

### MOTOR CYCLIST'S CRASH.

#### Fatal Collision at Fenton.

#### FATHER'S TRAGIC DISCOVERY.

A violent collision between two motor cyclists, which was attended with fatal consequences to one and serious injuries to the other, happened between Fenton and Pidley Church on Monday morning.

Percy Feekins, a baker's assistant in the employ of Messrs. Sanson and Watson, of Woodhurst, was proceeding on his motor cycle to his work when he collided with Cyril Higgins, son of Mr. Arthur Higgins, of Warboys, who was returning home from Pidley, where he had been on business. As the result of the impact Feekins is stated to have had his neck broken, and Higgins sustained a compound fracture of the knee cap, a fractured jaw, and a cut mouth.

Percy Feekins was sent for to the hospital, and on Monday morning he was removed to his father's home, Feekins, who was a single man was 29 years of age, and Higgins was 16 years and 6 months of age.

When Feekins's father was acquainted of the accident, he went to the scene and found his son lying on the road, and was horror-stricken to see that it was his son.

Major S. C. Cook held an inquest on the body of Mr. Feekins at his home on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. G. Hills, of Warboys being the coroner of the jury.

The witness, deceased's father, gave evidence of identification, and stated that deceased lived with him and his (twins) mother. Witness last saw him alive at about 7.45 a.m. on Monday. After that he noticed his motor bike and left to go to work. He had been riding a motor cycle for several years. The machine was new a little more than 12 months old.

A witness (continuing) said: I thought I would go up this way for a pair of water. Young Ledwith came down the hill, and said: "Tom, there is an accident on top of the hill towards Pidley."

He (witness) went there and found his boy lying dead on the road.

By Inspector Newton: He had ridden the bicycle frequently during the last 12 months, and was well used to it.

The coroner said the police had carefully enquired into the position. No one witnessed the accident with the exception of the other motor cyclist.

It appeared that they collided, and the result was that the deceased man was unfortunately killed, and the other driver was injured, and was now in Huntingdon Hospital. Therefore he would have to adjourn the inquest until Cyril Higgins had recovered sufficiently to be able to give an account of what happened. He was going to release the jury from further attendance that day, and he would appoint a day for a further hearing as soon as Higgins was well enough to say what happened.

The jury inspected the damaged motor cycles.

During the enquiry P. C. Craghill, of Somerton, had told the coroner and jury that the front brakes were damaged but the back brakes were in working order.

Quite a gleam was cast on Pidley and Fenton on Monday morning by the news of the accident. Mr. Feekins was an old employee of Messrs. Sanson and Watson, of the Stores, Woodhurst, and had been in their employ for about 15 years since leaving school. He was just starting from his home at Fenton and was only a few yards from his home when the accident happened. He was well respected by all who knew him, either as a friend, or as a tradesman on his travels.

Ample manifestations of sympathy, the funeral was held in Pidley church on Monday afternoon at 10 o'clock. The service in the church the Rev. W. F. Jones (Woodhurst) officiated. The hymns were "The Lord is my Shepherd" and "Peace, perfect peace." The organ was playing "The Lord is my Shepherd" from Spohr's "Last Judgment" and Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis." The coffin was of polished elm, with brass fittings, and bore the inscription: "Percy Feekins, died June 29th, 1931, aged 29 years." Messrs. Hutchcraft and Sons were the undertakers, and the bearers were Messrs. W. Smith, E. Smith, J. Smith and H. Hutchcraft.

The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Feekings (father), Mrs. H. Stokes (sister), Mr. H. Stokes (brother-in-law), Miss L. Seymour (niece), Messrs. W. and C. Feekings (brothers), Mrs. H. Farrington, Shalford, Mrs. W. Holly, London, Mrs. Bondfield, Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C.

Feekings, Bewick, Mr. C. Feekings and Miss M. Feekings, Warboys, Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman, Warboys, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowd, Warboys, Mrs. T. Hodson, Mr. H. Green, Bewick, Mr. and Mrs. C. Norman, Warboys (sons and nieces), Messrs. Jack, Robert and Tom Johnson, Miss Ivy Johnson, Miss F. and F. Bennett (sisters), Mrs. C. Fleet, Bishop's Stortford (friend), Mrs. F. Watson, Woodhurst, Mr. T. Jackson, Woodhurst, Mr. and Mrs. J. Beely and Cyril Beely.

Also present were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. T. Murden, Mrs. E. Murden, Mrs. G. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beely, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. W. Elver (Somerton), Mr. G. Silk, Mr. Clapstone (Fenton), ex-Sergeant Chandler (Woodhurst), A. Beekings (Woodhurst), E. Kempton, Mrs. A. Beely, Mrs. G. Hurry, Mrs. Smith (Fenton), Miss Dring, Miss Lambeth, Miss Bayliffe, Miss Constance Brown (Woodhurst), Mr. Smith (Fenton), Mrs. T. Chapman, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Garry (Woodhurst), Mrs. E. Cross (Woodhurst), Mr. Pettitt (Broughton), Mr. and Mrs. A. Huggins, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. J. Finn (Woodhurst), Miss Adams, Mrs. B. Cross, Mr. B. Silk (Fenton), Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. S. Beely, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodles, Mr. H. W. Middleton (Warboys), Mrs. Middleton (Warboys), Mr. and Miss Bedford (Warboys), Mrs. C. Uphorch (Colne), Mrs. W. Prince, Messrs. G. Gosson, E. Beakle, G. Cook, H. Chapman, G. Hurry, G. Bateman, J. Maile, Mrs. A. Lane, Mr. C. Garner, Mrs. J. Parvies (Woodhurst), Mrs. A. D. Marlow (Woodhurst), Mrs. Hobbs (Fenton), Mrs. Johnson (Fenton), Mr. J. Woodles, Mr. J. Uphorch, Messrs. C. Norman, W. Bowd, W. Norman, F. Norman (Warboys), Mr. A. Higgins, son (Warboys), and many others.

#### THE FLOWERS.

Floral tributes were from the following: With deepest sympathy, from granita, aunt and uncle (Warboys); To our dear Percy, from his loving sister, Lily and Bert, also from Shalford; With sincere sympathy, from all his chums at Pidley and Fenton, and H. Phillips (Chatteris); With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Beely and Cyril; With sincere sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Silk (Stanley House); With deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. G. Moulds; With sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hodson (Fenton); In loving memory, May and Charles, Bishop's Stortford.

To darling Percy, with deepest sympathy, from all my love, Louis; In loving memory, from Aunt Clara, and all from London; Happy memories of Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson; With deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; With sincere sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Fenton); With great sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ashcroft; To dear Percy, with deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cross; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ashcroft; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. A. Huggins and family; With affectionate remembrance, from Messrs. Sanson and Mr. and Mrs. Watson (Woodhurst); In affectionate remembrance, from all fellow workers in the Stores, at Woodhurst; In loving memory, with their best love, from Aunt Ada, Uncle Fred and family.

With deepest sympathy, from Mrs. Babbage (Pidley); In loving memory of Percy, and with deepest sympathy, from Constance and Maggie Brown; With sincerest sympathy, from Sid, Will, and Jack Smith; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murden (Warboys); With love to our dear friend, from Vera and Leslie; With deepest sympathy, from Mr. and Mrs. E. Murden; A token of respect, from Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Selow (Broughton); With deepest sympathy, from Reg and George and children and Uncle Charles, (Warboys); With deepest sympathy, Mrs. A. Cooper; To Percy, with deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Murden; In affectionate remembrance, from Uncle Gus and Constance (Warboys).

### AUNTY RHONA'S CHUMMY CHATS.

#### RESULT OF COMPETITION No. 235.

##### A Pair of Boots or Shoes.

Correct answers were received from the following Chums—Boy Neal, Castor; Dulcie Brown, Wenington; Ivor Pauley, Orton Waterville; Mabel Ward, Castor; Roy Goodie, Wenington; Irene Goodie, Castor; Dorothy Rodgers, Wenington; Peggy Rudd, Old Felton; Conna Eaton, Peterborough; Alma Glover, Castor; Morrey Jakes, Castor.

##### Result of the draw:

1. CONNIE EXTON, 222, Petholme-road, Peterborough.
2. DOROTHY RODGERS, Wenington, Abbots Ripon.
3. IVOR PAULEY, Orton Waterville.

A large number of Chums guessed the answer as "a pair of trousers."

Mrs. Ann Edmondson, of Goodbarrow Farm, House Beck, near Barrow, on Sunday celebrated her 100th birthday.