

### Sad Death of Young Ryde Woman

The sad circumstances of the death of Mrs. Edna Mary BEDDOES, wife of Mr. James BEDDOES, of East Durrants, North Havant, were the subject of an inquest held by the Coroner (G.H. WARNER, Esq.) at Havant on Monday. Deceased, who was 27, was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. PIGGOTT, of Marlborough-road, Ryde, and died in Havant Hospital on Christmas-eve.

Edward James BEDDOES, an agricultural land driver, said he had two children, aged 2 years and 8 months. His wife was taken ill on December 16<sup>th</sup>. She told him she had used a botanical product obtained at a chemist's shop. She was later removed to hospital.

Patrick Smith GRANT, chemist, of Rowlands Castle, said deceased asked for sixpennyworth of the botanical product. It could be used for regulating health. If he had definitely known what she wanted it for he would have refused to sell it. He had no conversation with deceased.

Dr. John F. PAXTON, house surgeon of the Portsmouth Hospital, said death was due to septic abortion. The botanical product would cause that state. He knew the stuff was used for indigestion. – By Supt. McCALLUM: It is not a poison.

The Coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, adding that he had not the slightest doubt that deceased used the product because of her condition.

The remains were brought to Ryde for burial at Westridge on Tuesday. A service was conducted in St. John's Church by the Rev. E.T.H. ROYDS. The mourners were Mr. J.E. BEDDOES (husband), Mr. C.C. PIGGOTT (father), Corpl. J.C. PIGGOTT, R.A.F. (brother), Miss E. PIGGOTT, (sister). Driver and Mrs. HARMES, SEAMAN and Mrs. A. SEXTON (brothers-in-law and sisters), and Mrs. and Miss STAY. Others present were Mr. C.D. MUCKLOW (her former employer), Mr. PEARCE, and Mesdames DALLIMORE, GOODSHIP, MOREY, and MUNRO.

The grave was covered with beautiful flowers sent by Jim (husband): Kathleen and Joan (daughters); Mum and Dad; Jack, Ena and family; Eva; Bess and Len; Denis, Kathleen, and Baby Mary; Auntie Frances, Uncle Arthur, and Cousin Harold, Northampton; David (nephew); Mr. and Mrs. SHEPPARD and family; Mr. and Mrs. PEARCE; Mr. and Mrs. PURSER and family; Mrs. GOODBURN; Mr. and Mrs. C.D. MUCKLOW; Mrs. and Mrs. D. Rayner; Mr. and Mr. H. DALLIMORE; Mr. and Mrs. R. DALLIMORE; Mrs. HILLS and Pam; Mrs. KINGMAN; Mr. and Mrs. J. STAY and family; Mr. and Mrs. BRACE; Len, Ette and Sheila; Mr. and Mr. MEREDITH; Mr. and Mrs GOODSHIP; Mr. and Mrs. SUTTON-----  
--- Mr. BEDDOES and Mr. and Mrs. PIGGOTT and family express their sincere thanks for the kind messages of sympathy and choice flowers. As letters are too numerous to answer individually will friends please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

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