

# Coroner's Jury Recommends Bicycles Be Lighted at Night

A coroner's jury in Whitby last week was told that neither headlight in a truck which struck a boy on a bicycle near Kinsale three weeks ago had been installed properly. The jury was inquiring into the death of William Thomas Mitchell, 13, of RR 1, Brooklin, on May 12.

The jury found that the boy had died when the bicycle he had been riding on Highway 7 one-half mile west of Kinsale at 9 p.m. had been struck by the panel truck.

They recommended that "all bicycles have the proper lighting installed when used at night and that all drivers use every precaution when approaching or passing children either walking or riding a bicycle."

Karl Thomas Bowen, 39, of Withrow avenue, Toronto, told Coroner Dr. J. O. Ruddy and the five-man jury that he had been on his way from Janetville to Brampton that evening. He said that the right headlight beam was narrower than usual but he rather favored it because it lighted up the right side of the road better than usual.

The headlamps, he said, had been installed earlier this year by a garage in Toronto.

Saw Boy

He said that he was proceeding west on Highway 7 past Kinsale when he saw a shadow "sort of weaving" on the west-bound lane ahead of him. About

75 yards away from the form, he said, he saw that it was a boy on a bicycle.

He said that the boy was zig-zagging along, using about three quarters of his lane.

Bowen said that he pulled his truck to the left, or east-bound lane, to pass the boy but when he was about 10 feet from him, the boy suddenly cut in front of him and he struck him.

He said that his windshield was broken by the impact and he lost control of his truck which grazed a number of posts before coming to a halt.

Edward Russell Green, of the Salem road, Pickering Township, said that he and his wife had also been proceeding west on Highway 7 that night and near Brooklin a panel truck similar to the one Bowen was driving had passed him. He said that he noticed then that the right headlamp shone too far to the right.

Lights Wrong

Floyd Pilkey, Brooklin mechanic, said that he had examined the truck later, and found that neither headlamp was installed properly.

The right headlamp, he said, was installed with the top pointing towards the centre of the truck or in a horizontal position.

The left headlamp, he said, had been installed upside down.

Because of this installation, he said, the left lamp would shine at a 30 degree angle into

the sky on the low beam and the right headlamp would shine at a 30 degree angle into the ditch on low beam.

Both he and PC Harold Hockins, also a qualified mechanic, stated that the lights could not give the full amount of light on either beam.

PC Hockins, who had investigated the accident, said that the boy's bicycle had no lights but had a regulation red reflector on the rear fender.

Dr. R. M. Clarke, pathologist, said the boy had died within a few minutes after the crash, from shock, multiple compound fractures and lacerations.

On Way Home

Thomas Walter Mitchell, the boy's father, said that his son had been coming home from a friend's home on the seventh concession when the accident occurred. He said that his boy had often made the trip of a little more than a mile. The accident occurred about a quarter mile from his home.

The jury retired at 9.30 p.m. and returned their verdict of accidental death at 10.48 p.m.

Crown Attorney Bruce A. Fleck conducted the questioning of witnesses.

Money spent on salt for snow removal is earmarked for a sort of slush fund.

# Gormley News

Mrs. C. Milsted Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoover are spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hoover. Paul has completed his second year at Canadian Bible College, Regina, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McWhirter welcomed their first grandchild, a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Barry McWhirter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham were guests on Saturday at the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byer of St. Ann's.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kydd who moved last Thursday into the apartment at Mr. Bernard Hood's on the Farquharson farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Gowansdown in honor of Mr. Baker's birthday.

Miss Ethel Byer spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Byer of Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ito and girls moved on Thursday from the Mushroom Farm to Toronto. Our good wishes follow them.

Miss Stella Heise spent the weekend with relatives here. She has just returned from an extended visit to Africa, the Holy Land, and parts of Europe.

Miss Ruth Hoover entertained Miss Stella Heise, Miss Florence Hensel of Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Vera Hills for breakfast on Saturday.

The postponed presentation for Miss Audrey Taun and Mr. Elwood Pattenden will be held on Tuesday night, June 19th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Baker of Stayner spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heise.

Rev. Cecil Cullen at Fordwich was the speaker for the Love Feast at Heise Hill over the weekend.

Mrs. Cora McKenzie of Wilfordale spent Sunday with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brilling.

Master Teddy Bennett had the misfortune to fracture his right arm last week, so he is now wearing a cast.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eyer and children of Fort Erie visited Mr. Levi Steckley and girls on Saturday.

Mrs. John Cober attended the Commencement exercises at the Great Lakes Christian College at Beamsville on Friday. Their son Bob was in Grade Twelve there this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Brubacher and family, Elora, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reesor.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George French were Mr. and Mrs. Elias Elliott, Mrs. Empringham, Mrs. F. Bennett, Miss Stella Heise of California, Miss Hensall of Harrisburg, Penn., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Ballantrae, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr, Mrs. F. Harvey, Mrs. Eva Carr of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Brown, Melody and Linda of Welland and Mrs. Brown of Quebec.

Mr. Frank Nichols who just recently moved to Pennsylvania breezed in to renew acquaintances on Monday and to tell us they had a baby daughter born

that morning.

Mrs. Mandy Jewitt of Fairview Home, Preston, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reesor. Mrs. Jewitt is a former resident and well known to the older people.

Mr. George French who was quite ill last week is much improved.

## BALSAM & MT. ZION

(May 31)

About 50 attended the Young People's banquet Friday night at the church. Mr. David Pegg of Greenwood showed some very interesting slides on Italy and Spain.

Mr. Wm. Carson accompanied by his nephew Mr. Aubrey Carson of Claremont, are on a motor trip to the West Coast and Seattle where they intend to visit the World's Fair.

Mrs. Orr Graham is in the Ajax & Pickering Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mr. Ronald Jones is sporting a new Pontiac car.

Mrs. Wm. Sadler of Highland Creek returned home Saturday after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pascoe and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carson attended the Mollema-Pascoe wedding at Whitby on Saturday.

Mrs. Ada Sadler of Bowmanville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Manderson.

The sympathy of this community goes to Mrs. F. Nokes and family of Glen Major in the sudden death of her son Dennis who was killed Friday night at Markham.

Sunday visitors at the B. Jamieson home were Mr. Alf. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Parrott of Ashburn, Mrs. J. Briggs of Oshawa, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ward and family of Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McMillan and sons of Oakville visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Day and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson motored to Gravenhurst on Sunday, taking Mrs. Noon to her home. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Vic Ross of Barrie.

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