

# Country doctor's death a local mystery to solve

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the drug had been bought with a bona fide prescription by the doctor's son the previous day in Bloomington. The coroner's puzzlement was shared by the *World* reporter. "It is not known whether the doctor drank the poison by mistake or with suicidal intent or if he swallowed any of it at all."

Actually, concluded Dr. Rogers, the taking of the drug was

by mistake. Commented the *Smithville News*, "Early Sunday morning he (Threlkelde) went to Abb May's to see his little girl, and left some medicine and after giving the girl several doses she became worse and the doctor was again sent for. Mrs. May asked him in regard to the medicine left, if it wasn't it that caused her to get worse. To show that the medicine was harmless, he (Dr. Threlkelde) drank a large quantity of it. In a few minutes he grew sick and fell over the bed."