

Admits hit-run, police claim

A detective alleged in the Coroner's Court today that a builders' laborer said, in a statement to him, that he—

Took his brother's car without permission;

Had six beers; and

Drove on after the car struck a pedestrian.

station.
Charles William Begg said he had been teaching his brother to drive for about 12 months. His brother had driven while doing national service.

This evidence was given by Senior Det. Malcolm Downing at an inquest on Vincent Ernest Charles F.Y., 20 of Job Street, Maidstone, shoemaker, who died from injuries when he was struck by a car in South Road, Braybrook, on June 12.

Sgt. L. Forbes, assisting the Coroner, Mr. Burke, SM, said that Peter Douglas Begg, 20, of Francis Street, Yarraville, builders' laborer would be charged.

Mr. Burke, SM, returned an open finding. Begg did not give evidence.

"UGLY"

Mr. Burke said an ugly feature of the case was that Begg did not stop and give assistance after the accident.

In the statement Senior Det. Downing alleged that Begg said he borrowed his brother's car without permission on June 12. He

drove from Yarraville to a hotel at Footscray where he had six beers.

Downing alleged that Begg said he was driving along South Road, Braybrook, at about 30 mph when he was blinded by the lights of a car coming towards him.

Downing alleged Begg said: "I pulled over to the left and when the car had passed me I saw a form just a few inches in front of me."

"PANICKED"

"I felt the car hit something. I drove on. I panicked because I had no driving licence."

Downing said that Begg told him he was not affected by the beers he drank. The day after the accident he read a newspaper report that a man had been killed in South Road and his father told him to go to the police station.

Charles William Begg