

## **Leonard Moy Andrews**

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### **LIFE OF COMMUNITY - SERVICE**

#### **SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. L. M. ANDREWS, OF NEWPORT**

We regret to record the death, which occurred suddenly on Tuesday at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, of Mr. Leonard Moy Andrews, of Keighley, 217 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, aged 57, commercial superintendent of the Newport branch of the Southern Electricity Board. Mr. Andrews was honorary Civil Defence officer for Newport, and in many other ways served the community. His sudden passing is a great loss to societies and organizations which work for the betterment of the community and to the business life of the Island capital.

Mr. Andrews was a native of Manchester and started his career in Hastings with the corporation's tramway service, and joined the electricity undertaking at Woking, afterwards serving at Stoke Newington. He also taught electrical subjects at evening schools at Woking and in London. He came to the Island about 22 years ago, taking an appointment with the I.W. Electric Light and Power Company, becoming commercial superintendent, a position he occupied when the undertaking was nationalised. He was commercial superintendent for 13 years and was prominently identified with the work of establishing the overhead grid system of electricity supply in the Island.

Outside his business life Mr. Andrews worked for many good causes. He was a member of a London lodge of Freemasons, and when he came to the Island he carried on his wartime connection with Toc H which commenced when he was in the Royal Flying Corps during the 1914-18 war. He lived at Binstead and Ryde before moving to Carisbrooke, where he served in every office of the local branch of Toc H before transferring to the Newport branch. He served the cause of Toc H in a wider sphere as district secretary for nine years and as a member of the central council of the movement. At the time of his death he was treasurer of the Newport branch. In all Toc H activities for charities Mr. Andrews was an enthusiastic helper. He was the instigator of the Toc H appeal for the renovation and maintenance of the Crocker Street almshouses at Newport. He was held in the greatest affection by the members of the Newport Rotary Club. He was active on every service committee and held other offices, including the presidency in 1945-6. He took a special interest in the club's annual Tree of Goodwill effort, which in the two years it has been held has raised some £250, distributed in Christmas parcels of groceries and money gifts to necessitous people. At the meeting of the Rotary Club on Wednesday tribute was paid to his memory. President F. Rath said that the club never had a more genuine Rotarian or one who was more willing to take on a job at any time.

Among his many other interests, Mr. Andrews was a member of the Newport Business and Professional Association and was secretary of the Army Cadet Force Welfare Committee for several years.

During the 1939-45 war Mr. Andrews was a member of the Observer Corps at Sandown and of the Civil Defence Corps, and on the post-war revival of the corps he was appointed honorary Civil Defence Officer for Newport, and in addition he gave freely of his time as an instructor, having undertaken specialist training to equip himself for the task.

He leaves a widow and daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt. He was a sidesman, a former member of the church council, ran the freewill offering scheme, and often read the lessons at Carisbrooke

Church, where the funeral service will be held today at 2.30 p.m., interment following at Carisbrooke Cemetery.

### **Isle of Wight County Press - 14 November 1953**

#### **THE LATE MR. L. M. ANDREWS**

#### **FUNERAL AT CARISBROOKE**

A congregation of over 250 people attended St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday afternoon, when the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. McKenzie) officiated at the funeral of Mr. Leonard Moy Andrews and paid a tribute to his life and work. Mr. Andrews, who lived at 217 Carisbrooke Road, was commercial superintendent of the Newport branch of the Southern Electricity Board for 13 years and Civil Defence officer for Newport. He died suddenly on Tuesday week at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, aged 57 years.

The Vicar, in a tribute, said Mr. Andrews was a man of wide interests who had found time in a busy life to help many organizations. Because of his numerous activities, his passing had brought a personal sense of loss to many. His Christian faith was a reality. Although he had died a comparatively young man, he had used to the full all the powers which God had given him. The hymns "All people that on earth do dwell" and "Abide with me" were sung. Mr. E. H. Abraham was organist.

The chief mourners were Mrs. L. M. Andrews (widow), Miss P. A. Andrews and Mr. A. E. G. Taylor (daughter and fiancé), Mr. H. F. Andrews (brother), Miss E. Andrews (sister), Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Glover, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stevenson (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), and Mr. and Mrs. E. Gill.

The following organizations were represented: The Education Committee; Newport Town Council; Toc H; Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club; Southern Electricity Board; Civil Defence Corps; W.V.S.; Newport Business and Professional Men's Association; St. Mary's Parochial Church Council; Carisbrooke Church wardens; Carisbrooke Working Party and Mothers' Union; St. Thomas's Church (Newport); Island Home for the Blind Appeal Committee; I.W. Builders' Association; Castlehold Quartet; Electrical Trades' Union; Meat Traders' Association; I.W. Master Bakers' Association; Newport Welfare Committee of the Army Cadet Force; and the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association.

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