

**SUDDEN DEATH
WIFE'S SAD DISCOVERY**

The circumstances attending the sudden death of **Mr. George Alfred Hill HARRISON**, 67, retired Inspector of schools, which occurred early on Sunday morning at his flat 7a, High Street, were inquired into by the Acting District Coroner (F.A. JOYCE Esq.) at that address on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Jane HARRISON identified the body as that of her husband who had resided with her at that address for over two years. He was usually in good health and active and a remarkable man for his age and had been able to take regular walking exercise. He suffered however, from indigestion and constipation but had not been medically attended. He was unwell the whole of last week and on Sunday kept indoors complaining of pains in his head with no inclination to read. Deceased retired to bed about six o'clock that evening and slept for a time. She took him a glass of milk at 8.30 and herself retired a half hour later. She and her husband resided alone except for an occasional visit from their son. He afterwards continued restless and complained of pain and at his request she gave him a glass of warm water and at one o'clock got up and placed a mustard plaster on his stomach where he felt the pain also placing a cool bandage on his head. As he was still in pain she tried hot flannels at the nape of the neck. During the night he vomited which seemed to exhaust him but about 3 o'clock he breathed heavily and soon afterwards relapsed into what she thought was a comfortable sleep. Witness stayed in the room a little longer and then put out the light and went into the adjoining room to lay down keeping the door open. She was absent about two hours and when she again went into his room she saw he was in exactly the same position but found he was cold and lifeless. She went for the doctor. He had not had an attack to such an extent before and she never suspected that he had heart trouble.

Dr. L. L. PRESTON, Melville-street, deposed that Mrs. HARRISON came to him about 7 o'clock the previous morning and on going to the flat found her husband was dead. He probably died about 4 o'clock. Witness made a post-mortem examination and found disease of the aortic valves and his heart was inclined to be fatty otherwise the organs were healthy with the exception of the liver and spleen which was rather large for a man of his size. The stomach, intestines and kidneys were healthy. Deceased apparently had an attack of indigestion and the strain of his vomiting caused an attack of syncope. He probably had great pain with his indigestion. Death was due to syncope arising from aortic disease.

The Coroner, said he would record a verdict accordingly and sympathised with Mrs HARRISON who evidently did all she could for her husband and had no reason to suppose that the attack would prove fatal.

The deceased gentleman, who was of scholarly achievements and a writer, had the distinction of O.B.E. conferred on him during the war and was assistant secretary at Winchester in connection with War Savings Certificates.
