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Abode: 57 Monkton-street, Ryde, IW.

Sidney HAIR. Head. M. 25. Tobacconist's Asst. Ryde, IW.

Ada HAIR. Wife. M. 26. Ryde, IW.

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BINSTEAD WOMAN IN ROAD ACCIDENT

Mrs. **Ada HAIR** (84), a widow, of 35 Arnold-road, Binstead, was taken to the Royal I.W. County Hospital on Thursday afternoon suffering from a severe leg injury after she had been involved in a collision with a furniture lorry near her home. She was later transferred to Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, where yesterday she was stated to be making satisfactory progress. The driver of the lorry was Mr. C. R. ABRAHAM, of 40 Melbourne-street, Newport.

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BINSTEAD WOMAN DIES AFTER ROAD ACCIDENT

Mrs. **Ada Jane HAIR** (84), of 35 Arnold-road, Binstead, died in Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, on Thursday morning, two weeks after she had been involved in a road accident near her home. Mrs. HAIR was taken to the Royal I.W. County Hospital at Ryde on February 7th after she had been involved in an accident with a furniture lorry, driven by Mr. C. R. ABRAHAM, of 40 Melbourne-street, Newport. She was later transferred to Odstock Hospital. An inquest will be held at Salisbury today.

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BINSTEAD RESIDENT'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Tribute to Hospital staff at Salisbury inquest

A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury at an inquest held by Mr. H. DALE, the Wiltshire Coroner, at Salisbury police headquarters on Saturday, on Mrs. **Ada Jane HAIR** (84), a widow, of 35 Arnold-road, Binstead, who died at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, on Thursday week a fortnight after being involved in an accident near her home.

Wilfred READ, of Park-road, Ryde, said his sister was the widow of Mr. Sidney HAIR, who formerly owned a tobacconist's business. She had normal health for her age.

Florence Louisa WARREN, of 37 Arnold-road, said Mrs. HAIR was her friend and neighbour. On February 5th they went for a walk. Arnold-road had no footpath; witness was on the outside and Mrs. HAIR was nearer the side of the road. Suddenly witness noticed that her cat was following her and she turned and chased it with her walking stick. When she caught up with Mrs. HAIR again she (witness) walked on the inside, leaving Mrs. HAIR nearer to the centre of the road. A few minutes later Mrs. HAIR was knocked down by a reversing lorry and was pinned under the near side rear wheel which came to rest on her right foot and leg. The lorry stopped and she had the impression that the driver did not know he had struck anything.

Charles Roy ABRAHAM, of 40 Melbourne-street, Newport, said he drove into Arnold-road to make a delivery and parked on the off side. When he came out of the house he saw only one lady coming up the hill. Before he got into the lorry he looked and saw nothing of the two ladies. He started his engine and started to reverse and had moved only about a foot when he heard someone say "Stop, don't move any more." He got out of the cab and a lady then said "There is a lady under the back wheel." He was asked to move the lorry to release her, but he did not realise at the time that she was trapped. He looked into his nearside mirror, which would be nearer to the centre of the road, and the road seemed to be clear. This mirror was tilted because he had just previously touched the side of the road with it in a narrow lane. This meant that he could not see behind him on that side. He did not see these two ladies together at any time.

P.C. James TIDY said the road was 20ft.3in. wide. When he was in the driver's cab and looked into the nearside mirror he could not get a view to the rear. The mirror was out of focus.

Dr. W. H. KENNARD said that Mrs. HAIR died of myocardial degeneration associated with hypertension and injury to the right leg. He did not feel that the injury was directly responsible for death but it was a contributory factor.

The Coroner, addressing the jury, said what he could not understand was why the driver did not see the two ladies before he got into the lorry.

A legal representative for the owners of the lorry, Messrs. DIBBEN and Sons Ltd., expressed sympathy with the family, and Mr. READ said he wished to say a word of deep appreciation of what was done at Odstock Hospital. They also sympathised with the driver. –The Coroner said it was very nice of him to say this about the hospital. It was not often that the hospitals got bouquets. –Mrs. READ: They deserve it.

The funeral took place at Binstead Parish Church on Tuesday, Mrs. HAIR was born at Ryde, and spent all her life in the district. With her husband, the late Sidney HAIR, she was formerly in business in a tobacconist's shop in Ryde High-street, now known as Messrs. COLLIS. They retired and sold the business shortly after the first world war, and moved to Binstead, where Mrs. HAIR took an active interest in village and church life. She was a member of the Women's Institute, the local Conservative

branch, and the British Legion, and was also connected with the women's section in Ryde. She was a keen worker for the Women's Guild of Binstead Church, where she was a regular worshipper. Mr. HAIR was made chairman of TEAGUES Ltd., when the company was formed, and his wife remained a director up to the time of her death. Her husband died in 1941. They had no family.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. A. GILROY), and included the hymns "Ye holy angels bright" and "Holy Father, cheer our way," accompanied Mrs. PUDAN (organist). The family mourners were Mr. W. L. REED (brother), Mrs. V. BAKER (sister), Mrs. G. TANSOM (sister), Mr. W. ARCHER (nephew), Mrs. D. GLENCROSS (niece), Mrs. L. REED (sister-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. E. CLEAVER (nephew and niece). The congregation also included representatives of the Binstead Conservative Association. The floral tributes received included those from the Women's Institute, Binstead Conservatives, and the Women's Guild of Binstead Church, her fellow directors of TEAGUES, the staff of TEAGUES, and friends and neighbours in Arnold-road. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. WHEELER Bros., of Ryde made the arrangements.
