

### DEATH OF MR. A. PAGE

The death took place on Tuesday evening at the County Hospital of Mr. Arthur PAGE at the age of 76. He had been removed to hospital on Sunday morning suffering from throat wounds, after being treated by Dr. R. KENNEDY.

Mr. PAGE was formerly a well-known outfitter in the High Street, and after his retirement from business continued to live over the shop. He was a prominent Freemason, being a Past Master of the East Medina Lodge, 175, Ryde, and holding the office of P.P.A.G.D.C. He leaves a son and two daughters. His wife predeceased him.

The inquest will take place at the High Street Methodist Schoolroom on Friday morning at 11.15.

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The death occurred under sad circumstances at the County Hospital on Tuesday of last week of Mr. Arthur PAGE, for many years a prominent tradesman in the High Street. He had recently suffered from depression and on Sunday was removed to the County Hospital suffering from self-inflicted wounds.

Mr. PAGE, who was 76, was a native of Essex, and had had a somewhat romantic career. In early life, he made himself thoroughly acquainted with the clothing trade and started pioneering in South Africa. He travelled about the country with his laden bullock waggon, doing business with many Zulu chiefs. Many of them he fitted with West End fashions in clothes and had the privilege of dressing KRUGER when he was President of the Boer Parliament. After returning to this country, Mr. PAGE settled in Ryde and founded an outfitter's business in the High Street, but in 1890 he again toured South Africa with what was then one of the outstanding inventions of the century, the Edison phonograph. He had purchased the rights for South Africa, and he lectured and demonstrated with that apparatus in many parts until he disposed of it to some students and returned to Ryde to continue his business, which he had left in the hands of a manager. Mr. PAGE retired from the business about a year ago, but did not definitely sever his connection with it. Those who knew him valued his friendship and respected him greatly for his many good qualities. He was a prominent Freemason, being a Past Master of the Ryde East Medina Lodge 175, and held the office of P.P.A.G.D.C. His wife pre-deceased him about six years ago, but he leaves two daughters and one son, with whom deep sympathy is felt.

#### The Funeral.

The interment took place on Friday afternoon at the cemetery. The Vicar of St. John's, Oakfield (the Rev. J. Gillson GILL) officiated. The family mourners were Miss Lorna PAGE (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Bert PAGE (son and daughter-in-law). The members of the staff present were Messrs. Francis TABOR and G. NORRIS. There were several of the local Freemasons attending including Messrs. J. H. DOWN, W. C. PEARCE, A. F. WRIGHT, M. OSBORNE, O. V. MAINSTONE, R. LONG, E. J. SALTER, C. LANGDON, E. C. LOADER, E. CRABB, O. J. FEBEN, J. W. BENNETT, and Lt.-Col C. L. ELLERY, O.B.E. The local Lodge sent a wreath and there was also a token from the Trinity Club.

Messrs. PURNELL & PURNELL were the undertakers.

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