

# Sunshine Advocate

## Failed to stop after fatal accident, Alan Taylor, Aged 14 (Accident happened in 1960)

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### Failed to Stop After Fatal Accident

Failing to stop his car after a boy had been fatally injured and a dog killed on a road at St. Albans resulted in three traffic charges against Leslie Charles Collett, Batman Ave., Keilor, at Sunshine Court on Tuesday. He was fined a total of £60.

Collett was fined £20 for failing to give his name and address, £20 for failing to stop after an accident and offer assistance and £20 for failing to report an accident.

Derek Pavior, of Arthur St., St. Albans, said he was at the rear of his house about 7.30 p.m. on August 6 last when he heard the sound of a collision in the street.

He saw a car driving away. He heard a dog yelping, then there was silence. When he went to look for the dog he saw a boy lying alongside the bitumen roadway.

Constable G. Osterman said the boy was Alan Taylor, 14 years, and the dog was Taylor's. The boy was dead when police arrived.

Arnold Brian Russell, chemist at the Coroner's Court, said a piece of wool found on Collett's car was identical to that in a jumper the dead boy was wearing.

#### FELT A BUMP

Evidence of an interview with Collett was given by Det. G. Richards. Collett told him he was driving a friend to St. Albans when he felt a bump on the car. He stopped, looked back, saw nothing, heard nothing, then drove on.

Returning along the same road he saw cars and people at the spot, but he did not stop. He was upset and panicky.

Collett said the night was dark. He saw nothing on the road but thought he might have hit an empty box, which were often seen on the roads at St. Albans. He heard nothing of the accident until a friend told him next day, then he went to the police.

Mr. R. Prowse, S.M.: I can't see anything in your favor. You knew you struck something, yet you callously drove away. If it had been a more recent happening I would have sent you to gaol.

### Labor Candidate For Southern Province

Mr. Stanley Thomas Willis, of Palmerston St., West Footscray was chosen from 17 nominees on Monday by the Central Executive of the A.L.P. as Labor's candidate for the Southern Province in the Legislative Council elections.

He replaces the previously selected candidate, Cr. Den Dulk, of Altona, who was declared ineligible as he had not been naturalised for five years.

Mr. Willis, who is aged 55 years and married with four children, has a background of wide union and public activities.

He is a boilermaker at Newport Workshops where he served his apprenticeship and is secretary of Williamstown branch of the Boilermakers' Society.

Service on the State Executive of his union for over 30 years and on the Federal Council for the past nine years indicate his activity in union affairs.

He has also been a delegate to the Trades Hall Council for the past 16 years.

Mr. Willis is president of the West Footscray State School Committee and he has been eight years on the executive of the State Schools Committees Association of Victoria. He was three years vice-president of the latter body.

A Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, he is also president of the Footscray State Electorate Council of the A.L.P.

## SUNSHINE THEATRE