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## C. DAVIDSON RITES CONDUCTED SUNDAY

LARGE CROWD PAYS TRIBUTE TO  
KINDLY MAN WHO ENDED  
LIFE BY OWN ACT

The spacious auditorium of the Augustana Lutheran church, northeast of this city, was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon as friends and neighbors gathered to pay a tribute of respect and affection to Conrad J. Davidson, whose self-inflicted death shook the community in which he lived with dark tragedy, Wednesday, last week. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Shaleen, pastor of the church. The American Legion post of Langford accorded their dead comrade a guard of honor at the service and the traditional military honors at the grave in Groton Union cemetery where the remains were laid to rest.

The deceased was a highly respected resident of the Huffton neighborhood where he had farmed for more than 20 years, acquiring a farm of his own through industry, diligence and frugality, although the period was a most trying one for the farm industry. Described by his banker as in excellent financial condition, Davidson's death by his own hand will always remain a mystery to his family and friends. He had been in somewhat fluctuating health for some time, but no concern was felt on this account.

Wednesday morning, last week, his wife had arisen before he did to go to the barn for early morning chores. When she returned and had made breakfast she called her husband only to get no reply and found him dead from a gunshot wound in the attic of his home. County officials, called to the scene, pronounced the death sui-

Conrad J. Davidson was a native of Sweden, born there November 10th, 1889. He emigrated to America in 1913 and began his career in the new land as a farm hand, continuing until he entered the army during the world war.