

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 1st May 1920

THE RECENT MOTOR ACCIDENT. - It was ascertained that “**Char**’ **WHITNEY** the news vendor who was taken to the hospital after being accidentally knocked down by a car driven by his son, had three of his ribs fractured, and it will be a considerable time before his is about again. Mr. S. HOGG of George-street, has organised a subscription on behalf of the family and has arranged for the pitch he used opposite the Pier-gates for the sale of Sunday papers shall be continued, also that his regular rounds will be served as hitherto solely on the poor cripple’s behalf. All subscriptions to the fund will be duly acknowledged.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY PRESS Saturday 9th February 1929

Fatal Street Accident
At Ryde.
CRIPPLED NEWSVENDOR’S DEATH.

Charles Frederick WHITNEY, aged 62, living at 13 Wray-street, Ryde, died at the County Hospital on Thursday from severe injuries sustained by being knocked down by a motor-lorry on the previous evening.

Many will recall the familiar figure of WHITNEY, who had been crippled with rheumatism for many years, selling newspapers alternately from his pitches in High-street and Pier-street. On Wednesday evening he was going towards his home and was crossing Well-street to Swanmore-road when a motor-lorry belonging to Messrs. PINKER, wholesale fruiterers, of Portsmouth, being driven from Hill-street into Well-street by Percival A. WARREN, of 12 Alfred-street, Ryde, knocked him down. Owing to his affliction WHITNEY had the greatest difficulty in walking; in fact he merely shuffled along. In the darkness prevailing at the particular spot it is conceivable that the lorry driver did not see the deceased, whose progress would be exceedingly slow. The pace of the lorry, which was going to a garage in Well-street, is stated to have been very moderate. Finding that he had hit something the driver promptly brought his vehicle to a standstill, and with the assistance of Messrs. R. RUTTER and J. QUELCH, the injured man was removed to the County Hospital suffering from severe injuries from which any hope of recovery was very remote. Less than 24 hours later he died. An inquest will be held on Tuesday.
