

## **Frank Charles Prince**

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### **NEWPORT BLACKSMITH'S SUDDEN DEATH**

#### **POPULAR TRADESMAN, SPECIAL CONSTABLE AND BOWLS PLAYER**

Mr. Frank Charles Prince, aged 58, of 35 Victoria Road, Newport, a popular and much esteemed man, who carried on business in partnership with his brother (Mr. H. W. Prince) as blacksmiths and shoeing-smiths in Sea Street, died suddenly on Thursday morning after shoeing a horse.

Apart from his business connections, Mr. Prince was well-known as an inspector in the Special Constabulary and as one of the keenest players of the Newport Bowling Club, in which his wife also takes an active interest.

Mr. Prince and his brother succeeded their father in the shoeing-smith's business which has been carried on by the family for many years, and unfortunately it will now be closed. He joined the Special Constabulary in 1939, and throughout the war and since had proved an enthusiastic and able "special." He was promoted to the rank of inspector in July, 1953, and his ready assistance whenever called upon was greatly appreciated by the regular police officers. He had been a member of the Newport Bowling Club for some years and one of its most consistent players in league matches and competitions, his good sportsmanship making him a popular figure on the green. He played for the county in the Middleton Cup competition in 1950, 1951, and 1954, and in 1950, partnered by Mr. B. Cooper, won the Island pairs championship.

Much sympathy is felt with his wife and daughter in their unexpected bereavement. The funeral will be on Tuesday; service at the Parish Church at 2 p.m.

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### **THE LATE MR. F. C. PRINCE**

#### **LARGE ATTENDANCE AT NEWPORT FUNERAL**

Members of the Police and Special Constabulary, fellow bowlers, business associates, and many friends attended the funeral at St. Thomas's Parish Church, Newport, on Tuesday, of Mr. Frank Charles Prince, aged 58, the well-known blacksmith of 35 Victoria Road, Newport, who died suddenly the previous Thursday. Four comrades from the Special Constabulary acted as bearers.

The Vicar of St. Paul's, Barton (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley), who officiated, said that those present represented many walks of life and various spheres in which Mr. Prince had worked, co-operated and served. He would be greatly missed, for he was a faithful worker. He was indeed a fine man, a big man and a big-hearted person, for whom nothing was too much trouble. Their thoughts went out to his loved ones and they prayed that God would give them strength and courage. During the service the hymn "The day Thou gavest Lord is ended" was accompanied by Miss K. Lower (organist).

The family mourners were Mrs. Prince (widow), Miss J. R. Prince (daughter), Mr. H. W. Prince (brother), Mrs. G. Kerley (sister), Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray (brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Shilton, Mr. and Mrs. J and Mr. and Mrs. S. Cooke and Mesdames H. Mounchen and A. Morey (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Messrs. E. Kerley and B. Cooke (nephews), Mesdames P. Williams and L. Lovejoy and Miss J. Gray (nieces) and Mr. P. Driver.

The principal representatives of the Police were Chief Supt. P. W. Paddon, Chief Insp. S. J. S. Bowler, Insp. F. Grose and Insp. D. R. Padwick and of the Special Constabulary Cmdr. W. Baker and Inspectors Price and Norris. Among others present were the Mayor of Newport (Mr. W. G. Bull) and representatives of the County Bowling Association, the Newport Ladies, Newport, Ryde, Cowes and Ventnor Bowling Clubs, and Newport Conservative Club. Among the 58 floral tributes were those from members of the Police and Special Constabulary, the I.W. County Bowling Association, the Newport Ladies, Newport and J. S. White's Bowling Clubs, Newport Conservative Club, neighbours of Victoria Road and St. Paul's Road and from many other friends and business associates. Interment was at the Fairlee Road Cemetery. The arrangements were made by Messrs. O. C. Hamilton and Son.

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