

**rites held for
John Smith Tuesday**

Monte Rep 10-2-58
Funeral services were at the Methodist Church in Montezuma September 30 at 10:30 a. m. for John Smith, lifetime resident of Montezuma. Mr. Smith took his own life Saturday morning. Death was attributed to Carbon monoxide fumes. Mr. Smith has been in ill health.

Organ music was played by Alice Underwood. Interment was in Jackson Township cemetery.

Casketbearers were Donald Peterson, William Carron, Harlan Ferneau, Delmar Adkins, Leonard Lukehart and Clarence Riebert.

Obituary

John Harrison Smith, son of Alexander H. and Elizabeth Searight Smith, was born on August 19, 1878, on the old family farm about two miles east of Montezuma, and passed away at his home in Montezuma on Saturday, September 27, 1958 at the age of 80 years, one month, and eight days. He farmed until he retired from farming about thirteen years ago.

He was united in marriage to Edith Mary Pool on August 21, 1901. Two sons were born to this union, Clarence T., who now resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lester Laurence, who passed away in infancy. John united with the Montezuma Methodist Church many years ago, and had served as a steward or trustee much of the time. At the time of his death he was president of the Board of Trustees. He was one of the very few surviving attendants of Sunday School that had attended in the old frame Methodist Church. Serving his church was one of his great pleasures.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by three sisters, Hattie Farmer, Mary Johnston and Kathryn Thorn. In addition to his wife and son he is survived by one brother, the Rev. Fred A. Smith, Des Moines; one nephew, Ralph S. Farmer, Lawrence, Kansas; two nieces, Vera M. Peterson, Montezuma, and Theda Elizabeth Carron, Des Moines; other relatives and many friends.