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Death of Mr. H. H. CRUMP.- With deep regret we record the death of Mr. **Harry Hubert CRUMP**, of Denleigh, Spencer-road, which took place on Tuesday. Deceased, who was 66, had not enjoyed good health in recent years, but about a fortnight ago, being convalescent after an illness, he went to stay with his son-in-law, Mr. R. C. CRAGG, of Olga House, Springvale, where his death took place somewhat suddenly.

Mr. CRUMP was an exceedingly well-known townsman and was held in the highest regard by everyone who came into contact with him. For over 40 years he was the local manager of Messrs. GODFREY and Co., of Union-street, until the branch was closed. After this he became manager of the Theatre Royal, where his unfailing courtesy was greatly appreciated by the patrons. In earlier years he was responsible for arranging celebrity concerts which brought famous artistes like Kennedy RUMFORD, Marie HALL, KUBELIK, KREISLER, PACHMANN, HAMBOURG, PADEREWSKI, and MOISEIWITSCH to the local theatre. On the formation of the Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society in 1913 he was its first hon. secretary and was a former chairman of the Ryde Sports Club. Until a few weeks ago he was for 11 years the popular and capable chairman of the Conservative Club, and his last illness commenced on the evening that he resigned from the position. His passing will be deeply mourned by a large number of friends, who greatly esteemed him, and deep sympathy will be felt with his widow, who has been in failing health for some time, and his two married daughters.

The funeral took place at All Saints' Church on Thursday. The Rev. F. H. ROLPH (curate) officiated. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. CRAGG, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. WOODNUTT (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs. A MITCHELL (sister), Mr. E. H. CRUMP (brother), Mr. and Mrs. S. BUTT (his oldest friends), and Mr. G. CRAGG.

Among those present were the Mayor (Ald. WRIGHT), Capt. Forester R. C. BRITTEN, J.P. (director of I.W. Theatres), Messrs. P. J. MILSOM (general manager), W. J. FENN, A. W. CONSTABLE, N. S. SQUIBB, W. KNIGHT, J. E. BENNETT, P. STENT, and Wellesley BUTT and Miss BEVIS (I.W. Theatres Ltd., staff), Miss WEEKS and Mr. E. R. LATHAM (Commodore Theatre), Messrs. S. E. B. MELLISH (chairman), J. R. SCOTT (vice-chairman), H. GRINHAM and J. H. DOWN (trustees), E. F. BROWN, L. J. FRAY, and L. HILL (committee), W. DEWDNEY (hon. secretary), J. J. DIMMER, E. CRABB, S. ATTWOOD, C. FRIPP, D. G. TIMMS, E. G. WELSH, and C. JACKSON, Lieut.-Col. C. L. ELLERY, O.B.E., and Mr. A. F. HANSON (steward), representing Ryde Conservative Club, Messrs. B. HOLBROOK and G. CAWS (Ryde Operatic and Dramatic Society), Capt. W. S. RUSSELL (Ryde Sports Club), Mrs. H. H. WORDSWORTH (Ryde Amateur Players), Mr. G. J. EVANS (British Legion), Mr. F. W. DOWDELL (Conservative Association), Mrs. LOADER (representing Ald. E. C. LOADER), Dr. G. A. Upcott GILL, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. COWLISHAW, Mr. and Mrs. York ADAMS, Mr. H. COLLYER (the LIND Estate), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. BATCHELOR, Lieut. G. H. WOODNUTT, R.N., Messrs. W. W. WHEELER, A. E. AYMES, T.C., A. J. NEWBERY, H. C. AVERY, G. CHIVERTON, W. E. AUSTIN, C. WARNE, C. D. MUCKLOW, C. H. GIBSON, E. A. LOWE, D. HAIR, H. G. JOLLIFFE, W. J. JENNINGS, O. V. MAINSTONE, J. N. C. BRAUNE, H. J. GRIFFIN, A. J. BIRCH, R. LUGG, A. J. TANCOCK, M. J. HOLLOWAY, and B. H. GULLIVER, Mesdames GALE, MIDLANE, C. TRUEMAN (Shanklin), G. WARD, CORBETT, DIMMER, JAMES, PRITTY, and ROLPH, and Miss E. K. WOOD. Mr. G. FARDELL was unavoidably prevented from attending. The large collection of flowers included tributes from the Conservative Club and the directors and staff of I.W. Theatres.

Mr. C. LANGDON was the undertaker.

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