

## Walter George Cooper

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### CARISBROOKE

**Death of Mr. W. G. Cooper.** – Only 14 weeks after the passing of his wife, the death occurred on Friday week of Mr. Walter George Cooper, of Priory Stores, aged 73. Mr. Cooper opened his tailoring and grocery business in the village 43 years ago and retired only 18 months ago when it was taken over by his son-in-law (Mr. R. J. Rees). At one time he was known throughout the country for his Yorkshire canaries with which he won hundreds of prizes, and as a judge at local fanciers' shows he was in popular demand. Until his wife's unfortunate accident some 11 years ago he prominently identified himself with the social life of the village, was an active member of the now defunct Rifle Club and a member of the Parish Council. It was his proud boast that though he could not take an active part in sports owing to his health, there was no keener supporter, and until last year he never missed a home game at the Newport Football Ground. The last he attended was the F.A. cup-tie against Weymouth, but the excitement of that day was too much to risk a repetition. He is survived by five married daughters. The funeral was conducted at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Tuesday by the Rev. D. S. McKenzie. The family mourners were Mrs. B. Holbrook and Mrs. C. Jervis (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rees, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. James, Mr. and Mrs. W. Millmore (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. H. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooper (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr. V. Jervis, Miss O. Holbrook, Miss M. Millmore, and Masters B. and L. Millmore (nephews and nieces). Mr. F. Chiverton represented Messrs. Upward and Rich and Ald. J. E. Jackson (president of the I.W. Grocers' Council). Among the numerous tributes was one from friends and neighbours. Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son made the arrangements

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