

Farmer Found Dead by Suicide

Reported Despondent Over Bean Crop

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BAD AXE—The body of Earl Stirrett, 60, of near Bad Axe, was found about 2 o'clock this morning in his parked car near an abandoned farmhouse a mile northwest of here. A metal pipe fixed to the exhaust led through the window of the car.

Coroner Alden A. MacAlpine, who investigated with Sheriff Merritt R. McBride and Deputy Wayne Johnson, ruled the death a suicide.

The body was discovered by the sheriff and Deputy Johnston during a search which started when Stirrett failed to return home. He was reported missing after he had left home in the afternoon and did not return for evening chores.

The motor of the car was still running when the body was found but it was estimated that death had occurred several hours earlier.

He was reported to have been despondent over failure of his bean crop due to wet weather.

The body is at the A MacAlpine Funeral home

In Memory of
EARL A. STIRRETT

Born
March 30, 1894

Died
November 3, 1954

Services at
MacAlpine Funeral Home
Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1:30 p.m.

Clergyman Officiating
Rev. Ray Turnbaugh

Interment
Caseville Cemetery

— MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe, Mich.