

MR. W. O. BALL

The death occurred suddenly on Thursday of Mr. William Oliver BALL, of "Providence", High-street, Oakfield, aged 60 years. On Wednesday evening as he was returning home from the cinema, Mr. BALL was taken ill and removed to the County Hospital, where he died a few hours later. A post mortem examination was ordered by the Coroner. Mr. BALL and his brother travelled the country with their father's fair until they settled here over 40 years ago, and the fair became a familiar feature on the Island. His father established a scrap metal business in High-street, Oakfield, which Mr. BALL continued after his father's death. The family disposed of the fair, and the scrap metal business was taken over by two of Mr. BALL's sons, Messrs. W. and T. BALL, on their father's retirement owing to ill-health five years ago. Mr. BALL was popular in the neighbourhood and was one of the founders of the Welcome Lodge of the R.A.O.B. at Oakfield. He leaves a widow, four sons and two daughters.

The Rev. P. L. VAUGHAN conducted the funeral service, which was held at St. John's Church on Monday, followed by interment at Ashey Cemetery.

The mourners were Mrs. BALL (widow), Messrs. W., A. and T. BALL (sons), Mrs. C. BURNS (daughter), Messrs. J. and F. BALL (brothers), Mrs. C. COOK (sister), Mrs. J. GREGORY (sister), Mesdames D., J., and E. BALL (sisters-in-law), Mr. W. HOBJEN (brother-in-law), Mrs. A. BALL (daughter-in-law), Messrs. S., E., and J. BALL (nephews), Mr. J. GREGORY (nephew), Mrs. B. COOK (niece), Messrs. T. and H. SHAW (cousins).

Others present included Mrs. E. WHITEWAY (also representing Mr. WHITEWAY), Mrs. E. CHESSELL (also representing Mr. F. CHESSELL, Mr. B. C. RICARDO (representing Midland Bank Ltd), Messrs. J. P. and Jack P. CLARK (representing Messrs. J. P. CLARK (Ryde) Ltd), Mr. F. W. MOORE, Mr. T. WOOLDRIDGE, Mr. E. R. DURRANT, Mr. J. DRUDGE. Mr. Wilmer WHEELER (representing WHEELER Bros.). Mr. T. SHORE, Mr. Howard SHORE, Mr. W. WADE, and Mrs. A. GOODSON. The Welcome Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was represented by Brothers W. H. ELDRIDGE (Alderman of Benevolence), A. C. NEWLAND (Treasurer), L. LAVENDER (Secretary), E. SAVAGE, and D. F. HERBERT (Trustees).

Wreaths included those from the Welcome Lodge of R.A.O.B., and Friends of the Terminus Hotel, and Commercial Hotel, Oakfield.
