

Frank Burton

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RED CROSS BENEFACTOR AND BUSINESSMAN

DEATH OF MR. F. BURTON, OF NEWPORT

Newport lost one of its best-known business personalities by the death in the Royal I.W. County Hospital, on Thursday, of Mr. Frank Burton, of The Green Door, High Street.

Despite failing health he maintained a great interest in a wide variety of societies and organisations. Before being transferred to the County Hospital he was for a short time in a nursing home at Ventnor.

Born within the sound of Bow Bells, Mr. Burton took over a draper's and milliner's business started by his father in Nodehill. He transferred the business to premises in Holyrood Street, and more than 50 years ago acquired adjoining property extending into High Street.

His greatest interest was in the British Red Cross Society, which he and Madame Burton were generous benefactors. During the second world war he put premises in Lower St. James' Street at the disposal of the branch as a headquarters rent free, and at the time of his death was assistant director (men) of the Island branch. He served with the French Red Cross in France in the first world war.

He was the oldest member of the Island Chamber of Commerce, and president in 1938, 1939 and 1940, and an active member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. He was a member of the publicity committee and subsequently on the I.W. Publicity Council when it was formed. He was a founder member of Newport Rotary Club, and his wide range of other interests included the Albany Lodge of Freemasons, the Writers' Circle, the Arts Association, and a committee member of the I.W. Musical Competition Festival. For many years he was secretary of the I.W. Lifeboat Board.

The funeral will be at Newport Congregational Church on Tuesday at two o'clock.

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FUNERAL OF NEWPORT BUSINESSMAN

MR. F. BURTON

Newport Congregational Church was filled on Tuesday for the funeral of Mr. Frank Burton, of The Green Door, High Street, one of the town's leading businessmen, whose death occurred at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, on Thursday week. The representative

attendance was drawn from the business community and various organisations with which Mr. Burton had been associated.

The service was conducted by the minister (the Rev. W. R. Stokes). In a tribute he said that Mr. Burton lived a life which was not only long in years but also useful in service and full of good things. He was never happier than when he was able to help causes which gave themselves unstintingly to the service of mankind.

At the request of Madame Burton, the widow, in place of hymns Miss K. Lower (organist) played "Jesu, Joy of man's desiring" to the setting by Bach and "Air on the G string" by the same composer. As the cortege left the church, Miss Lower played Schubert's "Ave Maria."

The family mourners were Madame Burton (widow), Mrs. E. Kirk (sister), Mr. A. Kirk (nephew), and Mr. D. Burton (cousin).

Those also present included the shop and domestic staff of Messrs. Burton, and representatives of the I.W. Branch of the British Red Cross Society, I.W. Music Festival Committee, I.W. Chamber of Commerce, I.W. Publicity Council, Albany and Yarborough Lodges of Freemasons, Newport and Ventnor Rotary Clubs, Hampshire and I.W. Organists' Association, I.W. Writers' Circle, Newport Arts Association, the County Seely Library, Newport Aid to Lepers Society, I.W. Grocers' Association, I.W. County Press, I.W. County Club, Westminster Bank, Sir Francis Pittis and Son, Way, Riddett and Co., Beecroft Sons and Nicholson, Edmunds and Co., Messrs. Upward and Rich, Messrs. J. W. C. Gill, Messrs. Edwin Jones, Messrs. L. Truscott and Son, Messrs. Dabell, and the tenant of Lower Yard Farm, Godshill.

Interment took place in the family grave at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

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