1920 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 721 **PEARCE** William, jobmaster, Simeon-street, Ryde, IW.

1927 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Hampshire & Isle of Wight - page 735 **PEARCE** Wm. charabanc prop. Simeon-street, Ryde, IW.

1935 KELLY's DIRECTORY of Ryde & Neighbourhood - pages 65 & 163 **PEARCE** W. (Mrs), motor coach proprietress, 13 Simeon-street (south side), Ryde.

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Death Notice:-

PEARCE .. On April 18th 1950, at a nursing home, **Agnes Jane PEARCE**, of "Selbourne," Simeon-street, Ryde, widow of William PEARCE.

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OBITUARY

We regret to announce the sudden death at a nursing home, following a stroke, of Mrs. **Agnes Jane PEARCE** of "Selborne", Simeon-street, Ryde. She was 71 years of age, and had been an invalid for some time.

A native of the Island, Mrs. PEARCE had spent much of her life in Ryde. After the death of her husband 21 years ago, she ran the "White Heather" motor-coach tour business until the second world war broke out, when it was taken over by her son. This business, which has passed through three generations of the PEARCE family, and was established by the deceased's father towards the close of the last century, was one of the first in the Island to run a coach and four, and later, with the coming of the first world war, charabanc tours.

Mrs. PEARCE was extremely well-known in the district and her death will be regretted by many friends. She leaves a son and three daughters.

The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church on Friday.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. A. J. PEARCE

The funeral took place on Friday week of Mrs. **Agnes Jane PEARCE**, of Selborne, Simeon-street, formerly proprietors of PEARCE's Garage. The service at Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Rev. P. L. VAUGHAN, and Mr. E.W. MILLGATE was the organist. The mourners were Mr. P. R.W. PEARCE (son), Miss V. PEARCE and Mrs. N. HINDEL (daughters) Mr. and Mrs. J. DIMENT (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. G. READE (brother), Mrs. J. READ and Mrs. H. HOPKINS (sisters), Mr. W.W. BURTON (brother-in-law), Mr. J. BURTON (nephew), and Mrs. W. WOOLGAR (niece), Mr. G. FURMEDGE represented the staff of PEARCE's Garage and several business friends were also present. The interment was at Ryde Cemetery, and there were nearly 40 wreaths. Messrs. LANGDON made the arrangements.

NB: Variations in the spelling of the name READ/READE has been noted, that is how it was in the old newspaper.

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