

Richard Lancaster

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NEWPORT STREET FATALITY

JURY EXONERATES LORRY DRIVER

A distressing fatality occurred in Nodehill, Newport, near the junction with Orchard Street, on Monday, when Richard Lancaster, aged 2, of 19 Stanworth Avenue, Bolton, Lancashire, was knocked down and killed by a lorry driven by Mr. Charles Louis Niblett, of the Post Office, Chillerton. Richard had arrived with his parents, two sisters, and brother to spend a fortnight's holiday with his grandmother, Mrs. E. B. Wright, and the family were staying with her at 65 Nodehill. Richard was out with his sister Christine and his father at the time of the accident. The family only arrived in the Island on Saturday night and had chosen this week to see the Newport carnival.

THE INQUEST

At the inquest conducted by the Coroner (Mr. R.E.A. Webster) at the County Hall, Newport, on Wednesday a verdict of accidental death was returned, and the jury exonerated Mr. Niblett from blame. The jury, coroner, driver, and police all expressed deep sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster in their tragic loss, Members of the jury and witnesses asked that their fees and expenses might go to the parents.....

The funeral service at St. John's Church, Newport, yesterday (Friday) was followed by interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

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