## Bicyclist Impaired When Struck

A 20-year-old girl who was killed when struck | aware of the first cyclist (Kimby a car while riding her bicycle on Highway 27 just |ber) prior to the accident. south of the Kleinburg Road August 27, had a blood alcohol content in excess of that considered sufficient to be impaired, it was disclosed at a coroner's inquest into her death at Vaughan Town offices in it-a 1972 model-to be in "A-1 Maple Thursday evening of last week.

Barbara Smith of Scarboro was killed almost immediately when she was struck by a northbound car driven by Roger Eberschlag of Nobleton, about 11:15 pm. The girl was in the southbound lane at the time.

The impact left the front driving home from the drive-in Smith suffered extensive hemforks of Miss Smith's bike im- theatre on Highway 400, with orrhaging in the chest cavities, bedded in the grill of the Eber- his wife and children, just after which brought about her death, schlag vehicle, and threw her 11 o'clock, and was proceeding by laceration of the aorta, the body 150 feet past the point north on Highway 27 between by laceration of the aorta, the 45 and 50 miles an hour when main vessel that distributes Testimony showed that nei- he pulled out to pass another blood to the chest.

ther the deceased, nor her com- car. panion, Jane Kimber of Scar- He said it was raining at the al injuries as well, but no apboro, had any front lights on time and lights by the bridge parent head injuries, the wittheir bikes. Also, the deceased "created a glare." was dressed in dark clothing "I didn't see the bike until He said a check of the blood-

-blue jeans and blue jacket- I was right there," the witness alcohol content showed 1.2 and it was raining at the time. said. The jury ruled that Miss John Vivash, Nashville, testi- the deceased's blood. A reading Smith died as a result of an fied that it was his car that of .8 parts per 1,000 is consid-"accidental impact with a mo- Eberschlag passed just before ered sufficient to cause impairtor vehicle," and cited the poor the accident.

visibility, dark clothing and lack There was a "heavy drizzle" Dr. Guthrie said that death of lights as contributory factors. at the time, he said, and he was was almost instantaneous. Death itself was attributed to doing 50 miles an hour as he John Howse, a toxicologist internal hemorrhaging. The jury recommended that Nashville, He saw the car be- Science in Toronto, who analbicycles be manufactured with hind him flash its indicators to yzed a blood sample from the front and rear lights and with pass, and as it pulled up along- deceased, said that the reading fluorescent markings.

RODE TO KLEINBURG left-turn signals. In her testimony, Miss Kim- About the same moment, Vi- four pints of beer. ber said that she and the de- vash said he was aware the Also testifying briefly were ceased had left their homes in Eberschlag vehicle was going to Cpl. Charles Whiteside, who Scarboro in the morning on be involved in an accident. took pictures at the scene of the their bicycles, having planned. He said he saw the body of accident, and Constable Ian a "bike trip" for the weekend the deceased fly up and the Robertson, who investigated the They arrived in Kleinburg in skid and then come to a stop on the OPP.

the early afternoon and after the northbound shoulder of the Dr. James Garriock of Woodvisiting the McMichael Con-road. servation Gallery, they checked Susan Wilson, 17, of Oakville, ner. returned to Kleinburg.

they went to a tavern, where they remained until 11 pm During this time, Miss Kimber estimated her companion's alcohol consumption as amounting to about four beers and possibly some liquor.

After leaving the tavern, they got on their bikes and headed back to their hotel, via Highway 49. When they got to the intersection at Highway 27, they turned south and proceeded to the stop sign, where Miss Kim-

ber, who was in front, stopped. The witness said Miss Smith stopped about 50 feet behind her, while she headed for the

Miss Kimber said there were about eight cars coming toward them in the two-lane highway. and when she saw one of them. pull out to pass another car, she headed for the gravelled portion of the road and shouted to her companion to watch out for the oncoming vehicle.

The witness said the deceased was in the southbound lane at the curb, just approaching the bridge, when she was hit.

NO FRONT LIGHTS She said their bikes were without front lights, but had back and side reflectors. Roger Eberschlag, driver of the vehicle that struck Miss

Smith, testified that he was

Frank Underlander, a licensed mechanic from King City, testified he checked the accident car afterwards and found

EXTENSIVE HEMORRHAGING

Dr. Donald Guthrie, pathologist at York Central Hospital, who performed a postmortem on the body, said that Miss The hemorrhaging was caused

There were numerous extern-

ness said. parts per 1,000 of alcohol in

approached the turnoff for with the Centre of Forensic side him, he put on his own was equivalent to five ounces of standard liquor, or three to

Eberschlag vehicle go into a accident. Both officers are with

bridge was the presiding coro-

into the Twin Elms Motel on who had been driving behind Members of the jury, all of Highway 27, where they rested Eberschlag at about 45 mph, Kleinburg, were Ernest Jones, until dinner time, when they testified that the latter had not foreman; Mrs. Annie Griffiths, been going much faster. Mrs. Jean Bevan, Daniel Roller After dinner and a stroll, She said she had not been and Sam Kaiser.

always voted Liberal, as I did until the Trudeau group assumed leadership of the Liberal Party. I read Trudeau's writings, became frightened and voted Conservative in 1968. My worst fears have been

For generations my family

justified - government spending out of control, personal income tax increasing nearly three times as fast as personal incomes, destruction of the work ethic, rampant inflation and rapidly increasing unemployment, downgrading of Parliament, manipulation of news, subverting of society with taxpayers' money and a naive foreign

It should be apparent that if the present policies are allowed to continue, Canada will cease to be a land of opportunity, initiative, private enterprise and freedom. I shall certainly vote Progressive Conservative this

time. GRANT SHAVER, Lawyer.

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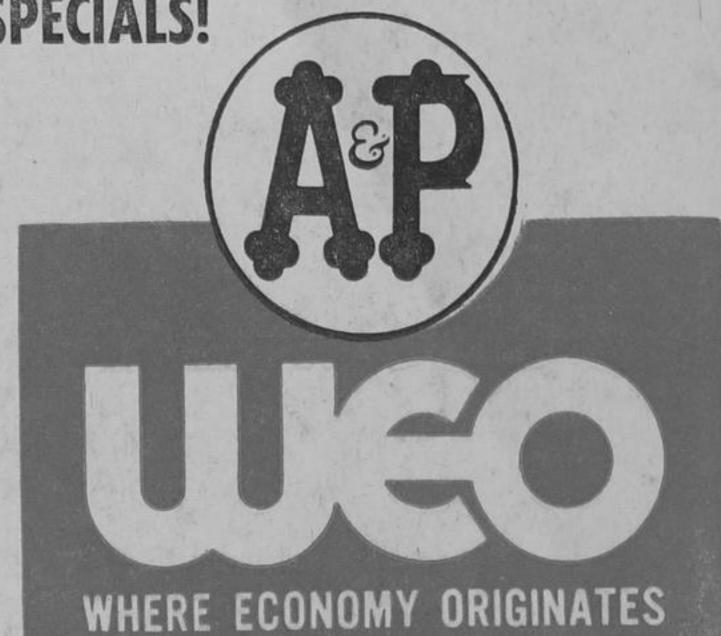
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