



## *Funeral of Mr William Warren at Chicklade*

By the passing of Mr William Warren, of Knoyle Down Farm, the district has lost one of its best known agriculturists. Mr Warren, who was 78 years of age, had spent the whole of his life in the neighbourhood, and for more than 40 years he had farmed Knoyle Down Farm, prior to which he had resided at Pertwood Farm and Keysley Farm.

In recent years he had not taken an active part in local affairs, but he was formerly the East Knoyle representative on the old Mere Board of Guardians. He was of a quiet unassuming character, but his sterling qualities had won for him a respect throughout the county.

He had always taken a very keen interest in coursing and was at one time the hon secretary of the old "Clouds" Coursing Club. He has also been a member of the Frome Coursing Club, the Avon Valley Coursing Club (now merged with the South of England Club), and the Alresford Coursing club, and in the course of his career he had won many valuable coursing cups. He was a semi-finalist for the Barbican Cup at Thanet in 1936, with a bitch "Jetty Head" bred by Colonel Hessaltine, which was one of the smallest bitches ever run, weighing only 46 lbs. The Barbican Cup is a 64 dog stake, running second to the Waterloo Cup.

As an arable farmer of some 800 acres, he was one whose experience was constantly sought by his fellow agriculturists and this he readily placed at their disposal. He was a member of the Warminster branch of the National Farmers' Union.

The late Mr Warren leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters. About five years ago he had a severe illness, which left him with impaired health, but on the Sunday before his death he had visited relatives at Frome, and his passing on Wednesday morning was quite unexpected.

The little church at Chicklade, where he had been a constant worshipper, was crowded for the funeral, which took place on Saturday, the large attendance from a wide area bearing testimony to the esteem in which Mr Warren was held.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev C E W Wilkinson, included the hymn "Peace Perfect Peace".

Family mourners were:- Messrs James, Harry, Fred and George Warren (sons), the Misses Bertha and Nora Warren (daughters), Mrs H Warren (daughter-in-law), Mr Frederick Warren (brother), Mr and Mrs R E N Coles and Mr and Mrs A Down (Frome – brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs C Parrott (nephew and niece), Mr Geoffrey Coles (nephew), Mr J Rose and Mr Walter Rigler (cousins), Miss S Rigler, Miss Maddox and Mr S E Goodwin.

Others present included:- Messrs Rockett, E A Cole, B Champion and W Coates (employees), Mrs Chamberlain, Mr and Mrs H Rigler (Stapleford), Mr and Mrs C Cox, Miss Applin, Mrs Newberry, Mrs Rush, Mr and Mrs R Jesse, Mr A Shrapnell, Mr W Emms (representing Mr P Weldon, Pertwood Manor), Mr R Pile, Mr Jacob, Miss Jacob, Mr E King, Messrs T Rivers and E J Perrett (representing the Warminster Branch NFU), Mrs T Rivers, Mrs H Stevens, Mrs Clarke, Mr H S Butt (representing Major and Mrs J G Morrison, Mr G W N Coles and Mr N Squarrey), Mrs Sutton, Mr C Garland, Miss Garland, Mr J Coles (Shrewton), Mr C Coles (Hardicott), Mr T Genge (Tisbury), Mr Tom Doggrell, Mr N C Street, Mr T Hyde, Mr F Alford (East Knoyle), Mr A J Sully, Mr J Hull (also representing Mr E G Hull), Mr and Mrs A L Barber, the Misses Barber (2), Mr N Genge, Mrs A Rigler, Mr and Mrs Richard Stratton, Mr J Sainsbury (representing Messrs Sainsbury Ltd, Trowbridge) and Mr E J Parrott (Warminster).

There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes.

The wife and family of the late W Warren wish to thank their relatives and friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers.

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