

1891 CENSUS: RG12/892. folio 14. page 22.
Abode: Forest View, Pellhurst-road, Ryde, IW.

George BENNETT. Head. M. 39. Florist G. Tollard Royal, Wilts.
Fanny L. BENNETT. Wife. M. 39. Dressmaker. St. Helens, IW.
Ellen M. BENNETT. Dau. 14. Dressmaker. Ryde, IW.
Kate BENNETT. Dau. 12. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Emily BENNETT. Dau. 10. Scholar. Ryde, IW.
Victor BENNETT. Son. 3. Ryde, IW.

1901 CENSUS: RG13/1024. folio 105. page 30.
Abode: 18 Pelhurst-road, Ryde, IW.

George BENNETT. Head. M. 49. Florist Gardener (own account). Tollard Royal, Wilts.
Fanny BENNETT. Wife. M. 49. St. Helens, IW.
Ellen BENNETT. Dau. S. 24. Dressmaker (own account). Ryde, IW.
Kate BENNETT. Dau. S. 22. Dressmaker (own account). Ryde, IW.
Emily BENNETT. Dau. S. 20. Tailoress. Ryde, IW.
Victor BENNETT. Son. 13. Gardening Assistant. Ryde, IW.

MARRIAGE: 1905 at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, High-street, Ryde
Christopher Arthur BUTT & **Ellen Mary BENNETT**

*In 1911 **Ellen** was living at Hillside, Well-street, Ryde, with her husband Christopher. His occupation was Ladies Tailor (employer at home) and **Ellen** was assisting in the Business.*

1933 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - Hillbrow, Corbett-road, Ryde
BUTT Christopher Arthur
BUTT Ellen Mary

1947 REGISTER OF ELECTORS - Hillbrow, Corbett-road, Ryde
BUTT Ellen M.

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A LOSS TO ISLAND CONSERVATISM

**DEATH OF MRS. E. M. BUTT
AT RYDE**

By the death of Mrs. Ellen Mary BUTT at Hillbrow, Corbett Road, Ryde, on Monday, The I.W. Conservative Association loses one of its oldest and most ardent workers, and the Ryde branch an officer whose activities and loyal support over many years contributed largely to its present successful position. She joined the association when it was formed in 1922, and, with the exception of Sir John SIMEON, Bt., the life president, was the oldest member in years of service.

A native of Ryde, Mrs. BUTT, who was in her 76th year, was the eldest daughter of Mr. George BENNETT, a well-known nurseryman and florist in Pellhurst Road. For many years she was

in business with her husband, the late Mr. Christopher BUTT, in a tailoring establishment in Union Street. Subsequently they removed to Bembridge, where they lived at Rushmore, Swains Road, which they had built. Some 20 or so years ago they returned to Ryde and took up residence at Hillbrow. Apart from her membership of Bembridge Women's Institute, the whole of her public work was devoted to the Conservative cause. At Bembridge she organised the Junior Imperial League, and on returning to Ryde became one of the foremost members of the branch and eventually occupied the vice-chairmanship for a long period. She was one of the first lady members of the Central Executive Committee, and in this respect was prominent in assisting to arrange the social functions of the association, including the all Island Conservative annual ball. Ever since its inception she had been a member of the Central Council and was most assiduous in her attendance at the half-yearly meetings.

CAPABLE ORGANISER

It was, however, at Ryde that the party benefitted most from her outstanding capabilities as an organiser, yet while she arranged many social events for party funds it is perhaps for her untiring work during election times that she will be best remembered. Not only was she an exemplary worker herself, but she had the knack of inspiring others by her enthusiasm, and it is true to say that during every election campaign since 1922 the Conservative candidate's office at Ryde has owed much to her businesslike oversight, particularly on polling days. During the war, when political activity was dormant, she helped to organise the branch wool fund, from which articles were made and sent to local men and women in the forces. When, a few years ago, a women's section of the association was re-formed in Ryde, she became the first chairman and devoted much energy to its firm establishment and to building up what is now recognised as the most successful section in the Island. In the autumn of 1952 increasingly frail health forced her retirement from office, and many tributes were paid to her devoted work. She was made an honorary life member of the branch and women's section and presented with a handsome clock and received a letter of thanks from Lord WOOLTON (chairman of the Conservative Party). She continued to take a lively interest in the association of which she had been a vice-president for many years. Her husband died in 1943 and she leaves no family.

The Rev. E. M. GREEN (St. James's Church) officiated at the funeral service at Ryde Cemetery on Thursday. The mourners were Mrs. E. WHITNEY (sister), Mrs. V. BENNETT, Mr. and Mrs. Charles BUTT, and Mr. O. MEW (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Miss G. WHITNEY, Mr. and Mrs. T. BENNETT, Mrs. C. BUTT, Mrs. GREEN, and Mrs. SEGAR (nephew and nieces), Miss Hilda BRIDLE, Mr. G. W. TAYLOR, Mr. and Mrs. A. ARCHER, Mrs. V. LAMB, and Miss A. K. LAST. Sir Peter MACDONALD, M.P., and Lady Jean MACDONALD, the Island Conservative Central Office, the Ryde branch of the Conservative Association, and the Ryde women's section were represented. The floral tokens included those from the Ryde branch and women's section of the Conservative Association. The interment took place in her husband's grave.

Messrs. C. LANGDON were the undertakers.
