



CORONERS INQUESTS



Magen George Butt

Death Caused By Excessive Speed

An inquiry into the death of Magen George Butt (20), farm pupil, of Melksham, was held by Mr. Sylvester (Coroner) on Saturday. The evidence showed that deceased was motor cycling along the Steeple Ashton Road in the direction of Trowbridge, and that, while travelling at an estimated speed of between 30 and 40 miles an hour, he endeavoured to cross from the wrong to the right side of the road, and came into contact with a butcher's van proceeding in the opposite direction. When picked up he was dead. The Coroner, in returning a verdict of accidental death, said that while expressing sympathy with the father in the loss of a promising son, he could not help thinking that death was entirely the result of the craving for speed which obsessed so many motorists in these days.

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