

Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, Indiana; Wed., May 2, 1979

Chester L. Stevens, 58, of route 4, Decatur, who retired from the Fort Wayne works of the International Harvester Co. in 1976, was found dead at his residence at 4 p.m. Tuesday of a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

Adams County Coroner Dick Linn returned a verdict of suicide, and estimated time of death at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Stevens attended the First Missionary Church in Decatur and was a veteran of World War II.

Born in Harrison, Mich., on May 16, 1920, he was the son of Joseph and Matie [sic] Chronister-Stevens, and was married on July 20, 1946 to Mary Moser, who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Thomas W. Stevens, Van Wert, Ohio and Mrs. Kenneth (Linda) Reed, Lisle, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Veda Renn, Defiance, Ohio and Mrs. LeRoy (Myrle) Vore, Bryant; two half-sisters, Mrs. George (Thelma) Manns, Ossian and Mrs. Blanche Handley, Crawfordsville; two brothers, Joseph Stevens, route 3, Decatur and Donald Stevens, Geneva; one grandson, David Reed.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Winteregg, Linn & Haggard Funeral Home, with Rev. Gerald I. Gerig officiating. Burial will be in MRE Cemetery, Berne. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday.