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FOUNDER-MEMBER OF RYDE COUNCIL DIES  
**MR. E. W. POLLARD**

A founder member of Ryde Borough Council and well-known as a seismologist, Mr. **Evelyn William POLLARD**, B.Sc., died at his home Marlewood, Longfield-road, Dorking, Surrey last Wednesday. He was 84.

In recent years his recordings and observations were frequently used by the B.B.C. and Press, and he was one of the country's leading authorities on seismology.

He was first elected a member of Ryde Town Council in 1927---at his first attempt---and was returned unopposed in 1930. He was a member of the County Council from 1940-1947.

Mr. POLLARD was credited with laying the foundations of the I.W. Water Board---having been a former chairman of Ryde Borough Water Committee, and chairman of the meeting at which the Water Board was inaugurated.

**Ryde Background**

Born in 1877, he was the last surviving child of the late Henry Hinds POLLARD, J.P., C.A., of Ryde. He was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School, Birkbeck College, and the Pharmaceutical Society College, London, and was a silver medalist of the Pharmaceutical Society in 1900 when he gained his degree

In 1893 he entered the pharmacy founded by his father and succeeded to the business in 1912. He retired from retail pharmacy when the present company of POLLARD and RAMAGE, Ltd., was formed.

**Evening Class Tutor**

Always interested in science he was an evening class tutor for 10 years, and in 1905 gave the first lecture in the Island on wireless telegraphy. Botany, and seismology were his chief interests. He was a member of the I.W. Natural History and Archaeological Society (and a vice-president), and was a founder member of the Dorking Naturalist Society.

**Experiments**

Inspired by the pioneer experiments of the late Professor John MILNE, of Shide, he began seismological experiments in the grounds of his home at the Quarry, Binstead. He left the Island shortly after the end of the war, presenting his seismograph to Newport Secondary Grammar School, in memory of Professor MILNE. In 1957 he placed on loan to Carisbrooke Castle Museum, as a memorial to Professor MILNE, a number of exhibits, including a model of the professor's earliest seismograph.

Since living in Dorking, Mr. POLLARD has maintained his association with the Island and often joined in the discussion of local matters in our correspondence columns.

He is survived by his wife and four children

**Funeral**

The funeral service took place on Monday at Ryde Cemetery when the Congregational Minister, the Rev. Carl HANNAM officiated at a private service in the chapel.

Family mourners were Mrs. E. W. POLLARD, widow; Miss M. POLLARD, daughter; and Mr. POLLARD's two married daughters, Helen and Edith, with their husbands; Mr. and Mrs. D. HOGG, Mrs. P. ROLF, Mr. GRIFFIN and Alderman A. F. WRIGHT, friends. Representatives were Cllr. W. RAMAGE (on behalf of Messrs. POLLARD and RAMAGE) and Mr. A. KERRIDGE (Ryde Microscopical Society).

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