



*Seend*

*Obituary &  
Funeral Notice*

*Mr T C Usher*

We regret to record the death of Mr T C Usher, JJ, CC, who died suddenly during Tuesday night at his residence at Seend near Devizes. His death will occasion widespread regret throughout West Wilts where he was much respected. Mr Usher, who was in his 74th year, was one of Wiltshire's most prominent public and business personalities. He was head of Usher's Wiltshire Brewery Ltd of Trowbridge, one of the largest brewery concerns in the country. On Tuesday he attended the annual meeting of the Wiltshire County council, and he was actually helping at a village gathering at Seend in connection with War Weapons Week when he was taken gravely ill. Mr Usher had made a speech advocating the need for everyone to make sacrifices for their country. Shortly after sitting down, he collapsed. Dr Wright of Trowbridge was summoned and Mr Usher was removed to Green House, Seend, his beautiful country home. He died the same evening.

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The funeral of Mr Thomas Charles Usher (73) head of Messrs Usher's Wiltshire Brewery, took place at Seend. The service was conducted by the Rev J E T Phillips (vicar) and the Rev W A Butler (a former vicar). The family mourners were Mrs Usher (widow), Miss Usher (daughter), Mr and Mrs Lee (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs H Lee (sister), Brigadier A W Lee (nephew), Mrs Philip and Mrs Catford (nieces), and Mr L B Usher (cousin). The only son (the Rev P Usher) is on service.

Messrs J Parnall, S G Seaward, L C Dodd, H Day (directors) and Mr F E Flood (secretary) and about 60 employees of the firm were present, and others attending included Mr R V Grimston MP, Lord Walter Hervey, Sir Reginald and Lady Blake, the Hon Mrs Atkinson, Mr P A Selborne Stringer (Clerk of the Peace), Sir Herbert Bryan, Colonel E B Scott, Mr E T Norman (representing Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire Brewers' Association), Mr J Bartholomew (Messrs Wadworths Brewery), Mr Arthur Hadley (Georges Bristol Brewery Ltd), Mr W G Downing (Stroud Brewery Co), Mr F C Mears (Frome Brewery Co), Messrs J Beaven, W N Haden, J L Martin, F Beer (County Councilors), Colonel R S Weston, Mr C Ingham Haden, Major E Mackay, Mr and Mrs E M Awdry, many Freemasons, and representatives of numerous organisations to which Mr Usher belonged.

At the same time as the funeral a memorial service was held at the Trowbridge Parish Church, conducted by the rector (Canon S J Wallace).

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