

**John Loertscher**  
**March 4, 1894 - April 12, 1961**  
**John Loertscher Dies of Scalding**

John Loertscher, 67, Monticello, died at 9 a.m. today in the Green County hospital where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Coroner Wilbur E. Deininger said Loertscher took his own life by placing his head in a tub he had filled with scalding water. He had been discouraged over his ill health.

Loertscher was born in Washington Township, March 4, 1894, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Loertscher Sr. He was reared by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Loertscher, after the death of his parents.

He attended Purcell rural school and farmed in Washington Township before moving to Monticello several years ago. He never married.

Surviving are cousins.

Voegeli funeral home, Monticello, is in charge of arrangements.

*NOTE: He is interred in the Washington Reformation Church Cemetery.*

ADDED: Services for John Loertscher were held Friday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home, with Rev. J. Allen Mittler, pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ, officiating.

Pallbearers were Ted Loertscher, Monroe; Harvey and Leon Gempeler, Fred Grossen, Clarence Holcomb, and Robert Zimmerman.