

## RAY RESIDENT TAKES OWN LIFE

Mendon, Mich., May 4 -

Estrangement from his wife was blamed today for the suicide late yesterday afternoon of Norman Soules, 32, of Ray, Ind., at the farm home of James Mumby, near here, where Mrs. Soules had been employed.

According to reports, Soules came to the home of Mrs. Soules' mother, Mrs. E. Fain, yesterday and asked his six children, who had been living with their grandmother to accompany him to see their mother. As Soules and the children approached the Mumby home, Mrs. Soules appeared, talked with them for a moment and went to the mail box. As Soules and the children were watching her, she started back into the house, Soules pulled a .22 caliber pistol from his pocket, turned it upon himself and pulled the trigger. As he fell to the ground, the children ran screaming to their mother.

Soules was unconscious when examined by a physician, but was still alive. He was rushed to Three Rivers Hospital in an ambulance, but died about 5 o'clock.

The body was taken to the Hackett Funeral Home in Ray. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

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