

Roxand Farmer Takes Own Life

Estley Sinclair, 76, a farmer of Roxand township, shot and killed himself Monday morning in a cornfield on his farm nine miles northwest of Charlotte.

Mrs. Sinclair said that her husband complained of not feeling well that morning. At 7:15 a. m. he said he was going to the cornfield to work. He took a hoe with him and also a shotgun that was on the back porch. Mrs. Sinclair was in the house when she heard a blast, and she called a neighbor, Lyle Vedder, who went to the field and found the body of Mr. Sinclair.

Coroner M. D. Burkhead, who accompanied Sheriff Everett C. Peck to the scene, said that a 12-gauge shotgun blast blew off the top of Sinclair's head.

Mr. Sinclair was born September 8, 1875, the son of Hobson and Emma Sinclair. He was married October 4, 1899, to Zoie May Clark. They had lived in Oneida township the last 20 years, moving to Roxand nine months ago.

Surviving Mr. Sinclair besides the widow are two sons, Lee of Roxand township, and Tracey at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Keeney of Lansing, and Mrs. Beulah Nesman of Charlotte; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and six sisters, Mrs. Ada Thompson of Vermontville, Mrs. Dora Knapp of Cadillac, Mrs. Mable Campbell of Lansing, Mrs. Kate Rairigh of Byron Center, Mrs. Maude Ducil and Mrs. Minnie Jewell, both of Lansing.

Services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the Mapes funeral home in Sunfield. Rev. Don Carrick of Sunfield officiated. Burial was in the Freemire cemetery.

W. R. Hearst Dies at 88

Owned Magazines, Film Company, Papers

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (U.P.) — William Randolph Hearst, 88, who headed the Hearst newspapers, died Tuesday at his home.

Although he had been ill in recent years, he had continued personally to direct his far-flung newspaper empire until his last days.

He leaves the widow, Millicent Wilson Hearst of New York, and five sons—George, William Randolph, jr., John, William Elbert and Randolph Apperson.

His business career spread over more than 60 years, in which he bought and founded newspapers, magazines, radio stations, a news-reel and motion picture company.

One of the most controversial figures of his time, Hearst influenced American life in the first half of the twentieth century in his multiple role as editor, political figure, art collector, industrialist and real estate tycoon.

He reached his zenith as a publisher in the 1920's. He owned 20 newspapers in 13 cities, serviced them with news from Universal service and International News service, provided comics and features through his own syndicate, and boosted Sunday circulation of the American Weekly supplement. He also had a group of magazines.

The depression of the 1930's forced mergers, consolidations and abandonment of some of his properties, but he remained an influential figure in the news and publishing fields. In 1949 he still had 17 newspapers.

Father Amassed Mines.

Hearst was born April 29, 1863 in San Francisco, the only child of United States Sen. George Hearst and Phoebe Apperson Hearst. His father had prospected for gold from



WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

Alaska to Mexico and amassed mines, ranches, banks and race horses that made him one of the wealthiest men in old California.

Young Hearst attended Harvard until he was expelled for a campus prank. He then asked his father to let him run the San Francisco Examiner, which he had taken over

