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William WEARN. Head. M. 44. Carpenter & Joiner. Ryde, IW.
Jesse WEARN. Wife. M. 38. Hurley, Hants.
William Chas. WEARN. Son. 10. Scholar. St. Helens, IW.
Walter WEARN. Son. 8. Scholar. St. Helens, IW.
Ernest WEARN. Son. 6. Scholar. St. Helens, IW.
Jesse WEARN. Dau. 4. St. Helens, IW. (Imbecile)
Vashti WEARN. Dau. 1. Newport, IW.

MARRIAGE: 10th Aug 1904 Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, IW.
William Charles WEARN. 24. Bachelor. (father: William WEARN)
& Mildred Louise MARDEN. 27. Spinster. (father: William James MARDEN)

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Death Notice:-

WEARN: On January 17, at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, **William Charles WEARN**, of Coniston, Salisbury-Road, Ryde, aged 72.

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EX-HEADMASTER'S
DEATH
MR. WILLIAM C. WEARN

We announce with regret the death, at the Royal I.W. County Hospital, Ryde, on Tuesday, of Mr. **William Charles WEARN**, of Coniston, Salisbury-Road, Ryde, who for 16 years, until he retired in 1940, was headmaster of the Ryde Central School.

Over 40 years of his life had been spent in the scholastic profession in the Island, and he was among the most highly esteemed and best known of its members. Since retirement he had taken an active part in the work of several organisations at Ryde, being particularly prominent in bowling circles.

Mr. WEARN was a native of Ryde, but his early years were spent at Newport. He trained at Winchester College and his first appointment was at Cross-Street School, Cowes, as a chief assistant to his father-in-law, the late Mr. W. J. MARDEN, who was head master. For a period he was in charge of a school at Freshwater, and in 1908 was appointed head teacher of Wroxall Council School, remaining there, with the exception of the first world war years, until 1920. While at Wroxall he took a lead in village affairs, being a churchwarden and hon. Secretary of the Horticultural Society. He joined the I.W. Rifles in 1914, serving until 1916 at Sandown and then going to India as C.Q.M.S. with the second battalion and subsequently serving in Persia and Russia. He resumed his work at Wroxall School after the war, but in 1920 was appointed to succeed the late Mr. G. H. TORY as head master of Ventnor Council School.

In 1924 the headship of Ryde Upper Grade School as it was then known, became vacant, and Mr. WEARN accepted the post, which he held with distinction during the next fourteen years. During his headship there the school was raised in status, ranking next important to the secondary schools in Newport and Sandown, and being designated Ryde Central School. It gained increasing

academic distinction, and during that period he laid the foundation for a record which has been expanded by succeeding head masters. A good disciplinarian, he possessed qualities of understanding, encouragement and guidance which made his headship a memorable one, and won the respect and affectionate regard of the children who came under his influence and the loyalty and devotion of his staff. On retirement in 1940, he was presented with a grandmother clock from the staff and scholars in a token of their appreciation of his services. He had since been a member of the Board of Governors of the school until he retired last year on health grounds.

The end of his professional career came during the most serious stage of the last war, and he quickly turned his attention to assisting with the war effort by helping to organise the fire guards, qualifying as an instructor and doing an immense amount of work in training street parties in the borough. Throughout his life he had been an excellent gardener, and the "Dig for Victory" campaign initiated during those years found in him a ready supporter. He did much to encourage the Victory Garden Show which was established in Ryde, and his services as a judge in those early days were much appreciated. Since the war he had resumed his favourite gardening hobby of rose growing, which he followed with outstanding success for 40 years. The cessation of hostilities also provided him with the opportunity to be of service to several local organisations who were restarting their activities. He became hon. Secretary and treasurer of Ryde Bowling Club, and in one year also occupied the office of captain. With Mr. H. ROGERS, T.C., he also took over the hon. secretary ship of the Ryde Annual Bowling tournament on its resuscitation. Other committees which had his ready help were those dealing with the Ryde carnival and regatta and the I.W. Musical Festival. He was one of the earliest members of the Wroxall branch of the British Legion and latterly belonged to the Ryde branch, and was also an Oddfellow. He has also been prominent in the activities of Toc H. his closest association with local politics was his presidency for a period of the former Ryde Ratepayers Association. Island history was a subject in which he was deeply interested, and he was a former member of the I.W. Natural History and Archaeological Society.

Sympathy is felt with Mrs. WEARN in the severance after 49 years of happy married companionship, and with his son and two daughters.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place yesterday at St. John's Church, Ryde. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A.J. PEARMAN) and Mr. R.H. TOOGOOD (organist) accompanied the singing of "Lead, kindly light" and the chanting of Psalm 23 and the Nunc ***** . The mourners were: Mr. W. H. WEARN (son), Mr. J. R. PERKINS and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. LEIVERS (sons-in-law and daughter), Mr. N. J. PERKINS (grandson), Mr. W. WEARN and Mr. R. WELLS (nephews), and Mr. A. H. HUMBER (cousin).

Ryde County Secondary Modern School was represented by Mr. H. J. DAVIES (head master, also representing Miss M. O'CONNOR, O.B.E., chairman of the Education Committee), Mr. R. H. BAGWELL (senior assistant master), R. HUARD (head boy), Judy CHICK (head girl), and Mr. A. E. AYMES, T.C. (chairman of the governors); The I.W. County Bowling Association by Mr. H. E. DAY (past president, also representing Mr. H. G.T. OCCOMORE, president), Mr. W. D. COLLINS, J.P. (hon. Sec.) and Mr. E. WILSON (hon. Treas.), Ryde Bowling Club by Messrs. H. ROGERS (hon. Sec), R. G. BARTER, C. W. ADAMS, H. H. BASSHAM, J. HART, H.A. HAPGOOD, A. J. HANCOCK, L. G. WALT, S. F.FLIPPANCE, F. STRIVENCE, F. E. SALTER, F. BRICKELL, W. MICKLE, and F. SATCHWELL; Ryde Women's Bowling Club by Mrs. H. W. O. WEEKS, J.P. (captain) and Mrs. H. ROGERS; Ryde Regatta Committee by Messrs. C. G. NEWMAN (chairman) and J. FLACK (hon. Sec.); Ryde Carnival Association by Mr. A. C. WHITE; and Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles Old Comrades Old Comrades Lt.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, O.B.E. Mr. G. NORMAN, C.C., represented the Education Committee and Mr. A. L. HUTCHINSON (county education officer) represented ALD. G. MOODY (chairman of the County Council). The interment was at Ryde Cemetery. The floral tributes included those from Ryde Regatta Committee, the staff of Ryde Secondary Modern School and Ryde Bowling Club.

Messrs. WHEELER Bros. made the arrangements.

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