

## **Bernard Evelyn Croucher**

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### **NEWPORT**

**Death of Mr. Bernard Croucher.** - Sincere sympathy is felt with his widow and family on the death at his residence Wynberne, Fairlee-road, on Saturday, following an illness of about 9 weeks, of Mr. Bernard Evelyn Croucher, aged 54. Mr. Croucher, a member of a family which founded the firm of Crouchers, Ltd., and worked for that firm and their successors, Messrs. Pickford, for 33 years, commencing with horse drawn vehicles and later with driving heavy motor lorries. Latterly, his health not having been good, he had been working as a checker at the Quay. A popular and painstaking worker, well known almost throughout the Island, Mr. Croucher was a staunch follower of the Newport football team and a member of the Supporters' Club. He attended the Quay-street Methodist Church and had been a member of the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows from an early age. Interested in music, he possessed a good tenor voice. Mr. Croucher saw service with the R.A.S.C. in the last war from 1916 until 1919, being employed as a tractor driver on home food production work. His death at a comparatively early age is much regretted by all who knew him. The funeral service on Wednesday was held in the Quay-street Methodist Church, and the interment at Newport Cemetery. The Rev. W. K. Parry officiated and the mourners were Mrs. Croucher (widow), Mr. M. H. Croucher (son), Miss W. M. Croucher (daughter), Messrs. P. J., E. C., and F. C. Croucher (uncles), Messrs. W. H., S., and E. and E. Croucher and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest (cousins), Messrs. W. A., E., and H. A. Cheverton and W. Lasman (brothers-in-law), Mrs. Russell (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cheverton (uncle and aunt), and Mr. W. Sheath. Others present included Messrs. J. F. Launder, W. Reynolds, A. W. Bishop, J. Medley, H. Pitman, J. B. Brimblecombe, P. Minter, G. Philpot, P. Ray, H. Sanders, F. Attrill, E. Buckett, and E. Willis, and Miss J. Urry (Messrs. Pickford Ltd.), Mrs. L. H. Morgan (a former employee), and Messrs. A. Scott (trustee) and C. V. Cheverton and L. H. Morgan (secretaries), representing the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Oddfellows. There was a large attendance of sympathisers. Wreaths included those from Messrs. Pickfords' clerical staff at Newport and Cowes, the outside staff at Newport Quay, and the outside staff at Cowes.

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