

Frances Alethea Dawson Horan

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**DEATH of MISS DAWSON
HORAN of Newport.**

The death of Miss Frances Alethea Dawson Horan, of Caerbrook, Castle-road, Newport, has come as a severe shock to her many friends, and the Island capital has lost a lady who for many years had set a high example by her good works. On Sunday while out walking Miss Horan fell and injured her leg. Blood poisoning rapidly followed, and, in spite of treatment at the County Hospital, where she was taken on Monday, she died on Wednesday. An inquest was conducted by the Island Coroner (Mr. R. E. A. Webster) at the hospital yesterday (Friday) afternoon.

Miss Horan was the daughter of Mr. H. W. Horan, mayor of Newport in 1928 and 1929, who died in March, 1941. She had been a life-long worshipper and supporter of St. John's Church, and was the founder and for many years captain of the St. John's (5th Newport) Girl Guides, a position from which she retired about three years ago. She was also one of the leaders of the St. John's Mothers' Meeting. She acted as mayoress during her father's successive terms of office as chief magistrate of the borough, discharging her many duties with distinction and charm, but was best known as the president of the women's section of the Newport and Carisbrooke branch of the British Legion, a position which she filled for about 17 years, and in which she was held in great affection and esteem by the members. Miss Horan had organized the local Poppy-day collections with marked ability for many years. During the war she also did excellent work with the local W.V.S. organization. A lady of unassuming manner and engaging personality, she was always performing acts of kindness with unobtrusive generosity.

At the inquest yesterday (Friday) the verdict was that death was due to toxemia contracted through a severe laceration of the left knee.

The funeral will be on Monday, the first part of the service at St. John's Church at 2 p.m.

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