

**DEATH FROM ALCOHOLIC POISONING  
INQUEST ON NEWPORT MAN**

Mr. J.V. BULLIN, coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death at an inquest on Thursday on an unemployed labourer who was found dead with acute alcoholic poisoning at a house in Newport. He was **Charles Patrick COYLE**, aged 54, of Southdown Cottages, Southdown Road, Freshwater Bay.

Mrs. Joyce Ethel COYLE, said that generally her husband was in good health. He was a heavy beer drinker but was not an alcoholic. He seemed quite well when he left home at about 11 a.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was informed of his death at about 8 p.m. the same day.

Patrick KINSELLA, clerk, of 133, Hunnyhill, Newport, said that he first met COYLE on the day before his death at a Ryde public house. He met him again the following day, this time at a Newport public house in the afternoon. COYLE was drinking beer and then they went to another pub where again he was drinking beer. They then went to the pub where they had first met. He thought COYLE had five to six pints. They then returned to witness's lodgings where they drank a bottle of whisky between them. At some stage COYLE collapsed with his head on the table, the landlady returned and told witness to remove COYLE from the house. When she returned COYLE had collapsed over the chair. At this point he tried to resuscitate him, the landlady left the house and called the police and an ambulance. Witness had not realised that COYLE was seriously ill.

Dr. P.D. SWINSTEAD, pathologist, said that COYLE had 420 milligrams of alcohol in his blood. Death was due to acute alcoholic poisoning.

Winifred Victoria NANCARROW, the landlady of 133, Hunnyhill, Newport, agreed that KINSELLA was a compulsive alcoholic drinker.

Recording his verdict the coroner said "As I have said on other occasions, no one is here on trial. It is quite clear that the deceased was responsible for his death. It was he who took the alcohol. I see no other verdict than one of accidental death. The facts do not justify criminal negligence."

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