

# Sunshine Advocate

## Weekend tragedies hit district, Man burnt to death

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**Week-End Tragedies Hit District**

*A series of tragedies in which four lives were lost hit this district last week-end.*

*At Maidstone a man and his 6½ year old son were killed and another son injured, in an accident in Ballarat Road, and a man was burnt to death in a fire.*

*The fourth life was lost at Deer Park when a truck backed over a 15-months-old girl.*

The Maidstone tragedy occurred when Mr. James King, 35, of Churchill Avenue, was crossing Ballarat Road to a shop with his two sons.

A car travelling westerly struck them and the younger boy Peter, 17 months old, was thrown through the windscreen of the car into the lap of a passenger.

Police believe that Robert was hurled to the side of the road and Mr. King tossed onto the bonnet of the car.

Peter was taken to hospital with a fractured skull and broken leg.

The girl killed at Deer Park was Sharon Margaret Mairs. She was killed within a few feet of the caravan home of her parents at the Multi-Park Caravan Park.

The driver of the truck also lived at the park. He did not know the truck had struck the girl until he felt a bump.

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**MAINTENANCE . . . ARREARS MUST BE PAID**

Failure to keep up maintenance payments for his wife and three children meant the appearance in Sunshine Court on Tuesday of Ernest Jackson, Eisner Street, St. Albans.

But, according to Mr. F. Morriss, S.M., Jackson need not have been there.

"With reasonable effort you could have had the means to pay," said Mr. Morriss.

Jackson's wife, of 20 Marnoo Street, Braybrook, said that an order was made in March that her husband pay £7/10/- per week together with 6/- costs.

By the time she had taken out a summons £37/10/- was owing.

Defendant said that since Christmas he had only had casual work. He also had over £100

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