

Fatal Motor Car Accident at Noman's Heath.

An inquest was held at the Four Counties' Inn, Noman's Heath, on Monday afternoon, by Dr. Iliffe, coroner for North Warwickshire, relative to the death of Alice Eliza Ann Stretton, aged five years, daughter of Joseph Stretton, farm labourer, Noman's Heath.

The child's father stated that on Thursday last week, as the child, with others, was returning from Newton Regis school, she received injuries from which she died.

Thomas Coxon, labourer, said that at 4-30 p.m. on November 6 he saw several children by the side of the road, and a motor car coming towards them. The driver sounded the horn as he approached, and when only a few yards away the child suddenly darted towards it, and was knocked down, the rear wheel of the car passed over the child. The driver pulled up and conveyed the injured child to Dr. Davidson's surgery at Appleby Magna. In his opinion it was impossible for the driver to avoid the accident.

Dr. Davidson said the child died from shock.

The Coroner asked the jury whether they desired the driver of the motor car to come before them.

The jury considered that he was blameless, and no useful purpose could be served by calling him. They returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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