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William DENNIS. Head. M. 64. Retired Grocer. Colchester, Essex.

Elizabeth DENNIS. Wife. M. 53. Colchester, Essex.

Florence DENNIS. Dau. S. 28. Daily Governess School. Chelmsford, Essex.

Emily DENNIS. Dau. S. 27. Daily Governess School. Chelmsford, Essex.

Leonard DENNIS. Son. S. 18. Auctioneer's Pupil. Chelmsford, Essex.

Annie LANCESTER. Serv. S. 22. General Domestic. Chelmsford, Essex.

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DEATH OF MR. L. DENNIS

The death took place on Sunday, of Mr. **Leonard DENNIS**, of Lionstone House, the Strand, a well known local auctioneer. Mr. DENNIS who was 52 years of age, came to the Island for the benefit of his health about two and a half years ago. He began business as an auctioneer and estate agent with offices on the Esplanade and very soon won an excellent local reputation. A native of Chelmsford, Essex, he joined the firm of Messrs. CHANCELLOR and Sons, Richmond, and was afterwards with Messrs. DIXON and Co., of Sutton, Surrey, before coming to Ryde and opening on his own account. Mr. DENNIS who was a member of the Auctioneers' Institute, enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps during the war, and his health was greatly undermined as a result of that service. Although suffering acutely from lung trouble, he was always of a bright and cheerful nature and in a very short while made a host of friends. At Sutton he was president of the United Services Club and took a keen interest in the work of the British Legion. It was only the increasing failure of his health since coming to Ryde which prevented him from taking a more active part in the affairs of the town. He was a member of the Conservative Club and Holy Trinity Church, and extremely popular with colleagues in his profession and with his friends outside. He leaves a widow and two daughters, with whom deep sympathy is felt. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the first part of the service being at Holy Trinity Church. The Vicar (the Rev. S. A. MARSH) officiated. While the congregation were assembling the organist (Mr. A. P. JAMES) played "Blest are the departed." The choir sang the hymns "Jesu, Lover of my soul" and "Abide with me," and as the cortege left the church Mr. JAMES played "O rest in the Lord." The principal mourners were the Misses Kathleen and Margaret DENNIS (daughters), Mrs. Stanley MARTIN (sister), Messrs. Stanley, Donald, and Gordon MAXWELL (brothers-in-law), Mrs. G. MAXWELL, and Messrs. Derek STANLEY, Mark ROWE, W. G. SAVAGE, and ATTRILL. Others present were Messrs. R. P. MARVIN (Messrs. WALLIS, RIDDETT and Co.), F. W. C. HARVEY, J. H. ADAMS, C. D. MUCKLOW, G. JANAWAY, S. E. B. MELLISH, F. WHITTLE, G. BARTLEY, A. F. HANSON, and E. F. BROWN (representing the Conservative Club), F. A. SAUNDERS, T.C., F. STARKEY, F. PARNELL (representing Mr. A. YOUNG), A. J. M. BAYES, and A. GOBLE, Major and Mrs. LEWER, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. BIGGS, Mrs. FIRMAN-EDWARDS, Mrs. Miss and Mr. P. SAVAGE, and Mrs. MARSH. The interment was at the Cemetery, the large collection of flowers including a tribute from the Ryde Conservative Club. Messrs. PURNELL and PURNELL were the undertakers.
