

LAST TRIBUTES TO MAGISTRATE

FUNERAL OF ALDERMAN
SEARLE, OF RYDE

Many representatives of Island magisterial, civic, church, sporting and musical life were among the large congregation which assembled at Binstead Methodist Church on Tuesday for the funeral of **Alderman Frank Edward Evans SEARLE, J.P.**

The Rev. D.M. DOBELL (Ryde Methodist minister) officiated, and Mrs. K. INGRAM, at the organ, accompanied the singing of "Abide with me," the 23rd psalm (Crimond) and "Who would true valour see." Mr. Adrian SEARLE, Alderman SEARLE's grandson, spoke the lines of TENNYSON's "Crossing the bar."

Family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R.F. SEARLE (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. E.O. VAUGHAN (son-in-law and daughter, also representing Mr. A. VAUGHAN, grandson), Mrs. B.S. MILLERCHIP (granddaughter, also representing Sergeant B.S. MILLERCHIP), Mr. A.R. SEARLE (grandson), Miss M.E. SEARLE (grand-daughter), Mr. E.V. BENNETT (brother-in-law), Mesdames B. SEARLE and E. JACKSON (sisters-in-law) and Mesdames R. MERWOOD and J. ROPBBINS (nieces). Mrs. SEARLE (widow) was represented by her son and daughter.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Ryde (Alderman E.T. CLEAVER, J.P., and Mrs. CLEAVER) attended with aldermen and councillors in their robes, with the draped mace borne by Mr. G.H. SAVILL (town sergeant). Canon R.H. GRANGER, R.D. (vicar of Ryde and the mayor's chaplain), Mr. E. S. SHEPPARD (town clerk), senior officers and members of the staff of the Town Council, co-opted members of the council and elective auditors were present.

Magistrates present included Sir Charles BARING, Bt., D.L. (chairman), also representing the Board of Visitors at Parkhurst Prison. Chief Inspector F.L. ALLAN represented Chief Superintendent P.W. PADDON and the Island police. Also represented were the County Council, Ryde Town Map Subcommittee, Local Joint Productivity Committee, I.W. Publicity Council, Ryde branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers, Ryde branch of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers, Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society, Ryde Labour Party, Ryde Congregational Church and choir, Ryde Methodist Church, Binstead Methodist Church and Sunday School, Ryde County Secondary School, governors and headmaster, Binstead C.E. Junior School, Swanmore School, Vectis Boating and Fishing Club, Ryde Model Yacht Club, Ryde Sports Club, Ryde Harriers, Ryde Carnival Association, Cyclist Touring Club, Youth Hostel Association and Y.M.C.A.

The Rev. D.M. DOBELL said they gave thanks to God for a truly wonderful and full life of service for others, for one who was a notable figure in the life of the borough whom they would long remember, and who was faithful to the end. Those who had been privileged to know and work with Frank SEARLE over the years in many ways would know of his devotion and love for his fellow men. He, too, had been privileged to have just a glimpse of that love during the all too brief time that he had known him. Prior to coming to live with them at Binstead he was a most loyal and valued member of the Congregational Church at Ryde, where he was at one time deacon and choirmaster. At Binstead they would particularly remember him in connection with his work with the children, whom he loved. During the little time he was with them he had achieved much with the youngsters, including gaining first place in the youth eisteddfod earlier this year. Frank SEARLE was always deeply appreciative of the qualities of others. The speaker said he would not soon forget Alderman SEARLE's quiet courage during his time in hospital. He was a man who could smile even when the going was heavy indeed.

The interment was at Binstead Cemetery. The floral tributes included those from the Mayor and members of Ryde Town Council, the town clerk's department, members of the Ryde branch of N.A.L.G.O., friends and clubmates of Ryde Harriers, Ryde Sports Club, Ryde Labour Party, Island magistrates, Borough of Ryde Philharmonic Society, Binstead Methodist Church, Ryde Congregational Church choir, Binstead Methodist Sunday School, Swanmore School, Binstead C.E. School and Ryde County Secondary School.

Messrs. H.V. TAYLOR and Son made the arrangements.

Mrs. SEARLE and family much appreciate the many kind messages of sympathy received, which have given them great comfort. They will be grateful if this can be accepted as a personal acknowledgement. They would like to express their particular thanks to Drs. SIM and PORTEOUS for all their kindness and understanding during Mr. SEARLE's long illness

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