

# Killed By Fall of Bricks

## **Weymouth Bomb Site Tragedy**

Mr George Sidney Wilkins (70) retired insurance agent of New Close Gardens Weymouth was gathering roses in a garden on a bombed site on the opposite side of the road when bricks of the damaged garage wall fell on him. He received a fracture of the left femur and died 3 days later after admission to Weymouth and District Hospital.

At the inquest yesterday Dr Alan Herschell resident medical officer at the hospital stated that death was due to shock following the fracture aggravated by myocardial degeneration.

### **PICKED THREE ROSES**

Mrs Emily Eliza Wilkins stated that her husband had the use of the garden on Monday morning said he would go and fetch some flowers. She heard him call and found him lying in the garage with a heap of bricks over him. The bricks must have come loose and fallen on him. The roses grew over the garage and her husband had picked three. She managed to lift the bricks off him and then called her daughter.

A verdict of Accidental Death was recorded by Mr P. M. Wickham the deputy-Coroner for South Dorset who remarked "I understand his heart would not stand up to the strain of the shock" He expressed sympathy with the family.

### **VOLUNTARY FIRE GUARD CAPTAIN**

Mr Wilkins was born in Salisbury and came to Weymouth at the age of six with his father the late Mr John Wilkins of the Globe Hotel Weymouth and of one time of the Bear Hotel.

Mr Wilkins leaves a widow, a son Mr W G Wilkins and two daughters Mrs Ralph Street and Miss M Wilkins who runs a shorthand and typewriting school at Rodwell. Nine years ago he retired from the Refuge Insurance Company. He was voluntry captain of the 110D Fire Guard. He had a passion for gardening and spent most of his time there.