

Young Farmer Commits Suicide

George Smith, 16 Years Old,
Takes Own Life by
Hanging

The body of George Smith, 16 years old, who has been employed on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leo Smith, four miles west of Otterville, was found Thursday evening of last week hanging by a wire from a rafter in the barn on the Smith farm. The boy had not been seen by Mr. and Mrs. Smith since noon the day before, and they thought he was at the home of relatives near Otterville. No cause was known why the boy took his life.

Dr. S. N. Newton, coroner of Morgan County, was called to view the body. He decided no inquest was needed. The body was taken to the Newmeyer Undertaking establishment at Smithton, and burial was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery at Otterville Saturday.

He is survived by his father, George Smith, Sedalia; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Edwards, Otterville, and Miss Helen Smith, Smithton; and by seven brothers: Robert, Henry, Jacob, James, Hubert, Paul and Homer.