

S. E. Gant, Bridge Foreman, Ends Life With Razor Blade

S. E. Gant, 51, foreman employed by the State Highway commission in repairing the Iotla bridge, ended his own life in Angel Brothers' hospital Wednesday afternoon by slashing his throat with a safety razor blade.

Gant, who had been in the hospital for two days after undergoing a minor operation, was believed to have been worried over financial matters. He was due to have been discharged from the hospital Thursday, as his condition was showing marked improvement.

He was alone in a room in the hospital at the time he committed the act, but a nurse entered in time to see him drop the razor

blade. She immediately notified Dr. Furman Angel, who attempted to render aid to Gant, but the latter fought the physician and prevented him from doing so. Gant died in about 10 minutes. His throat was slashed from ear to ear.

Men, who had been working with Gant on the State Highway project, said that he had made threats to end his life on one or more occasions during recent weeks. He attempted, at one time, to borrow a gun from one of the workmen for this purpose—it was stated.

Gant's home was in Hickory. He is survived by his widow and two children. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

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