

Kern Man Shoots Self

John J. Gaynor, 53, ex-employee of the Hanawalt supply company, shot himself with a .22 caliber revolver last night at the company's office, 24 W. San Joaquin street, and died early this morning at Tulare district hospital.

He was found at 7:55 a. m. by Jimmie Cox, a Hanawalt employee with whom he was supposed to have stayed last night.

A Tulare ambulance rushed Gaynor to the hospital at 8:30 and he died 25 minutes later.

Chief Deputy County Coroner Ernest Martzen said Gaynor left a note indicating he was despondent over ill health. Gaynor shot himself in the right temple, Martzen said.

A World war I marine corps veteran, Gaynor came to Tulare at the outset of World war II to work at Rankin academy. His last Tulare job was at Hanawalt's, where he worked for three years as a bookkeeper until his departure for Bakersfield early in January.

He returned last Saturday to visit friends. Sgt. Karl Krell of the Tulare police, with whom Gaynor shared an interest in short wave radio, said Gaynor visited him Saturday and Sunday night, and seemed "very upset."

The body is at the Goble chapel pending funeral arrangements.