

Albert Flux

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DEATH OF Mr. A. FLUX

WELL-KNOWN ISLAND FARMER

The death occurred on Monday of one of the Island's best-known farmers, Mr. Albert Flux, of Park Place Farm, Carisbrooke. Mr. Flux, who was 76, had farmed at Carisbrooke for over 40 years.

He died at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde. The funeral service was held at Parkhurst Methodist Chapel yesterday followed by interment at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Mr. Flux leaves a widow and three sons, Leslie, Donald and Edwin, and a daughter, Mrs. Jean King.

Mr. Flux's grandfather, Mr. John Flux, was a "scyther" by trade and with a team of a dozen or so men he cut and gathered hay and cereal crops on farms around the Island. In winter he cut and tied bundles of faggots, then the main fuel for cooking stoves.

John Flux's son, Tom, was a farrier at the Horseshoe Smithy, near where the Horseshoe Inn, Northwood, now stands. For the greater part of his life Tom Flux lived at Mark's Corner, Northwood, where his five sons, Tom, Harold, Albert, Bernard and Allan were born. He kept cattle in a smallholding rented from the County Council. Later he opened a blacksmith's shop at Mark's Corner.

In 1921 Tom Flux purchased Vittlefields Farm, Carisbrooke, for his three elder sons and they ran this in partnership.

Mr. Albert Flux moved from Vittlefields Farm in 1927 and took over Parkhurst Dairy on Horsebridge Hill. A year later he married Rosina, daughter of Mr. James Moody, a well-known county councillor and farmer, of Werrar Farm, Newport. In 1932 he purchased Park Place Farm and commenced building up this valuable enterprise. His children all became partners in the farm when they left school.

History was made in Island agricultural circles in 1965 when Mr. Flux opened his farm to a party of town dwellers who toured his acres. The event was organised by the county branch of the National Farmers' Union as part of a campaign to promote better understanding between town and country. Although the N.F.U. had arranged similar visits on the mainland this was the first of such tours to be organised on the Island.

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CARISBROOKE

Well-known Island Farmer.- The funeral service took place on Friday at Parkhurst Methodist Chapel, for Mr. Albert Flux, aged 76, of Park Place Farm, whose death was reported last week. Interment was at Carisbrooke cemetery. The Rev. P. W. Harrower officiated. The mourners were Mrs. Flux (widow). Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Flux, Mr. and Mrs. D.

Flux and Mr. E. Flux (sons and daughters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. King (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. and Mrs. H. Flux (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. A. Moody (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. G. Wheeler and Mrs. M. Flux (sisters-in-law), Mr. J. Flux (nephew) and Mrs. Flux, Mr. R. Jolliffe and Mrs Jolliffe (niece), Mr. R. Ryall and Mrs. Ryall (niece), Miss M. Harris (niece), Mr. J. Harris, Mr. R. Wheeler and Mr. A. Wheeler (nephews), Mr. R. Stay and Mrs Stay (niece) also representing Mrs. A. Moody (sister-in-law), Mr. H. Moody (nephew) and Mrs. Moody who were unable to attend, Messrs. John, Edwin, Herbert, Ronald, Harold, Anthony, James and Leslie Flux and Miss D. Flux, Mrs. A. Draper, Mrs. B. Attrill, Mr. A. Bullock, Mr. T. Wright (cousins), Mr. E. Albone (cousin) and Mrs. Albone, Mr. A. Gentle and Mrs. Gentle (cousin), Mr. L. Pearson (cousin) and Mrs. Pearson, Mr. J. Reynolds representing Mr. and Mrs. H. Reynolds, Mr. A. Boyce. Also represented were Godshill Growmore Club, Sir Francis Pittis and Son, S.C.A.T.S., Boots Chemists, I.W. Ploughing Match Committee, Frank Cheverton Ltd., trustees of the Clarke and Swainston Estates, S. Guy Ltd., Arnold Heal Ltd., Lloyds Bank Ltd., East Wight and Newport Young Farmers Club, Way, Riddett and Co., Ltd., Leigh Thomas and Co., Ltd., Paul's Foods, Ltd., Carisbrooke Cottage Garden Society, J. H. Linington, Ltd., Coogans, Slaughterers, Ltd., I.W. Hunt. Many farming friends also attended. Mr. R. G. W. Reed made the arrangements.

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