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Harriett JENNINGS. Head. Wid. 56. Refreshment Hse Keeper (own ac at home). Sudbury, Devon.
Florence JENNINGS. Dau. S. 21. Ryde, IW.

Arthur STURGEON. Boarder. S. 24. Fishmonger's Assistant. Paddington, London.

Herbert DOLBIN. Boarder. S. 19. Tailor. NK, London.

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STURGEON .. May 12th ., at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, **Arthur Harry STURGEON**,
73.

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DEATH FROM MALNUTRITION Ryde Man's Sad End

In recording a verdict of death from natural causes at an inquest on Thursday at the St. John Ambulance Hall, Ryde, on Arthur Harry STURGEON (73), who died at St. Mary's Hospital the previous Friday, the Island Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. WEBSTER) said he was satisfied there had been no neglect on the part of the people who been looking after him, or while he had been treated under the National Assistance Act, 1948.

Had Growth

Dr. M. T. SWEETMAN said he first attended deceased at Three Ways, Bellevue Road, Ryde, in February. He was suffering from a skin disease and his mental condition was unstable and became worse. Witness noticed on several occasions that STURGEON had only half consumed his meals. He told him he found it an effort to eat. He was removed to St. Mary's hospital in April, and it was found that he had a growth in the oesophagus.

Dr. N. CRICHTON said when he was called to examine him STURGEON was unconscious, very thin and pale, having been transferred to the hospital ward with chronic malnutrition, which was consistent with his skin complaint.

Dr. H. H. BROADBENT, house physician at the County Hospital, said STURGEON was admitted in December last year with a septic condition of the skin. He was treated with penicillin and discharged in February.

Threat of Suicide

Herbert TAYLOR, of 20 St. John's Road, Ryde, said STURGEON was employed in 1943 as cashier at an amusement arcade in Ryde, and he saw him almost daily. In September, 1948, deceased's health was deteriorating. The following year he was suffering from a skin disease and in December witness had him taken to the County Hospital. After he was discharged his improved condition was not long maintained and he was not contented at his lodgings. He asked witness to find him other accommodation or he would throw himself from the window. His landlady gave him notice to quit and STURGEON was removed to St. Mary's Hospital.

Eric Grant BOWLEY, social welfare officer for the County Council, said he called on STURGEON and found he needed attention. On a small table he saw the remains of the previous day's dinner. He was taken to hospital the following day.

Landlady Not Called

The Coroner told Mrs. SUTHERLAND, the landlady at Three Ways, that there was no need for her to give evidence as there was no question of her being responsible and nothing for her to explain. He felt it necessary to hold an inquest because malnutrition was a very serious matter as it could lead to a charge being made against somebody. In this case the growth in the oesophagus was the cause of the malnutrition.

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"NO NEGLECT" VERDICT**

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Dr. M. T. SWEETMAN said he first attended Mr. STURGEON, who was in lodgings at Three Ways, Bellevue Road, Ryde, in February. He was suffering from a skin disease and his mental condition was unstable and became worse, and witness noticed on several occasions that STURGEON had only half consumed his meals. He was apathetic and told him that he found it an effort to eat. He was removed to St. Mary's Hospital in April, and it was found that he had a growth in the oesophagus.

Dr. N. CRICHTON said he was appointed house physician at St. Mary's Hospital in May and did not see STURGEON until Friday week, when he was called to examine him. He was unconscious and very thin and pale, having been transferred to the hospital ward with chronic malnutrition, which was consistent with his skin complaint.

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