

FUNERAL OF ALDERMAN H. ROGERS, FORMER MAYOR OF RYDE

Preceded by the town sergeant (Mr. G. H. SAVILL) bearing the draped mace, the Mayor (Alderman W. RAMAGE) and members of Ryde Town Council attended the funeral at All Saints' Parish Church on Monday of Alderman **Harry ROGERS** a former mayor. Alderman ROGERS was once deputy chief constable of the Island and many serving and retired police officers were among the large congregation.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. H. GRANGER, R.D. (vicar), who is mayor's chaplain, assisted by the Rev. G. W. RUMBLE. The Choir led the singing of the 23rd Psalm, the hymn "Jesus lives" and the Nunc Dimittia. Brethren of the Sir Arthur Holbrook Mark Lodge and the East Medina Lodge of Freemasons sang their closing ode. Mr. M. GRIFFIN was organist.

The vicar said he wished to pay a personal tribute to a man who in that borough was well known and well loved. Harry ROGERS had attained very high distinction in his chosen profession as a police officer, crowned on his retirement by his service to the Town Council and his election as mayor and then alderman. His energy and good sense and kindness found further outlets in the clubs and associations of the town, for which many of them had good cause to be grateful, and on the managing bodies of schools he would be a difficult man to replace. He also served as a sidesman and formerly as a Parochial Church Council member of that church. He was a goodly man and a kind man.

The mourners were Mrs. ROGERS (widow), Mr. and Mrs. G. MILLS and Mr. and Mrs. D. SAUNDERS (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. and Mrs. C. P. DAMP, Mr F. W. COLLEDGE and Mr. and Mrs. S. SHEPPARD (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law).

The Hampshire and I.W. Constabulary was represented by Chief Superintendent P. W. PADDON and Inspector F. L. ALLAN, Chief Superintendent PADDON also represented Mr. R. D. LEMON, Chief Constable of Kent and formerly Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Island. Also reopresented were the Island branch of the National Association of Retired Police Officers, of which Alderman ROGERS was branch chairman, and the Hampshire and I.W. Constabulary Comrades' Association. The town clerk (Mr. E. S. SHEPPARD) and other senior corporation officials attended. All departments of All Saints Parish Church, Education Committee and the education officer, and Bishop Lovett, Swanmore Primary, and Haylands County Infants' schools were represented. Also represented were Ryde British Legion branch and women's section, Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society, Borough of Ryde Garden Show Committee, I.W. Joint Road Safety Committee, County Council Joint Transport Subcommittee, Ryde Carnival Association, County Bowling Association, Ryde Bowling club, Ryde Ladies' Bowling Club, Newport Bowling Club, Ryde Open Bowling Tournament Committee, All Saints' Parish Church branch of the Mothers' Union, Ryde Group Friends of the Deaf and the Midland Bank. Interment was at Ryde Cemetery.

