

Newspapers dramatize suicide attempt

Back in the days when there was considerable social stigma connected with trying to take one's life, one resident of Monroe County escaped the notoriety of her attempt because reporters of local newspapers couldn't seem to get her name right.

The Bloomington *Evening World* caused some confusion in its initial article about the taking of arsenic by a 20-year-old female who had come from Brown County, to find work in Bloomington. On Nov. 16, 1910, the *World* spelled her name



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two different ways — "Maynor" in the headline and "Mayor" in the article, itself.

The readers of the newspaper were informed of the young woman's act in melodramatic terms.

"Discouraged and disheartened, tired of the world, and weary of the cruel buffeting received at the hands of her fellow human creatures, pretty Doshia Mayor sought to end her life last night . . . Coming from her quiet brown County home a few months ago, filled with an earnest desire and ambition to make her way in the world, this young, simple, unsophisticated country girl will return to the quiet scenes of her birth, her life clouded

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