

Alma Wirth

Nov. 2, 1898 – April 1939

Mrs. Wm. Wirth ts Found Lifeless in Garage Fri A. M. Local Citizens Filled With Sorrow on Learning Of Death

Monticello residents were filled with sorrow and regret when at about 10 o'clock Friday morning Wm, Wirth reported finding the lifeless form of his wife, 41 years of age, hanging from a rafter in their garage at the rear of their home on Nickleplate avenue.

Reason Unknown

Members of the family are at a loss to explain Mrs. Wirth's self inflicted death. She did not portray or give any indications of taking steps to end her life and the finding of her body was naturally a severe shock to her family as well as her large circle of friends and acquaintances in and near Monticello.

At about eight o'clock Friday morning she sent her husband over to the business section to purchase the day's supply of groceries. Arriving home shortly before 10 he was unable to find her in the home. No answer came to his calls for her and he went to the rear of the house expecting to find her occupied in the garden. Failing to see Mrs. Wirth there he proceeded to the garage where he was met with the tragic scene.

Using an empty oil barrel she climbed to the desired height. A wash-line rope was employed for the tragic act. Mrs. Wirth had passed away before her husband arrived, her neck having been broken, according to reports.

Monticello Native

Alma Blum was a daughter of Fred and Emma Blum, having been born in Monticello Nov. 2, 1898. She attended the Monticello public schools and spent her girlhood days in this village. In February, 1918, she was united in marriage to Wm. Wirth, the ceremony taking place in Rockford. For a number of years following their marriage the couple made their home here. Subsequently they moved to Janesville where the gentleman was employed for a number of years. After residing in the Bower City for seven years they returned to Monticello, where they have since resided.

Surviving besides the bereaved widower are one daughter, Mrs. Walter Tertin, Monroe; one son, Frederick, at home; two brothers, Fred W. Blum, Washington township, and J. E. Blum, Janesville. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Sunday

Funeral services were held at 2 Sunday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral home. Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, pastor of the Zwingli Evangelical and Reformed church, presided. Burial was in Highland cemetery.