

Arthur James Cooper

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NEWPORT

SAD DEATH OF A BOROUGH OFFICIAL

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Cooper, of 14 Barton-road, in the great loss they have suffered by the pathetically sad death of their only son, Mr. Arthur James Cooper, aged 28 years, which occurred at the County Hospital on Wednesday after only 10 days' illness. The deceased, who was an able and much esteemed member of the borough accountant's staff as accounts clerk, had not altogether recovered from the effects of a chill when, unfortunately, a more serious development necessitated his removal to the County Hospital. He received the skilled attention of three doctors in addition to the hospital staff, but it was unavailing and death came peacefully on Wednesday night from the effects of a rare disease known as Landry's acute ascending paralysis. The deceased, who was a scholar at the Nodehill School during the headmastership of the Mayor (Mr. J. L. Mitchell), was one of the most promising pupils, and in his subsequent career his worship has always evinced the keenest interest. On leaving school he was employed by the late Mr. Harry Shepard, J.P., C.C., in a clerical capacity, and entered the service of the Corporation in June 1923. His work for that authority was unostentatiously done, but the interest and ability he displayed were above the average and were invariably favourably commented on by auditors and others who had occasion to inspect his books. Keenly interested in sport and all youthful pursuits, he was for some time a member of the 1st Newport (Old Guard) Troop of Boy Scouts and retained his interest in that movement. Cricket and football also claimed his attention, and for several seasons he played for Porchfield C.C. His untimely end is the more to be deplored from the fact that he contemplated matrimony, and sincerest sympathy will be felt for Miss Doris Russell, of Gunville-road, Carisbrooke, his fiancée, in her irreparable loss. The funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Barton, on Monday, at 2.30, the interment following at St Paul's Cemetery.

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FUNERAL OF MR. A. J COOPER

The funeral of Mr. Arthur J. Cooper, of 14 Barton-road, whose sad death was reported last week, took place on Monday, the first part of the service being held in St. Paul's Church. The Rev. G.C. Seymour (rector of Wootton) officiated in the unavoidable absence owing to indisposition of the Vicar (the Rev. M. Atkinson). Mr. L.E. Dore was at the organ and played "O rest in the Lord" and other suitable selections before the service, and Chopin's Funeral March as the cortege left the church. The hymns sung were "On the resurrection morning" and "Peace, perfect peace," and the 23rd Psalm was chanted. The family mourners were Mr. A.E. Cooper (father), Mrs. W. Moore (sister), Mr. F. Coleman (grandfather), Mr. and Mrs. A. Mearman (uncle and aunt), Mr. J. Cooper and Mr. G. Coleman (uncles), Mesdames Warne and Bradley (aunts), Messrs. R. and W. Cooper and Mrs. H. Gray (cousins), Messrs. W. Moore and J. King (brothers-in-law), and Miss D. and Mrs. Russell. The deceased's mother was unable to be present.

The high esteem in which the deceased was held was evidenced by the large gathering of his former colleagues and numerous friends. Among those present at the church were Alderman F.E.

Whitcher, J.P., J.H. Deacon, A.E. Harvey, J.P., and W. Blake, J.P., Mr. F. Damp (deputy mayor), Mr. H.W. Horan (member of the Education Committee), Mr. T Ross Pratt (town clerk), Capt. P.E. Shields, M.C. (borough accountant), Mr. H.W.L. Lincoln (chief cashier), Mrs. W.E. Kelly (secretary of the Education Committee), Miss D. Barnard (chief clerk, town clerk's department), Mr. A.F. Hart (sanitary inspector), Mr. K.E.. Trask (assistant borough surveyor), the Misses O. Kennedy, M. Shaw, M. Scovell, and I.M. Millidge, and Messrs. F.G. Wadham (rating officer), A.W. Stevens, H.W. Bevis, H. Barton, H.T.L. Edmunds, R.H. Williams, E. Morris, and A.J. Hawkins (Corporation employees), Mr. W. Phillips (town sergeant), Mr. and Mrs. C. Martingale, Mesdames E.A. Slater (representing Mr. E.A. Slater, borough surveyor), C. Wells (representing Mr. C. Wells, waterworks manager), M. Shields, L.E. Dore, Ridgway, E. Earley, Long, Hawkins, Toogood, Wareham, and Mr. Bull, Miss Atkinson, Scoutmaster C. Coward (1st Newport B.P. Scouts), Messrs. A.H. Hughes (county accountant), H.G. Peachey, S.H. Matthews (representing the IW branch of the N.A.L.G.O.), E.R. Dore, C.C., W.T. Collins, G.R. Barrett, A.E. Buckett, and H.E. Connolly (R.D.C. Clerks), G. Williams, F. Pardey, F. Pardey, jun., H.J. Pardey, and J.B. Keely. The Porchfield Cricket Club was represented by Messrs. A.E. Whatley (president), G.S. Hayward (hon secretary), J. Woodmore, C. Croucher, and F. Riddett, and Mrs. J Kinchington (representing Mr. Kinchington, captain). Mr A.A. Whitfield, M.B.E. (clerk to the R.D.C.) was unable to be present.

Among the large number of beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the following: the Mayor, aldermen, and councillors of the borough of Newport; the Town Clerk and officials of the Newport Corporation; the Corporation employees; the staff of the IW County Council; I.W. branch of N.A.L.G.O.; members of the Porchfield C.C.; and the Newport staff of the Co-operative Society. Messrs. H. and F. Damp carried out the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Cooper and family and Miss Doris Russell return grateful thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement, also for the beautiful flowers sent. They also wish to acknowledge the deep appreciation the services rendered by the doctors, matron, and staff of the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, also Capt P.E. Shields. Will all kind friends please accept this acknowledgement as letters are too numerous to reply to personally.

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NEWPORT TOWN COUNCIL

THE LATE MR. A. J. COOPER

The Mayor referred to the very sad loss sustained by the death of Mr. A.J. Cooper, accounts clerk in the borough accountant's department. He had known Mr. Cooper from boyhood. He came to his school from the infant school and he had always had the very highest respect for him. He was very modest and retiring, but very capable. He (the Mayor) was certain that the work of Mr. Cooper in the Council office had been remarkably well done. He knew the details of his work and had a high opinion of his ability as a clerk and every regard for him as a citizen as he was a kindly, genial, generous, and well-behaved young man. It was a great grief to know that he had passed away after a few days' illness when they were hoping and praying that he would get better. He moved that the Council should send Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper and their daughters their best wishes that they might be given grace to bear the burden cast upon them and to assure them that they had the heartiest sympathy of the members in the loss they had suffered.

Mr. Welsh, who seconded, said Mr. Cooper's books were kept perfectly and his work was in every way painstaking and very thorough. The motion was carried in the usual way.

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