

SUICIDE BY BOY, 13, IS LAID TO HUNGER

He Was Reluctant About Asking for Food, Brother Says— Police Help the Family

The entire personnel of the Herbert Street police station, Brooklyn, made arrangements yesterday for the funeral of 13-year-old William Troeller who ended his life by hanging himself from the transom of his bedroom in his home at 275 Driggs Avenue, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, last Tuesday night.

The police also had the gas and electricity turned on in the five-room apartment. It had been shut off since last April. They also provided food for the family of six children, and the mother, Mrs. Ruth Troeller. Walter Murray of the James F. Murray Funeral Parlors, 605 Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, provided the equipment for the funeral. The services will be held this morning at the Kings County Hospital Chapel, where the boy's body lay.

At the home last night members of the family were too upset to talk about the boy's death, but Harold Jr., 21 years old, who works on the WPA, attributed his brother's act to hunger. He said the boy was sensitive and always felt embarrassed when asking for food. The family has been in economic straits since the father, Harold Troeller, who formerly worked for the Brooklyn Edison Company, was compelled to quit his position after being injured. He has been in the Kings County Hospital for the last month awaiting an operation for rupture.

The family, Mrs. Troeller and her children, including besides Harold, Grace, 16; Thomas, 10; and James, 6, the youngest, was not aware that the boy had ended his life until Ruth, 18, a daughter, an unemployed waitress, came home shortly after midnight and found the body hanging from the transom, fully clothed.

The burial place has not yet been selected but Mr. Murray said it would be in a Catholic cemetery.