

Runaway Car Kills Child in Toy Motor

Screaming Children in Melksham Tragedy

Bobbie Pritchard (aged 6), of Heathcote Road, Melksham, Wiltshire, met his death in tragic circumstances while playing a few yards from his house last evening.

A runaway car, containing several children, struck a toy motor-car in which the child was sitting and killed him instantly.

It is stated that Mr. Leonard Wells, of Heathcote Road, left the car secure outside of his house whilst having his tea.

Children playing nearby clambered into the car, which suddenly ran back down the road, which has a fairly steep incline. Bobby Pritchard was in his toy motor-car right in its path.

Fortunately, for the children, who stood screaming in the runaway car, it collided with a telegraph pole before it had gone many yards, and came to a standstill without overturning.

None of these children were injured.

A doctor was called, but the injured child was beyond aid.

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OPC Note:- The newspaper article & gravestone state different ages, according to Death Index he was born c1930).