

**William Henry Orchard**

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**THE LATE MR. W. H. ORCHARD,  
OF NEWPORT.**

A fine figure of a man, standing six feet in height and weighing nearly 20 stones, with bushy white hair and a ruddy complexion, Mr. William Henry Orchard, licensee of the Robin Hood Inn, Newport, died at his residence on Friday week. He would have been 83 on August 11th.

Universally known as "Captain Orchard" by reason of the round peaked cap he always wore, Mr. Orchard had held the licence of the Robin Hood for about 40 years. Before him the licensee was a Mr. Drudge, whose daughter he married as a young man. The first wife died 24 years ago and Mr. Orchard was married again, his second wife being Miss Alice Maud Sweetman, also of Newport. At one time Capt. Orchard kept several cows, but he abandoned the dairying business some time ago.

As owner of a threshing machine, "Skylark", Mr. Orchard travelled all over the Island, stopping at farms en route to deal with the season's crops. In consequence he was known to farmers in every district and was always a welcome visitor. The Skylark lifted half of the new Coppins railway bridge in 1920. Despite his varied business interests Mr. Orchard could neither read nor write and signed documents with his mark.

Mr. Orchard had been unwell for some time with kidney trouble. He took to his bed on August 3rd and died four days later. The funeral was on Monday at St Paul's Cemetery, the Rev. G. C. Seymour, of Wootton, officiating. The mourners were Messrs. George and Ernest Orchard (brothers), Mr. Arthur Orchard (nephew), Mr. Frederick John Sweetman (stepson), and Mr. F. J. Rogers (wife's brother-in-law). There were many floral tributes. The widow will carry on the business at the inn.

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