

2 DIE IN SUICIDE EFFORTS; 3 OTHERS TAKE POISON

St. Elizabeths Hospital Patient Hangs Himself to Screen in Ward.

70-YEAR-OLD MAN VICTIM

One man committed suicide here yesterday, another tried to and changed his mind, while two others were discovered before self-administered poison had finished its work.

Another suicide was reported from Piscataway, Md., 20 miles from Washington, where a 70-year-old man fired a charge of buckshot into his temple.

Joseph B. Bassinger, 26 years old, a patient at St. Elizabeths hospital, took his life by hanging himself from a wire screen in a ward of the hospital. His body was found by Frank Taylor, the ward superintendent, who cut the rope and called Dr. W. N. Kenna. The latter pronounced Bassinger dead, and Coroner J. Ramsay Nevitt issued a certificate of suicide.

Thomas M. Underwood, 70 years old, was the man who committed suicide at Piscataway. He has been grieving over the death of his son, Edward Underwood, who committed suicide in 1918.

Underwood was a former sheriff and a member of the Maryland house of delegates. Members of his family heard the report, and found him in his room with the shotgun lying nearby.

Edward Campbell, 21 years old, 140 Twelfth street southeast, walked into Emergency hospital yesterday and told physicians that he had swallowed a quantity of poison in an attempt to end his life. Physicians immediately administered an antidote and Campbell's condition last night was said to be not serious.

Found unconscious in his room at 932 Forty-eighth street northeast, Costello Craig, colored, 42 years old, was removed to Casualty hospital in a serious condition suffering from a self-administered dose of poison, police reported.

Ruth L. Crampton, colored, 20 years old, 1113 Sixteenth street northeast, is in Casualty hospital in a serious condition suffering from the effects of poison which she swallowed in her home yesterday morning in an alleged attempt to end her life.