

LAST RITES OF BROKER ARRANGED

*T. S. Brown Dies of Poison
Asserted Swallowed as
Officers Visit Home*

Funeral services are being arranged for Tom S. Brown, 45 years of age, of 1008 Wellesley Drive, Westwood, who authorities say yesterday morning drained a vial of poison and died within a few minutes when Deputy Sheriffs Patten, Hart and Boyd entered his home and arrested him on a charge of embezzlement.

Brown, an insurance broker, was lying in bed with an automatic pistol under his pillow when the officers were admitted to the house by Mrs. Brown. As the deputies entered the room with drawn revolvers Brown's hand was beneath the pillow, but instead of drawing the pistol he seized the poison and drank it before they could interfere. He died while being rushed to the Sawtelle Emergency Hospital.

According to Deputy Sheriffs King and Shafer, Brown had been sought on a fugitive warrant for six weeks charged with embezzling \$700 from Mrs. Margaret Grell last November.

"I had talked with Brown on the telephone," Shafer said, "and urged him to surrender. We had things arranged so that he could have avoided prosecution if he would make restitution, but he failed to keep an appointment with us and we could not find him at home."

The officers made a flying trip to Brown's residence yesterday morning when an officer from the Sawtelle police station reported that the insurance man had returned home.