

DEATH OF MR. J. FRIEND, OF BRIDGE.

A KEEN SPORTSMAN AND PUBLIC WORKER.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

It is with regret that we record the death, which occurred on Saturday, of Mr. John Friend, a well-known and respected resident of Bridge. Mr. Friend, who was 83 years of age, had been ill only a few days, and the news of his passing has come as a great shock to his many friends in the district.

Mr. Friend, who was educated at Simon Langton Boys' School, Canterbury, was the only son of Mr. Richard Friend and the late Mrs. Friend, of Bridge. He leaves a widow and one son, Mr. J. E. Friend, to whom much sympathy has been extended.

On leaving school Mr. Friend assisted his father in his coal merchant's business. He was married in 1909 to Miss Louie Brice, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Brice, and from 1912 to 1918 he was licensee of the Red Lion, Bridge. In recent years he had interested himself in local government work. He was elected



to the old Bridge Rural District Council in 1930, and had continued to represent the parish of Bridge since the formation of the Bridge-Blean Council. He was Chairman of the Folkestone and District Public Assistance Committee, Division 23 and 24; a member of the Folkestone and District Guardians Committee; of the Bridge Parish Council; of the local Old Age Pensions Committee; and of the Bridge Parochial Church Council. For twenty-nine years he had been a member of the Bridge Fire Brigade, of which for some years he had been Second Officer.

A keen sportsman, Mr. Friend was at one time Captain and Secretary of the local football and cricket clubs. In his younger days he was an excellent batsman and wicket keeper, and he maintained his interest until the end. He was a well-known figure as referee in local football matches. He was a member of the Kent County Cricket Club for many years, and was Captain of the local Bowling Club. For several years he was associated with the East Kent and Canterbury Conservative Club; he was a member of the Bridge Reading Room Committee, and formerly of the Bridge Horticultural Society; and he was the first secretary of the Bridge Boys' Club.

THE FUNERAL.

The high esteem in which Mr. Friend was held was evidenced by the large number of friends who attended the funeral at Bridge yesterday (Wednesday).

The coffin was carried to the Parish Church on the tender of the Bridge Fire Brigade, and members of the Brigade acted as bearers. Firemen from various Brigades in the district attended, and lined the path as the cortege entered the Church.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knight), assisted by Canon Ashton Gwatkin (formerly Rector of Bishopsbourne) and Canon W. F. Burnside (Rector of Bishopsbourne).

The chief mourners were Mr. R. Friend (father), Mr. J. Friend (son), Mr. H. G. Brice (brother-in-law) and Mrs. Brice, Mrs. Routley (sister-in-law), Miss Marshall Hobbs, Mrs. C. Vinten, Mrs. R. Amos, Mr. A. Holman and Mr. E. Elliott.

The service was attended by the Chairman (Mr. D. Brice), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. A. J. Ross), and the following members of the Bridge-Blean Council: Sir John Prestige, Canon R. U. Potts, Lieut.-Colonel R. S. I. Friend, Major B. W. Gosling, Captain G. G. P. Hewett, R.N., Mr. L. T. Ashenden, Mr. C. B. Hosking, Mr. F. E. Spanton, Mr. T. Jenkins, Mr. A. Price, Mr. T. Hills, Mr. S. W. Mount, Mr. E. G. Wood, Mr. J. Topliss, Mr. S. W. Arnold, Mr. E. Baker (also representing Bekesbourne Football Club), with the Clerk (Mr. L. J. Williams), the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. H. K. Blundell), the Highway Surveyor (Mr. B. G. Childeyden), the Building Surveyor (Mr. R. Miles), Dr. A. M. Watts (Medical Officer of Health), the Rating Officer (Mr. H. Bell Wilson), and Mr. F. T. Jones (Assistant Clerk).

Among others present were Mr. Allison (representing the Folkestone and District Guardians Committee), Mr. W. H. Wass (Relieving Officer), Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Honney (Master and Matron, Public Assistance Institution), Mr. T. Long and Mr. C. Harvey (representing Charlton Park Cricket Club), Mrs. S. W. Mount, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. F. R. W. Berry, Mrs. Money, the Rev. C. T. Mourilyan, Dr. A. Wilson, Mr. J. Wilson, Mr. G. Ford, Miss Sperling, Mr. H. B. Spanton, Miss Tassell, Mr. E. Pope (former Headmaster, Bridge Schools), Mr. W. Miller, Nurse Gilbert, Mrs. Holman, Miss Foster, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. W. F. Burnside, Mr. S. Waghorne, Mr. A. Pooley, Mrs. Brown, Mr. J. Buddle, Miss Rayner, Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Mr. A. J. Castle, Mr. A. Vaughan, Mrs. Cook, Mr. P. Richards, Mr. A. J. Stickels, Mr. H. DeCent, Mr. T. Fairbrass, Mrs. Keeler, Mr. C. West, Mr. G. Honney, Mr. and Mrs. Fenn, Mr. J. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. C. R. Vinten, Mrs. Vinten, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. G. Cooke, Mrs. T. French, Mr. G. Fisher, Mr. J. S. Flogdell, Mrs. A. W. Pegden, Mrs. and Miss Bishop, Mr. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Stockwell, Mr. T. South, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Price, senior, Police Sergeant Castle, P.C.'s Moore and Seymour, Mrs. L. Denley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stonestreet, Mrs. Belsey, Mrs. Hollands, Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. R. W. Hall, Miss Hall, Mr. F. J. Murphy, Mrs. Nelson, Miss Vinten, Mrs. W. Knight, Mrs. V. Hatcher, Mrs. D. Woodcock, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Soutan, Mrs. Willett, Mrs. E. Minter, Mrs. Larrett, Major W. H. Bradford.

The members of the Bridge Fire Brigade present were Chief Officer S. Gilbert, Messrs. A. Taylor, H. G. Price, junior, H. T. Price, ex-Captain C. Wills, F. Hogben, L. Honney, A. Vinten, F. Down, J. Dunk, H. Hawkins and J. Bishop.

Other Brigades represented were Canterbury (under Chief Officer G. T. Hall and Engineer Moan); Sturry (Chief Officer P. Brooker and Second Officer E. J. Port); Whitstable (Second Officer E. Moyes); and Herne Bay (Chief Officer C. W. Welby).

Beautiful wreaths were sent from his wife, son, Dad and Jill; Auntie Carrie and Uncle Char; Ethel, Bob and Ethel; Harry, Alice and Marjorie; Charlie and Audrey; Edie, Grace, Dora, Jessie and Florrie; Caroline, Peter, M. H.

Uncle Arthur and Cousin Arthur; George and Ada; Frank and Lou; Mr. C. Friend, Emma, Edie and Arthur; Rene, Bernard, John and Graham; Aunt Emma, Nellie and Charlie; Ernest and Florrie; Uncle Ed and Auntie Gladys; Canterbury and District Football League; Charlton Park Cricket Club; Bridge-Blean Rural District Council; Members of Bekesbourne Football Club; Officers and staff, Bridge-Blean Council; All at Bridge Post Office; Chairman and members of the Folkestone and District Guardians Committee; Bridge Fire Brigade; Whitstable Fire Brigade; Canterbury Fire Brigade; Wingham Fire Brigade; Sturry and District Fire Brigade; Herne Bay Fire Brigade; Mrs. Troughon and family; Mr. H. W. Jarvis, Miss Wye and Mrs. Parren; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Stonestreet; Mr. and Mrs. Holman and Arthur; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mount; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Miller; Mrs. Hobbs and Jill; Mr. R. Miles; Editor and staff of the "Kent Messenger"; Mr. and Mrs. DeCent and family; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Castle and family; Sir John Prestige; Mr. and Mrs. Hollands; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hogben and Nigel; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fairbrass and little Bryan; Mr. C. Fairbrass and family; Mrs. E. Leicester-Hawkins; Mrs. Money; Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards; Mr. and Mrs. Keeler; H. W. Wass and family; Miss M. W. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Price and family; Mr. and Mrs. Fagg; the Hon. Mrs. Milo G. Talbot; Mrs. F. Johnson and family; Mr. J. Hope and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. Minter; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown and Humphrey; Mrs. Mannouch and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fenn; Joyce Keeler; Mrs. Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Honney; L. J. W. Hobbs; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Greenfield and family; the Sister and Nurses, Bridge Public Assistance Institution; Mr. and Mrs. F. Philpott and daughter; Nurse Gilbert; Mr. and Mrs. E. Pope; the Misses Sperling; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. W. Berry; Mr. and Mrs. C. Kennett; Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Stockwell; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Williams, Rob and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. McDougall, Edna, Vera and Fred; Betty McDougall.







