefty was a member of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, Monticello.

Surviving, besides the bereaved widow, are three daughters, Mrs. Roy Bissig and Anna Mae, Monroe, and Loraine, at home; a son, Richard; a grandchild; and a brother and three sisters living in Switzerland.