

[LaMay, John Theodore]

JOHN T. LAMAY, TAXI OPERATOR, KILLS HIMSELF  
Wife Discovers Lifeless Body in Sitting Posture on Bed and Collapses

John T. LaMay, 26, of 18 Perrine Street, a taxicab driver, was found dead with a cord around his neck in his bedroom at his home about 6:30 o'clock this morning. Following a police investigation and one made by Dr. William E. Walsh, coroner's physician for Auburn, a verdict of suicide was rendered. LaMay is survived by his wife Bessie, two children, and by his parents [Henry and Isabel Louise Hunt LaMay].

According to the report of Detective William V. Graney and Officer W. W. Carr, the young man was found in a sitting position near the head of his bed. A cord taken from a bathrobe had been tied to an electric light fixture at the head of the bed and a slip noose had been tied around the man's throat. He either rolled or fell from the bed and as he did so, the cord parted in the middle, part remaining on the fixture and the other section tightly around his neck.

When the police arrived, Detective Graney reported it was evident that LaMay had been dead for several hours as the body was quite cold. When he fell or rolled from the bed and the cord parted, the slip noose tightened and LaMay strangled to death.

After further investigation the police learned that LaMay had attempted suicide by taking gas in the kitchen. He had removed the tube from a gas plate but for some reason had abandoned this method and had gone to his room. Following the investigation the body was turned over to Undertaker Lester E. Brew.

Mrs. LaMay, the wife, was the first to discover the body. She immediately collapsed. The police reported that LaMay and his wife had had a slight difference last night.

Surviving LaMay are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Evans LaMay; two daughters, Jean Ellen and Marjorie Jane LaMay, his mother, Mrs. Harold Streeter, all of this city and his father, Henry G. LaMay of Texas.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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LaMay Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for John T. LaMay of 13 Perrine Street, who committed suicide at his home early yesterday morning, will be held at the rooms of undertaker Lester E. Brew, 47 Clark Street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Plato T. Jones, pastor of the First Universalist Church, will be the officiating clergyman. Burial will be in Soule Cemetery.

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