

**MRS. ADA BONE WAS
CHURCH'S FIRST BRIDE**

First bride to be married at the Old Park-Road Baptist Church, Ryde (now a furniture depository), Mrs. **Ada BONE** celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday. Visitors to her home at 31 Park-Road, Ryde, where she lives with a niece, Miss E.M. LOVEGROVE, included the Mayor and Mayoress, Ald. and Mrs. William RAMAGE, and relatives from the London area.

Born at Haylands, Mrs. BONE (nee JOHNSTONE) was in 1896 married to the late Mr. Charles Frederick BONE, then gardener to the CARTER family at East Upton. In 1904 the couple went to London where Mr. BONE worked as a caretaker at Harbury Congregational Church, and 10 years later took up a similar occupation at Woolwich Baptist Tabernacle.

Retired To Ryde

Mr. and Mrs. BONE remained at Woolwich until Mr. BONE'S retirement in 1940, when they returned to Ryde. Mr. BONE died some 12 years ago, and their son, Mr. Frederick Arthur BONE, died 25 years ago.

Mrs. BONE has a grandson, Mr. Frederick BONE, of Stepney, a granddaughter, Mrs. Sylvia CRISP, of Eltham, near Woolwich, and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. BONE was a lifelong Baptist and until 18 months ago regularly attended Ryde Baptist Church, where she took a keen interest in church activities. Her hobby of making wool rugs several which enhance her home, here found dozens of buyers over the years and raised money for the church. Unfortunately, her sight does not permit her to continue this work. But generally she is in fairly good health.
