

**THE LATE MRS. S. CULL.**- Mrs. Sophie CULL, wife of Mr. Frank CULL, of 19 Alfred Street, who died in a local nursing home on Saturday was well known in the town for the immense amount of devoted work she did for charitable causes. During her residence here since 1923 she had raised hundreds of pounds mainly by her personal efforts as a collector and flag seller. During the war she gave invaluable assistance to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War fund, and she was always an ardent worker in raising funds for the hospitals. The Ryde Buccaneers had in her one of their most loyal collectors and so much were her services appreciated that she enjoyed the title of the Buccaneers "Queen." Mrs. CULL was a Greek lady and was born at Istanbul and married at the Crimean Church there in 1921. Two years later she settled in Ryde with her husband who is a member of a local family with close association with the Island railways. She was a member of women's section of the British Legion and Ryde Women's Labour Party. Her death after a painful illness at the early age of 49 is much regretted.

The Rev. L. H. LETHBRIDGE officiated at the funeral service at Ryde Cemetery on Tuesday. The mourners were Mr. F. CULL (husband), Mr. and Mrs. H. CULL, Mr. and Mrs. B. PARSONS (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. J. PARSONS, Mr. and Mrs. P. BERRY (nephews and niece), and Miss K. CULL (sister-in-law). There were floral tokens from the Women Legionists, the Ryde Labour Party, the Women's Section of the Labour Party, the Buccaneers and neighbours in Alfred Street.

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