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**SHOCK FROM WASP STING
KILLED COWES MAN**

The coroner (Mr. J. V. BULLIN), at an inquest at Ryde on Thursday, recorded a verdict of accidental death on **Alfred Albert SHEPHERD**, of The Moorings, Egypt Hill, Cowes, who died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital on August 20th from the shock of a wasp sting. A severe heart condition was a major contributory factor.

Nurse Marion FRENCH, of the Nurses Home, Ryde, said that at 3 a.m. she was called to the bedside of Mr. SHEPHERD, who told her he had been stung on his left wrist by a wasp. After the sting had been treated Mr. SHEPHERD complained of irritation all over his body and then vomited and perspired profusely. He was given an injection and received oxygen, but at 3.20 a.m. he was dead.

Dr. Michael Frederick KIRKMAN, resident house physician said that SHEPHERD was admitted with a severe heart complaint on July 6th. The slightest exertion resulted in his heart rate increasing quite alarmingly and he was in a state of anxiety about the fact that other people admitted to hospital at the same time with similar complaints were progressing and that he was not. During the daytime there were a number of wasps in the vicinity of the hospital. Wasp stings in the mouth or throat had been known to cause death even among healthy people.

Dr. Neil Ramsey GARDEN (pathologist) who carried out a post-mortem examination, said that Mr. SHEPHERD's heart was in a precarious condition. Any sudden shock could have caused death.
