

Chas. Homan Ends Life By A Rifle Shot

Smithton Farmer
Previously Had
Truck Accident

Charles Homan, aged fifty-six years, farmer residing about two miles southeast of Smithton, fatally shot himself about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening with a .22 calibre rifle at his home while members of the family were outside doing the evening chores.

Mr. Homan left a note stating he "felt another spell coming on", but relatives and those knowing him best were at a loss to understand why such a message should have been written as they knew of no "spells," affliction, or illness that he might have suffered.

Tuesday morning Mr. Homan figured in an accident with a truck he was driving on a farm to market road and in which he suffered injuries to his face and lip when thrown against the steering wheel as the truck plunged into a tree when he failed to make a proper turn at a curve in the road near his home. The truck was considerably damaged.

Given Treatment Here

Brought to Sedalia to the Bothwell hospital he was given treatment by Dr. M. P. Shy, returning to his home during the afternoon.

Coroner W. T. Bishop was called to the Homan home shortly after his passing about 7:45 o'clock, the wounded man living for about fifteen minutes after firing the fatal shot.

After making inquiry into the circumstances of the death Dr. Bishop decided an inquest would be unnecessary. The body was taken to the Neumeier funeral home at Smithton to await completion of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Homan is survived by his widow, the former Miss Lillie Jaeger, to whom he was married June 8, 1926; two children of the home, Marjorie and Milo Homan.

He also leaves one brother, Ray Homan of Portland, Ore., who will not be able to attend the funeral and three sisters, Mrs. Jessie Wear, Otterville; Mrs. Bessie Raifeissen, Sedalia and Mrs. Clara Smith, Smithton.

Funeral Thursday

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Smithton Methodist church with Rev. E. J. Weiss officiating. The body is at the Neumeier funeral home and will be taken to the family residence this evening. The casket will not be opened at the services. Interment will be in Smithton cemetery.