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**Retired Business Man's Death.** - **Mr. Albert Leo DONOVAN**, aged 70, of 86 West Street, a business man in the town for 40 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, on Sunday. Born in Dublin, he had an adventurous career as a despatch rider with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Welsh Division in Palestine during the 1914-1918 war. He became an enthusiastic motorist, and after coming here in January, 1920, founded, in partnership with Mr. R. DOWNING, the former Union Street motor engineering and cycle business of DOWNING and DONOVAN. In 1934 the business moved to larger premises in Victoria Street. More than two years ago Mr. DONOVAN retired. An enthusiastic golfer, he was a popular member of Ryde Golf Club for many years. During the last war he was an A.R.P. worker. He leaves a widow and two married daughters, one of whom is in Malaya and the other in Nairobi.

The Rev. D. COGAN officiated at requiem Mass at St. Mary's R.C. Church on Wednesday, and the Rev. D. MacDERMOT-ROE conducted the committal service at Binstead Cemetery. The principal mourners were Mrs. A.L. DONOVAN (widow) and Mrs. G. DOHERTY. Ryde Golf Club and DOWNING and DONOVAN, Ltd., were represented.

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