

Jacob J. (Tommy) Elmer
April 8, 1894 - April 18, 1960
Tommy Elmer Rites Thursday

Jacob J. (Tommy) Elmer, 66, a gas company employee who retired in 1959 after nearly 40 years of service, was found dead yesterday afternoon at the farm of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Loveland, Route 2, Monticello.

Coroner Wilbur E. Deininger ruled suicide by hanging. No inquest will be held. Mr. Elmer was apparently despondent over ill health. He had undergone major surgery on Feb. 22.

Mr. Elmer began work with the Monroe Light and Fuel Co., later purchased by the Wisconsin Hydro Electric, on Nov. 1, 1921. He was gas plant operator at Monroe when Northern States Power Co. bought the property in November, 1957. On Jan. 1, 1958, he was listed as a foreman. When Northern States Power sold the Monroe gas property Sept. 1, 1958, he was granted a leave of absence until his normal retirement date April 30, 1959.

He was a native of Monticello and had been residing at 908 15th avenue. He was born April 8, 1894, the son of Jacob H. and Catharine Widmer Elmer. He attended Monticello schools and was confirmed in the Reformed church in 1910. On Dec. 21, 1920, he was married to Ethel Steinmann. She died June 14, 1928.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frederic (Iris) Dahms, Lancaster, and Mrs. Merlyn (Helen) Loveland; six brothers, Henry J., Wilbert D., John C. and Arnold, all of Monticello: Herman W., New Glarus, and Marcus of Marion, Ia., and three grandchildren. A brother, Fred, died Aug. 29, 1956.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Zwingli United Church of Christ, Monticello. Rev. Howard E. Beil of First Reformed church in Belleville will officiate in the absence of Rev. J. Allen Mittler. Burial will be in Highland cemetery. Friends may call at the Voegeli funeral home, Monticello, after 2 p.m. tomorrow.