

MR. H. C. COOPER

The funeral service took place recently at All Saints Parish Church, Ryde, of Mr. Herbert Charles (Bert) COOPER, 60, of 2 Adelaide-place, Ryde, who died at Kite Hill Nursing Home, Wootton. The Rev. D. J. TURNER, vicar of Ryde, officiated at the service, which was followed by interment at Ryde Cemetery. Born and educated in Ryde, Mr. COOPER went into the building trade soon after leaving school. During the last war he served with the Royal Engineers in North Africa and Italy. He was attached also to an American regiment, and during this time won the Oak Leaves military medal. Soon after leaving the army, he started his own building firm, which he ran until his death, becoming well-known throughout the Island. He leaves a brother and three sisters. Many friends and business associates were among the large congregation at the funeral. Mourners were Miss E. COOPER, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. VINE and Mrs. L. M. HAFFENDEN (brother-in-law and sisters), Mr. C. HAFFENDEN (nephew), Mrs. N. NICHOLS (niece), and Mr. N. NICHOLS. Those represented and sending floral tributes included W. BALL and Sons, the chairman and fellow members of the IW Master Builders' Federation, directors and staff of Alex SHARPE and Co., Ltd (Newport), directors and staff of SIMMONDS, builders, Ryde, and F. N. TOOGOOD and Son. Messrs. H. V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.
