

DEATH OF MR. H. WAITE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry **WAITE**, the licensee for over 40 years of the "Niagara Falls" Oakfield which occurred on Friday evening. His death was not unexpected as he had been in a serious state of health for some weeks past, suffering from pneumonia and his wife and daughter were also laid up a portion of the time, but who have happily recovered. Mr **WAITE**, who was 77 years of age was a popular and familiar figure in the district, enjoying the acquaintance of a large circle of friends by his cheery demeanour and his fund of anecdotes. He was for some years an energetic member of St. Helens Urban District Council from which he resigned last year on account of age and infirmity, and he was also prominently identified with the I.W. Licensed Victuallers Association. In politics the late Mr **WAITE** was a staunch Conservative and the poor always had in him a good friend. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and daughters in their loss.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Ryde Cemetery, a service being held at All Saints where the deceased's family had worshipped for many years. The utmost respect was shown by the residents of Oakfield as the cortege passed over the bridge. The officiating clergy were the Vicar St. Johns (the Rev. Cyril L. **BLAKE**, and the Rev. D. E. **HUNTER** (All Saints). The mourners comprised Mrs **WAITE** (widow), and two daughters, Mr Henry **SWEETMAN**, J.P., Mr and Mrs **BILOWS** (Cowes), and Mrs **COOPER**. There also followed Mr E. **MONGER** (E. Cowes), and Mr **MURSELL** (Newport president and vice-president of I.W. Licensed Victuallers Society), Messrs F. **PECK** (Commercial, St. Johns Road), R. **AUSTIN** (Queen's), **BICHENO** (Rajah), and W. T. **SCOTT** (Commercial Oakfield), St. Helens Council were represented by Councillor Alfred **DENNIS**, with whom was Mrs **DENNIS**, and Mr W.J. **CALLAWAY** (from the Clerk's offices). The congregation included Mr Walter **SWEETMAN**, Mr F.W. **RANDALL**, J.P. and Mr Oscar **FEBEN**. There was a number of beautiful wreaths from members of the family and personal friends. Messrs. H. and W. **SWEETMAN**, Licensed Victuallers Society, employees of W. D. **MEW LANGTON** and Co., Ryde branch, Mr H. D. and Mrs **WILLIAMS** and Mr and Mrs E. **WILLIAMS**, Mr and Mrs J. **WATSON STANLEY**, the Misses **GARDENER**, Mrs **JONES** and family (Brighstone), Mr, Mrs and Misses **TUTTE**. The funeral arrangements were carried out under the personal supervision of Mr Wallace **WHEELER**. The deceased was one of the founders of the I.W. Licensed Victuallers Society being a former president and trustee at the time of his death, also one of the Hants and I.W. Retailers Union. He had served both as chairman and vice-chairman of St. Helens Council.
