

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES Thursday 8th September 1927

**A WONDER CHILD
INQUEST AT RYDE**

The Deputy Coroner (W. H. P. F. THIRKELL, Esq.), held an inquest on Thursday at the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, High Street, into the circumstances of the death of **Phyllis Gladys Vera YOUNG** (13), which occurred at the house of her grandmother, Mrs Amelia KELLEWAY in Quarry Road on the previous Monday. She was the daughter of Mrs A. L. YOUNG, wife of a fireman on the railway, living off 3 Kent Road, Oakfield.

The child had been blind in both eyes and a cripple since she was two years of age and practically lived in a perambulator, otherwise she was an exceedingly bright girl. Her head was abnormally large and egg-shaped but she had a very clear intellect. She had not been attended by a doctor for several years.

The grandmother who has had charge of the deceased stated that on Monday morning she was dressing the child who was then in bed complained of a pain in her head. She then apparently went to sleep but not liking the look of her called her husband and they then decided to send for a doctor. Dr (Miss) Bryce SMITH arrived about noon and gave it as her opinion that the girl had been dead about three hours showing that it died practically in its sleep without a struggle.

Dr Bryce SMITH stated that not knowing the cause of death she held a post mortem examination and discovered a tumour on the brain which was full of matter and into which blood had flowed, causing immediate death. The examination also revealed inflammation at the base of the skull of long standing.

The Deputy Coroner recorded a verdict of "Natural Causes" in accordance with the doctor's evidence.

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