

**DEATH OF MR. F.E.S. JACKSON**

FORMER "WIGHT STROLLERS" PRODUCER.

We regret to announce the death at his residence, Berwick Lodge, Ryde, on Tuesday, after a long illness, of Mr. **Frederick Eathorne Slanning JACKSON**, aged 69, a former manager of the Newport branch of the National Provincial Bank, and even better remembered as the skilful producer of the "Wight Strollers" amateur theatrical company at Newport, whose productions over a number of years, following the first world war, are a pleasant memory to many.

Mr. JACKSON, a member of an old Devonshire family, was the able and esteemed manager of the National Provincial Bank at Newport for 18 years, from 1917 to 1935, when he retired after 41 years' service with the bank and went to live at Ryde. He had previously served the National Provincial Bank at Folkestone, Oldham, Bournemouth, and Parkstone. When he was appointed to the charge of the Parkstone branch in 1915 he was the youngest manager in the bank's service, and he won further distinction in his profession by being four times elected by his colleagues as president of their staff association, and by his occupancy of the offices of chairman of the bank's Staff Advisory Committee and Sickness and Accident Fund. During his long stay at the Island capital he won many friends by his courtesy and sound advice in his professional capacity, by his enthusiastic support of all manly sports, by his captaincy of the Voluntary Training Corps during the 1914-18 war, and particularly by his outstandingly skilful and artistic work as the "Strollers" producer. He was a member of the County Club and Newport Golf Club, treasurer to the County Council and the Newport Corporation, and hon. Treasurer of the Royal I.W. Agricultural Society and many other organisations. While at Newport his wife shared his interest in the "Strollers" and was also a member of the committee of the District Nursing Association. Their many local friends deeply sympathise with Mrs. JACKSON and her two daughters and son in their bereavement. The son is a member of the National Provincial Bank staff at Southsea.

The funeral service will be at Binstead Church to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

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