

SUICIDE IS RULED IN SHOTGUN DEATH

CELINA -- Mercer County Coroner R. Duane Bradrick has ruled the death of Kenneth Hoblet, 55, of Chattanooga, as suicide. Mr. Hoblet was shot in the head with a .410 shotgun in the garage of his home at 5:25 a.m. today. His wife, Gertrude, heard the shot and found the body.

The coroner said Mr. Hoblet, a self-employed auctioneer, had been despondent and under a doctor's care.

Mr. Hoblet was born in Adams County, Ind., May 17, 1908, to John and Olive (Pinkam) Hoblet. His mother survives. Also surviving are his wife, Gertrude; six daughters, Mrs. Lester (Sandra) Strickler, Willshire; Mrs. Gene (Linda) Michaud, Rt. 1, Willshire; Mrs. Sam (Nita) Hellworth, Rt. 1, Celina; Dana, Carla and Myra, all at home; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Bebout, Willshire and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers and his first wife, Bessie Strickler, who was killed in an automobile accident.

Mr. Hoblet was a member of the E. & R. Church in Liberty Township and the Moose Lodge in Celina.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the E. & R. Church with Rev. Larry May officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Vale and Stein Funeral Home in Celina after noon Friday. The casket will not be opened.

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W. Kenneth Hoblet Takes Life Thursday

W. Kenneth Hoblet, 55, well known auctioneer and used furniture businessman of Chattanooga, O., and a native of Adams county ended his life Thursday morning in the garage of his home with a .410 gauge shotgun.

He had been despondent for several months due to failing health and recently was forced to sell his business.

He was born in Adams county May 17, 1908, a son of John and Olive Tinkham-Hoblet. His first wife, Bessie was killed in an automobile accident. He was later married in 1933 ?? to Gladys Baker.

Mr. Hoblet was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church in Liberty township and the Moose lodge at Celina, O.

Surviving are his wife; his mother, who is reported ill in the Adams county memorial hospital; six daughters, Mrs. Lester (Sandra) Strickler of Wilshire, O., Mrs. Gene (Linda) Michaud?? Of Wilshire route 1, Dana, Myra and Carla Hoblet, all at home; and Mrs. Sam (Nita) Hellwarth of Celina route 1; seven grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Bebout of Wilshire. Two brothers, Homer and Vercil, preceded in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the St. Paul's church in Liberty township, the Rev. Larry may officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Friends may call at the Vale & Stein funeral home in Celina until time of the services. (Friday, June 28, 1963)