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RYDE TURF ACCOUNTANT

THE LATE MR. W. HODGKINSON

The death occurred at a Ryde nursing home on Sunday of Mr. **William Hodgkinson**, aged 78, of 25 St. Thomas's Street, Ryde, who was well known for the turf accountant's business he conducted from his home, and formerly for his interest in bowls. He had been ill for nine months, and was taken to the nursing home three weeks ago.

Born in Shanklin, he served in the Army during the Boer War, but was invalided out. He married in 1908, and, with his wife, took over a public house in King's Road, Southsea. Three years later they returned to the Island, where Mr. HODGKINSON managed the Marine Hotel, on Ryde Esplanade, for several years. He later opened a business as a turf accountant at his home in St. Thomas' Street. He was a founder-member of the Ryde Model Yacht Club, and a former member of the Ryde Bowling Club. Mrs. HODGKINSON died two years ago, and he is survived by a son, and three daughters. Their youngest son was killed while taking part in a raid on Cologne in the last war.

The funeral took place at Ryde Cemetery on Thursday, when a service was conducted by the Vicar of Ryde (the Rev. R.H. BASSETT).

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. E.H. JAMES (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. A. MOODY (daughter, also representing her husband), Mr. R. HODGKINSON (son, also representing his wife), Mr. and Mrs. W. NUTLEY (son-in-law and daughter), Major and Mr. P. HODGKINSON (brother and sister-in-law, also representing Mr. and Mrs. T. HODGKINSON, brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. C. COOMBES (sister, also representing Miss K. HODGKINSON and Mrs. E. WARBURTON, sisters), Mrs. J. MAYO, Mr. H. JOLLIFFE, and Mrs. J. BROWNSDON.

The arrangements were made by Messrs. H.V. TAYLOR and Son.

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