

YOUNG MOTOR CYCLIST'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Struck Spaniard's Market Waggon

A ruling of accidental death was recorded by the City Coroner (Mr. L. Grant, P.M.) at an inquest today into the death of George Albert Paterson, 29, Bulla road, Essendon, who was riding a motor cycle on Mount Alexander road, Moonee Ponds, on the night of November 30, and collided with a horse-drawn waggon.

Salvador Santarren, who gave his evidence through an interpreter of Spanish, said that on the night of November 30, he was driving a four-wheeled waggon laden with vegetables in Mount Alexander road, when he felt something strike the back of his vehicle. He investigated, and found Paterson lying on his back on the road.

Senior-Constable Burness said the left side lamp of Santarren's waggon was out, but was warm, and in his opinion had been struck out by the impact. The cycle had been travelling at 40 miles an hour.

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MAIDSTONE.

(From our correspondent)

Sunday School Anniversary. —

The Sunday services in connection with the anniversary of the Maidstone Methodist Sunday School were concluded on Sunday. Three special services were held when the preachers were Mr. G. Penrose, of Sunshine, in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Fleutje, of Geelong, afternoon and evening. The scholars, assisted by a large well balanced orchestra rendered a program of special music and hymns. The evening service was well attended and the message of the preacher was followed with deep interest by all present.

A special feature of this service was the singing of a number of the young men of the school who had been prepared by the conductor, Mr. R. Halstead. The soloist was Miss Zelma Tanner, who rendered her song in a very sweet manner. Miss Tanner, who is only yet in her teens, should develop into a first class singer.

An unkind action.—A very unkind act was carried out during this week by some person unknown who poisoned a number of geese in Wallace street. These were the property of Mrs. Allaway and were just in ideal condition for the Christmas market. The matter was reported to Constable Baird, who resides in the district, and investigations are proceeding.

Sad bereavement.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson of Maidstone have suffered a sad bereavement in the death of their eldest son George, as the result

of an accident last Friday night. The young man was proceeding to Footscray by motor-cycle when his machine crashed into a market gardener's waggon going in the same direction. The impact was terrible and the unfortunate youth was killed instantly. The funeral took place on Monday, December, and was

attended by many local residents, including a number of members of the Maidstone cricket and football clubs, of which Mr. Patterson was a respected member. A short service was conducted at the home of the parents, and some beautiful floral tributes were received, including two from the firm of G. Kinnear and Son where the deceased was employed. The parents have been the recipients of many expressions of sympathy from many persons and institutions. The pall bearers at the funeral were all club mates of the deceased, namely: Messrs. J. Costello, T. Walsh, S. Reville, G. Costello, J. Petch, and J. Swainson. The service at the house and at the graveyard were conducted by Rev. A. E. Brownhill.

Grand cantata.—A very successful concert took place in the Methodist Church on Tuesday night. The program, which was given by the scholars of the local Methodist Sunday School, was first class and included a cantata entitled "The Magic Wood." The popular superintendent of the school, Mr. A. Watson, occupied the chair and was assisted in his various duties by Mr. J. Gratton, secretary. Recitations were given by Misses A. Groger,

were given by Misses A. Croker, Elsie Lloyd, and Master E. Hudson. Musical items were contributed by Miss Zolna Turner; features of the entertainment were a mouth organ solo by Mr. Benzie, and sketches by the senior boys, Messrs. H. Payman, E. Kent, A. Mills and Luddy. Presentation.—At the conclusion of the program at the concert held in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening, the chairman, Mr. A. Watson, made a presentation to Mrs. J. Cration on behalf of the parents of the little children whom Mrs. Cration trained to take part in the concert. The presentation took the form of a crystal vase.

Surprise party.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mills, "Ashley,"

Ballarat road, Maidstone, was the scene of a surprise party, given by the young people of the Methodist Church to show their appreciation of the kindly interest taken by Mr. and Mrs. Mills in the young folk. A happy evening was spent and during an interval in the proceedings a presentation was made to Mrs. Mills. The gift was a beautiful blackwood pedestal.

Obituary.—The death occurred on Monday, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. W. Ansley, Kriko street, Maidstone, of Mrs. Hannah J. Longton, aged 64 years. She left a family of two sons and two daughters. The burial took place at Footscray on Tuesday.