

**Mrs. Della Teeple Dies Early Today
Farm Woman Takes Life By Drowning**

Mrs. Della S. Teeple, 73, a resident of Washington township and wife of Benjamin W. Teeple, took her life early this morning at her farm home two miles west and one mile north of Monroe.

County coroner Harmon H. Gillig ruled that death was caused by drowning and that it occurred sometime between 3 and 4 a.m. today. Members of the family discovered her body in a cistern at about 5 a.m. She had been in ill health for some time.

A native of Harrison township in Van Wert County, O., she was born March 4, 1883, to Thomas and Barbara Finkhousen-Cook. She was married in September 1902, to D. W. DeBolt who preceded her in death. She was then married Dec. 24, 1938, to Benjamin Teeple who survives. She has resided in this county for many years.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Chester F. DeBolt of Ridgeville and Kenneth L. DeBolt of Decatur; four daughters, Mrs. Andrew Bailey, Mrs. Lawrence Springer and Mrs. Kenneth Secaur, all of Decatur and Mrs. Frank Grice of Wren, O; three step-children, Mrs. Herbert Fenster of Orland, Fla., Mrs. Milton Helmke of Fort Wayne and Morton W. Teeple of Houston, Tex.; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; one brother, Otto Exley of Decatur, and two sisters, Mrs. Chauncy Cox and Mrs. Louis Cortney, both of Van Wert, O. Two brothers preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at ___ p.m. at Black's Funeral Home with the Rev. John Chambers officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening.