

Alexandra Minns

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COLWELL BAY FATALITY

NEWPORT SCHOOLGIRL'S SUDDEN COLLAPSE

DEATH CAUSED BY EXCITEMENT

How an afternoon outing to Colwell Bay ended in sudden tragedy was described to the Coroner (Mr. R.E.A. Webster) at the inquest in Yarmouth Town Hall on Friday week on Alexandra Minns, a 15 years-old Newport schoolgirl, whose body was recovered from the sea the previous evening. The evidence showed that she died suddenly while gallantly attempting to rescue a friend who had got into difficulties while swimming.

Harry Bertram Minns, foreman motor mechanic, of 45 Whitepit Lane, Newport, identified the body as that of his daughter Alexandra, aged 15 ½. He understood that she was a very good swimmer. She had never suffered from any ailment at any time.....

VERDICT OF MISADVENTURE

The Coroner returned a verdict of death by misadventure due to over-stimulation of the heart following the sudden excitement of seeing her friend in difficulties, and immersion in the water on a full stomach.....

THE FUNERAL

The sincere and widespread sympathy felt with Mr. and Mrs. Minns was reflected by the large attendance at the funeral at Carisbrooke Church on Tuesday, when the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie), officiated.....

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