

Fred Thomas Cheek

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COMPANY FOUNDER DIES AT 95

THE MAN who founded one of the Island's best-known construction companies has died aged 95.

Mr Fred Thomas Cheek, who started the contracting and haulage firm of F. T. Cheek in 1909 and was later managing director of Cheek Bros. Ltd, Vectis Stone Company and IW Cast Concrete Ltd, died at Kite Hill Nursing Home, Wootton Bridge, last Saturday.

Mr. Cheek was born at Rowborough Farm, the second son of Mr. Andrew Cheek.

On leaving school he worked for his father but later farmed on his own account at Chale Abbey.

The haulage and construction firm he started in 1909 was renamed Cheek Bros. Ltd in 1945 and in the following years this company took over Vectis Stone and IW Cast Concrete.

Mr. Cheek retired as managing director of these companies in 1960 aged 74.

Active in Public life, he served on Chale Parish Council for 30 years and was also a founder member of Chale Horticultural Society and president from 1938 to 1972.

He was a life-member and active supporter of the Royal IW Agricultural Society.

Married in 1951, he leaves a widow.

A funeral service was to be held on Thursday at Quay Street Methodist Church, Newport, followed by interment at Newport cemetery.

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