

## BRIDGE SPORTSMAN'S DEATH

### Mr. "Jack" Friend

We record with regret the death, which occurred rather suddenly on Saturday, of Councillor John Friend. By his passing the village of Bridge loses one of its most indefatigable workers. Known affectionately as "Jack," Mr. Friend was only 48 years old and had been ill for only a few days. The only son of Mr. Richard Friend and of the late Mrs. Friend, he leaves a widow and one son, Mr. J. E. Friend, while a very large number of friends in the district will also sincerely mourn his death.

Mr. Friend, who was an Old Langtonian, filled a remarkable and enviable position in the life of the village, for there was scarcely any activity for the benefit of the community with which he was not closely connected. Since 1930 he had been a member of the Bridge-Blean R.D.C., he was Chairman of the Folkestone and District P.A.C. (Divisions 23 and 24), member of the Folkestone and District Guardians Committee, of the Bridge Parish Council for many years and of the local Old Age Pensions Committee. He acted as Chairman of the village's Jubilee Committee and as Hon. Secretary of the fete in aid of the Bridge Hospital. For 29 years he was a member of the Fire Brigade and in recent years was Second Officer.

#### An All-Round Sportsman

It will be as a thorough all-round sportsman, however, that Mr. Friend will be best remembered. He played the game in every sense. In earlier years he was a clever footballer and he continued his interest in the winter sport by taking on the duties of a referee, becoming a K.C.F.A. Class 2 official and on two occasions visiting France with representative teams as referee-linesman. On numerous occasions he has officiated at Wincheap Grove.

Also a keen cricketer, he was a forcing bat, on several occasions topping the century, and was a useful performer behind the stumps. He was captain and Hon. Secretary of the former Bridge Football and Cricket Club and played for a number of teams in the district, including Lower Hardres. He was an enthusiastic member of the Kent County Cricket Club for many years and regularly attended the Canterbury Weeks. In addition he was captain of the Bridge Bowling Club, a supporter of the local school sports teams, was a keen tennis player and an excellent shot with a sporting gun.

Other organisations with which he was associated include the Bridge Reading Room Committee, the Bridge Horticultural Society, whose cup for the highest number of points at the annual show he twice won, the Bridge Boys' Club, of which he was the first Secretary, and the East Kent and Canterbury Conservative Club, of which he was a member.

Upon leaving school, Mr. Friend assisted in his father's coal merchant's business and in 1909 married Miss Louie Brice, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Brice, of Bridge. From 1912 to 1918 he was licensee of the Red Lion.

His cheery personality will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

#### A Fireman's Funeral

The funeral took place at Bridge



Mr. JACK FRIEND

W. H. Wass (Relieving Officer), Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Honney (Master and Matron, Poor Law 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. Waghorn, 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. 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, senr., 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, Mr. 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.

The members of the Bridge Fire Brigade present were: Chief Officer S. Gilbert, Messrs. A. Taylor, H. G. Price, junr., 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 Moon), 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; Cousins Tom, Nellie and Katie; Aunt Edie, Uncle Arthur and Cousin Arthur; George and Ada; Frank and Lou; Mr. C. Friend,

Fire Brigade, Herne Bay Fire Brigade, Mrs. Troughton 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

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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; Uncle Ed and Auntie Gladys; 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.