

May 30, 1957

## Henry C. Badten

Henry C. Badten, 70, Aberdeen, died late Wednesday afternoon of last week from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Badten's body, lying on his garage floor was discovered at 5:30 p. m., by his wife. She had gone to the garage when he failed to answer her call to supper.

He had a bullet wound and powder burns on his right temple. A .32 caliber revolver lay nearby.

Dr. W. E. Martyn, coroner, ruled the cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mr. Badten was born March 5, 1877, in Wisconsin. He came to Stratford with his parents as a small child and grew to manhood there.

He married Ida Paepke in 1909, and they farmed at Stratford until Mr. Badten retired in 1941. They spent the next 12 years at Carnation, Wash., before returning to South Dakota. Mrs. Badten died in November, 1953.

Mr. Badten married Mrs. Bertha Fuhrman in Aberdeen, March 12, 1955 and they made their home there since that time.

Survivors in addition to his widow include five sons, Louis, of Mokena, Ill.; George, of Hammond, Ind.; Fred, of Dyer, Ind.; Walter, of San Diego, Calif., and Marion of Kirkland, Wash.; three daughters, Mrs. Carl (Alice) Sterud, Snoqualmie Falls, Wash.; Mrs. Eunice Kilian (Gladys) Anderson, Tigard, Ore.; four brothers, William and John, of Aberdeen; Robert, of Carnation, and Ernest, of North Bend, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. Erna Gabert, Verdon; Mrs. Gust (Etta) Hemmann, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. Mary Franklin, San Diego; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.