

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

The 1961 census reported a Canadian labor force of 6,471,850 persons; by industry, the largest group was manufacturing, 1,404,865 persons.

The net income of Canadian farmers in the last three years has been: \$1,074,672,000 in 1961, \$1,678,772,000 in 1962, \$1,716,345,000 in 1963.

Jury Rules Gravel Truck Did Not Hit Child

Twenty-month old Rhonda Perks was not struck by a truck July 23, two days prior to her death, a coroner's jury ruled at Walkerton Thursday.

The daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Perks, RR 4, Walkerton was either sucked or blown down when the five-ton gravel truck passed close to her and her death resulted from head injuries received as she fell, the jury said.

The jury based its decision on evidence that there was no mark on the truck driven by Garry Hudson, 24, of RR 2, Durham, and that the child was not carried along and tossed off the road. Crown attorney George Paterson advanced a theory that the child could have been struck by one of the heavy, rubber mudflaps on the truck.

The driver said he did not see the child as he drove down county road 1, a half mile west of Walkerton. Mr Hudson said, "I thought I heard a thump and then saw through my mirror that there was something on the road that wasn't there when I came."

The driver stopped, found the injured child and carried her into her home. She died in Victoria Hospital, London, from head injuries.

The child was lying on the edge of the pavement just three feet east of the driveway to her farm home.

Mrs Eugene Zettler of Walkerton who was in the parking lot of the golf course across from the victim's home said she saw the child alone, walking out of the driveway. The truck was being driven in a normal manner, she

said. Mrs Zettler said she did not see the impact.

The child had been alone on the road one week before her death, Michael Kennedy of Walkerton, said. She darted across the highway and then back and Mr Kennedy's wife carried the child to its home where she was placed in a snow fence enclosure on the porch.

Parents and guardians should keep better watch on their children when the homes are along busy highways, the jury recommended.

Coroner C. W. James of Walkerton conducted the inquest assisted by Crown Attorney George Paterson and Constable Rudolph Scott. John Beckberger of Walkerton was jury foreman.

Married Recently



Mr and Mrs Leigh Cochburn were married recently in the Livingston United Church in Hamilton. The bride is the former Ingrid Petrea Rokholm, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Rokholm of Durham. The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs George Cochburn of Burlington. The happy couple are now residing in Hamilton.

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Congratulations to Miss Cheryl McDougall who graduated at the General and Marine Hospital in Owen Sound on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs W. Lyons of Scarborough visited on Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs Wm. Graham, Mr Graham, and their family, and his parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Lyons.

Mr and Mrs Ross McDougall and family attended Cheryl's graduation in Owen Sound on Saturday. Mr and Mrs Don Crumback and family, Trenton, also attended the graduation and spent the weekend with the McDougall family.

Mr Bernard Sokoloski, Toronto, spent the weekend at his home here. Miss Corolee Capps, St. Catharines, was also a weekend guest in the same home.

Mr and Mrs Billy Lamont visited on Sunday with her father, Mr Scott Eccles, and Mr and Mrs George Eccles and Brent of Mount Forest.

Miss Janice McDougall, who underwent surgery in General and Marine Hospital the past week, has been able to return home. Her many friends will be glad to know.

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