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**THE LATE MR. F. W. TAYLOR, OF RYDE.
GAS COMPANY'S MANAGER AND SECRETARY.**

We regret to announce the death, which occurred rather suddenly on Sunday, of Mr. Frederick William TAYLOR, of Glendalough, Appley Rise, Ryde, managing director and secretary of the Ryde Gas Light and Coke Company. He had been ill for five weeks, and died during his sleep. He had a life-long association with the gas industry in the East Wight, and by reason of his business acumen and quiet and pleasant bearing enjoyed the esteem of his fellow officials and the affectionate respect of the employees of the companies in which he was interested.

Mr. TAYLOR, who was 64, was the son of the late Mr. Frank C. TAYLOR, who for about half a century was the engineer and manager of the former Shanklin Gas Co. As a youth he showed engineering aptitude, and was articled to Messrs. COCKEY, a well known Somerset firm. Five years later he returned to Shanklin, and assisted his father until 1909, when he was appointed manager of the Harpenden Gas Company, Herts, which position he held for the following decade. At the end of the first world war he returned to the Island as engineer, secretary, and manager of the Ryde Gas Light and Coke Company, of which he subsequently became a director. Mr. TAYLOR was also a director of the East Wight Gas Company. The recent war brought him additional important responsibilities as manager of a public utility undertaking, and he served as a much valued member of the Ryde Invasion Committee; he was also a fire guard. Apart from his business associations, he will be remembered as a leading member of the congregation of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Ryde, and as one who took the deepest interest in several organisations associated with it. The sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, who is a member of a well known Dublin family, on the termination of 38 years happy married companionship. He leaves two sons, the younger of whom holds an important position in the gas industry at Buxton. His only daughter is a choir nun at St. Cecilia's Benedictine Abbey, Ryde.

The coffin was taken to St. Mary's Church on Tuesday and Vespers of the Dead were recited. Fr. T. E. MURPHY (rector) was the celebrant at a low requiem Mass, followed by Absolution of the Dead and the burial office on Wednesday. The mourners were Mrs. F. W. TAYLOR (widow), Mr. H. and Mr. L. TAYLOR (sons), Sister Elizabeth (representing Dame Cecilia TAYLOR, O.S.B., daughter), the Misses Mary and Margaret TAYLOR (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. G. YOUNG (nephew and niece, also representing Mrs. MILLER, sister), Mr. J. H. PEMBERTON (brother-in-law), and Mr. G. Garnett WARNE (nephew, distribution engineer, representing directors and officials of the Portsmouth and Gosport Gas Co.). The Ryde Gas Light Co. was represented by Ald. G. E. MEARS, J.P. (chairman), Mr. G. FARDELL (deputy chairman), Mr. R. W. G. RUSSELL, Ald. A. F. WRIGHT, J.P. (directors), Messrs. W. T. RYALL (acting secretary), S. H. RICHARDSON (works foreman), R. G. BARTER (district superintendent), W. G. GILMORE, W. WARRINGTON, H. COMDEN, Mr. CARTER (St. Helens representative), P. BUCKETT (Brading representative), S. WEALTHY, R. PARSON, F. G. HAWKINS, and W. YOUNG, and Messrs. G. W. SLOACOMBE and J. COCKER (former employees). The East Wight Gas Co. was represented by Messrs. W. T. DEEKS (chairman), L. G. PAYNE (manager and director, also representing Shanklin Lift Co), J. P. HALL (deputy manager), W. C. WOODWARD (assistant secretary), W. F. COOPER, G. E. BRADING, A. W. DUNKINSON, J. N. DEEKS, A. E. SPENCER and E. D. PAYNE. Among others present were Ald. G. R. BALLANTYNE, J.P. (representing FRASER and WHITE, Ltd.), Messrs. A. E. MATTHEWS (manager East Cowes Gas Co.), B. JONES (West Cowes Gas Department and Ald. W. H. WARRIOR, J.P), R. O. JONES and C. W.

GRANT (Newport Corporation Gas Department), S. F. HOLMES (I.W. Gas Association), A. J. CHALCROFT (I.W. Gas Coke Association), F. W. FREETH (Southampton Gas Light and Coke Co., and the British Gas Council), E. TURPIN (E. FOSTER and Co.), L. A. DRAPPER (South-Western Tar Distilleries), H. SAVILLE (manager, F. O. SUGDEN and Co., Leeds), A. L. DONOVAN (DOWNING and DONOVAN) and Mrs. DONOVAN, the Town Clerk (Mr. E. S. SHEPPARD, representing the Mayor Ryde), Dem P. MARO (also representing the Lord Abbot of Quarr), Mr. J. RUDD (the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Mr. Wilmer WHEELER), Messrs. C. FORER, B. COLLIS, O. E. CALLAWAY, and W. FINLAY, Mother RYAN (Covent of the Cross), Mr. and Mrs. J. B. COOMBES, Mesdames BURCHNONGA and P. LANGDON, and the Misses COLNETTE, READ, SIVIER, NEWMAN, WRIGHT, HARVEY, F. LANGDON, WHITTY, and M. S. RYAN.

The interment was at Ryde Cemetery and Messrs. LANGDON made the arrangements.

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