

Business Man's Death.- Mr Stanley James HOFMAN, of 30 Queen's Road, who died on Saturday in a local nursing home after a brief illness, was for many years well known as the proprietor of the Victory fish restaurant in High Street. He retired from business two years ago. Mr. HOFMAN came here from London 32 years ago and had taken an active interest in the work of many organisations, particularly those providing amusements and attractions in the town. For some years after the war he was chairman of the Regatta Committee and was a valued member of the Carnival Association, being vice-chairman of the dance committee and frequently M.C. at local dances. As a member of the Business and Professional Men's Association he had made several suggestions which were acted upon for improving the town, and he had been prominent in the organisation of the Floral and Christmas Festivities Weeks. Another organisation for which he was an ardent worker was the Ratepayers' Association and he had been a candidate in the borough council elections and only narrowly missed being returned. He was a member of the British Legion. For some time Mr. HOFMAN was president of the I.W. Cage Bird Society.

By his first marriage he leaves a son and two daughters and he is survived by his second wife, formerly Miss Trucey LINNINGTON, a member of a well-known local family associated with the Canoe Lake business. Mr. HOFMAN, who was in his 71st year, will be remembered for his kindly disposed ways and the sincerity of purpose which characterised his public work.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church on Tuesday. The Vicar (the Rev. R. H. BASSETT, R.D.) officiated. The mourners were Mrs. HOFMAN (widow), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. J. HOFMAN (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. R. DE COMBE (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. C. WESTMORE (son-in-law also representing Mrs. WESTMORE, daughter), Mr. H. H. LINNINGTON (representing Mrs. LINNINGTON, mother-in-law), Mr. W. JONES (brother-in-law), Mrs. B. HUMBER (sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. L. MILLS (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. M. O. BREWSTER, Mrs. J. BARKHAM, and Mr. and Mrs. A. WEST (also representing friends in Glastonbury and Street). Among those attending were the Mayor (Mr. H. ROGERS, also representing the I.W. Road Safety Committee) and Mayoress (Mrs. ROGERS), and representatives of the British Legion and the women's section, the I.W. Cage Birds Society, the Ratepayers' Association, the Carnival Association, the Regatta Committee, the Floral Week Association, the Southern Area Council of the National Federation of Fish Fryers, and the Portsmouth and District Fish Caterers' Association. Most of these organisations sent floral tokens. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery.
