

## **Augustus William Lockhart**

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### **PROMINENT ODD FELLOW AND SPORTSMAN**

#### **SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. A.W. LOCKHART, OF NEWPORT**

A wide circle of friends heard with regret of the sudden death on Friday week, following a heart attack, of Mr. Augustus William (Gus) Lockhart, of St. Andrews, Wilver Road, Newport, aged 52. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, he will be sadly missed in Island Odd Fellowship and sporting circles. Sympathy is extended to his widow and son.

Mr. Lockhart was the eldest son of the late Mr. Augustus George Lockhart, and grandson of William Lockhart, who had a butcher's shop on the site now occupied by Messrs. Wray's cake shop in High Street. He was educated at the C.E. Boys' School and was a chorister at the Parish Church. He commenced work as a clerk for Mr. B.B. Beckingsale, solicitor, of Lugley Street. He left to join Messrs. Alex Sharp and Co., timber merchants, of which firm he became a director before he joined Messrs. Frank Cheverton, garage proprietors in St. James's Street, Newport, for whom he was an accountant, with particular responsibility for insurance claims, costing and estimates. He was treasurer of the firm's sick benefit club, and helped with the running of the firm's cricket team.

During the last war he was in the Home Guard. Mr. Lockhart umpired on occasion at cricket matches, seldom missed a Newport C.C. or Newport Trades home match and when the Newport and District Time Limit Cricket League was formed a few years ago became founder honorary secretary. He was a member of the Literary Society, the Social Club, and latterly of the Conservative Club. He played in the Billiards and Snooker League for his club, and in the individual championships for the district reached the finals of both games. He was a vice-president of Newport Football Club, and had held a season ticket since the inception of the scheme.

#### **YOUNGEST TRUSTEE**

Mr. Lockhart joined the Earl Yarborough Lodge of Odd Fellows 23 years ago. He passed through the chairs, and was a Past Grand. He frequently represented the Lodge at I.W. District meetings, and last year was the Island's delegate to the annual conference. In 1940 he was elected a trustee of the Earl Yarborough Lodge, the youngest trustee ever to be appointed, and about the same time was appointed to the district panel of auditors. He was approved auditor for the Northwood Lodge. Because of his early legal training in the now almost forgotten art of engrossing, the C.E. School Parent-Teacher Association, of which he had been a member, asked him to inscribe in a special book the names of the old boys of the school with their regiments, who died in the two world wars. The memorial book was presented to the Parish Church by the association and is near the Vicar's model of the church.

#### **THE FUNERAL**

There was a large attendance at the Parish Church on Wednesday, including representatives of all the societies and organisations with which Mr. Lockhart was connected. The Vicar (the Rev. C.R. Farnsworth) officiated. Miss K. Lower (organist) played "Jesu, joy of man's

desiring” and “O for the wings of a dove” and accompanied Mr. Lockhart’s favourite hymns “The King of Love” and “The day Thou gavest,” and by special request the 67th Psalm.

The family mourners were Mrs. J.R. Lockhart (widow), Mr. S.W. Lockhart (son), Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Lockhart (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. F. Buckett, Mr. and Mrs W.R. Turner (brothers-in-law and sisters), Major C.D. Blue (brother-in-law, also representing Mrs. Q. Blue, sister), Miss P. Lockhart (sister), Mrs. C.E. Willstead, and Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cheeseman (sisters-in-law and brother-in-law), Mrs. E. Caplin (niece), Mr. D.A. Willstead (nephew), Mr. R.B. Cheverton, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Vine, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. G Kelly, Mrs. A. Sansford, Mrs. G. Truscott, Mrs. E.R. Stagg, and Mrs. R. Dale. There were 43 floral tributes. Interment was at Carisbrooke Cemetery. Messrs. H. and F. Damp made the arrangements.

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