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ADVOCATE OF SOLENT TUNNEL **DEATH OF MR. F. TURTON OF ALVERSTONE**

Mr. Fred TURTON, aged 76, who lived alone at Daffodil Cottage, Burnt House Lane, Alverstone, was found dead in his cottage when police made an entry after a neighbour reported that he had not seen Mr. TURTON for several days. The facts have been reported to the Coroner.

Mr. TURTON, a well-known personality in the Sandown district, where he spent his life, was an organist and pianist of considerable merit and was at one time organist at Arreton Church. Before the war he was a frequent performer at Island concerts and also spent a season with a concert party on the mainland. He was an authority on Island railways and an advocate of a Solent tunnel to link the Island with the mainland. He had a book published on the subject. Widely-read and an excellent conversationalist, he was also a keen cyclist and until recent years was a familiar figure on his racing model. He was a great lover of the countryside and natural history and there were few localities in the Island that Mr. TURTON did not know intimately.

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