

Kenneth Harry George Gifford

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LAKE MAN CHOKED AFTER MEAL.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by Mr. J. V. Bullin (coroner) at an inquest at Ryde on Wednesday on Mr. Kenneth Harry George Gifford (40), smallholder, of The Caravan, Black Pan Farm, Lake, who died at 8 Lea Road, Lake, on Friday week.

Patricia Parker, of 8 Lea Road, Lake, said she and her husband had been out for a drink with Mr. Gifford, a family friend, and on their return she cooked a steak supper. A few minutes after the meal, as they sat talking, Mr. Gifford got up and went to the kitchen. She followed and found him with his head over the sink. Witness thought he was going to be sick but he then collapsed. She ran to telephone for a doctor but Mr. Gifford died a few minutes later. Mr. Gifford had not choked at all during the meal.

Dr. P. D. Swinstead (pathologist) said he carried out the post mortem examination. He found a mass of meat firmly wedged in Mr. Gifford's throat completely blocking the air way. The cause of death was asphyxia.

Recording his verdict, Mr. Bullin said it was a very sad and unusual case.

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