

Arthur Wood

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DEATH OF WELL KNOWN NEWPORT TRADESMAN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur Wood, head of the firm of Messrs. Arthur Wood, general and builders ironmongers and agricultural implement engineers, of Pyle-street, Newport, which occurred somewhat unexpectedly at Newport House on Sunday. He had been in failing health for some considerable time. The deceased, who was in his 75th year, was the son of the late Mr. James Wood, of Lynwood, Newport. He was born in Melbourne, Australia, during a visit of his parents to that continent, and came to the Island when two years old. On leaving school he was apprenticed to the ironmongery trade in Hereford. Later he assisted his father and uncle (the late Mr. H. J. Wood) in their business in Pyle-street. On their retirement he carried on the business in partnership with the late Eustace C. Horspool, and on the latter's death he was joined for a short period by Mr. Tame, later becoming sole proprietor. Apart from 55 years business association with the Island he will be chiefly remembered for his sporting activities. He was always a keen follower of all sorts of sport. As a young man he took part in road and track racing on the old penny-farthing bicycle. When the pneumatic tyred machine was introduced he spent a great deal of his leisure in touring the British Isles and other places. On one occasion he rode from Land's End to John O'Groats in nine days. As a member of the Newport Rowing Club he stroked the first crew of that club to row round the Island in a day, the late Sir Frederick Black being a member of the crew. He was a keen horseman in pre-motoring days and was a regular following of the Isle of Wight Hunt and the Harriers. He was also a follower of the Beagles. He was one of the original members of the National Sporting Club, and had assisted at many of the big fights staged there. A man of amazing vitality and good physique he was a life-long exponent of the health-giving exercise of walking, and no one had a better knowledge of the highways and byways of the Island. He served in the old Volunteer Force and also in the Island troop of Hampshire Yeomanry when it was commanded by the present Lord Mottistone, who was then Capt. Jack Seely. He was a Conservative but took no active part in the politics or in municipal affairs. A very strong swimmer, he bathed all the year round, and continued the healthful practice until middle age. He rode a push bicycle to Cowes and back before breakfast, taking his dip at one time from Egypt-point and latterly from the Victoria Pier. He was a member of the Newport Cricket Club, and one of the first members of the County Club, and in sporting and other circles he will be greatly missed. To townsmen he was a familiar figure and active to the end. At one time on his walks he had the companionship of a former Newport postmaster (Mr. T. E. Mack), who is now at Farnham, and another faithful friend was his favourite red setter. His was a very kindly nature and he will be greatly missed by many warm friends. He leaves a widow, two sons, and two daughters.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held in the Parish Church, Newport, on Wednesday, and the interment followed at Newport Cemetery, the Rev. J. F. S. Glynn (vicar) officiating. The family mourners were Mr. Arthur and Mr. Eustace Wood (sons), Miss Amy and Miss Lilian Wood (daughters), Mrs. Eustace Wood (daughter-in-law) and Mr. G. Long. Among those also present were the following members of the firm's staff, namely: Messrs. H. Nidd (manager), A. E. Woodford, L. Newnham, L. Squibb, F. Croucher, F. Flux, B. R. Riddett, C. Guy, M. White, and F. Callaway, and Messrs. F. Morgan, G. Woodford, W. Knight, and H. Dennis (former employees). Others present were the Mayor of Newport (Mr. J. L.

Mitchell, C.C.), Aldermen A. E. Harvey, J.P., and J. C. Millgate, J.P., Major C. W. Brannon, M.C., T.D., Dr. G. Raymond, Dr. J. B. McKay, Messrs. S. Russell, T.C., L. Jordan, J.P., H. Shepard, J.P., C.C., W. J. Whittington, J.P., W. H. Dann, J.P., F. Chiverton, T.C., G. A. Brannon, W. C. Black, J. H. Black, A. W. Woodford, A. Heal, H. M. Williams, J.P., C.A., L. P. Mew, W. A. Hurst, E. W. Jenkins, T. E. Duke, F. Shepard, E. G. Barnes, C. Langdon and B. E. Langdon (Ryde), H. Margham, E. R. Harding, A. Chappel, G. H. Arthur, E. R. Dore, J. Roach, L. K. Garland, H. W. Horan, D. C. MacDonald, R. J. Eldridge (representing the I.W. County Club), Seymour Pittis, Wilfred Pittis, F. Whittington, B. V. Harris, F. Yelf, H. H. Osborne, T. R. Tilling, R. B. Cheverton, S. W. Ibbotson, W. J. Rugg, N. H. T. Mursell, C. Snellgrove, C. Cowdery, W. Godwin, D. G. Morris, C. Linington, S. C. Wadham, H. H. Lee (Yarmouth), F. E. S. Jackson (representing the National Provincial Bank), E. F. Wray, N. H. Evans, H. F. Heaton, R. H. George, A. G. Bird, F. Burton, W. A. Purkis, A. Richardson, L. Belben, A. E. Knight, A. Mearman, and A. H. Rowlands, jun., Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lincoln and Miss Marion Lincoln, Mrs. and Mrs. F. E. Cheek (Chilton), Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Read, Mesdames R. C. Gray, W. E. Kelly, J. L. Graham, Castle, C. A. Good, H. J. Davies, and E. O. White. The organist (Mr. H. W. Stubbington, F.R.C.O.) played "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Handel), "O rest in the Lord", and "He that shall endure to the end", from Mendelssohn's "Elijah", and one of Mendelssohn's "Songs without words" in E major. The wreaths and other floral tributes were from the following: His wife and daughters; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wood; Mr. and Mrs. E. Wood; "Jillian" (grand-daughter); Aunt Mary; Miss Rugg; Mack, Tilley, and John; Mrs. R. B. Cheverton and Mrs. Webb; late employees, Fred Morgan, George Woodford, Fred Stevens, W. Knight, and H. Dennis; the staff at 114 Pyle-street; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Good; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Read; Amy Guy; I.W. County Club; Mr. and Mrs. Tidd; Mr. A. W. Woodford; Rodney Dawson; Margaret and Mrs. Chiverton; Mrs. Ibbotson and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodson; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. S. Jackson and family; all at Mount Pleasant House; Mr. Frank Shepard; Mr. and Mrs. S. Eyles; Mr. and Mrs. Tharle; Dr. and Mrs. J. B. McKay; and "Three walking friends", L. K. Garland, T. E. Mack, and Scott Evans.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. H. and F. Damp.

Mr. C. A. Good, M.R.C.V.S., was unable to attend owing to absence from the Island.

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