



CORONERS INQUESTS



Inquest --- The Bath Coroner (Mr F E Shum) held an inquest on Friday evening of Mr William S Tucker, 65, of North Farm, Seend, who died at a nursing home in the city the previous day while undergoing an operation. Mr Forbes Fraser said deceased entered the home on Feb 17 to undergo an operation for chronic obstruction of the bowels. The relatives were told that the operation might entail some risk. Ether was used as the anaesthetic, there being a special spinal injection in order to minimise the shock, but when the operation was almost completed the heart ceased to beat without warning. The heart was not very strong, but there was no evidence of actual disease of that organ. Death was due to heart failure caused by the shock of the operation. Dr Bruce Leckie gave corroborative evidence, and a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.

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