

OBITUARY

Mr V. G. C. BOYENS.

A lengthy cortege and a wealth of floral tributes testified in no uncertain manner to the high esteem in which the late Mr Victor George Clarence Boyens was held in by a wide circle of friends, when his mortal remains were laid to rest in the Mangatainoka Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The deceased who was only 45 years of age, enjoyed uniformly good health until a few months ago, when he was stricken down with a sudden illness and removed to the Pahiatua Public Hospital, where he passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning last. During the period he was an inmate of the Pahiatua Public Hospital he endeared himself to the nursing staff by his bright and cheerful nature and to the amazing fortitude he displayed in his sufferings. He never once uttered a single complaint and was brimful of hope and buoyancy to the very last. His passing practically in the prime of life, will be deeply regretted. The deceased was the son of Mrs and the late Mr W. H. Boyens and was born at Kaikoura. He came to Pahiatua with his parents at the age of 9 years and was educated at the Pahiatua District High School. He first followed the occupation of a painter and later entered into the bakery business. Some twelve months ago he purchased and took over East's Tea Rooms. The late Mr Boyens enjoyed a great deal of popularity. Of a bright and genial nature, a good mixer and well-balanced, he made a host of friends. He was exceedingly good-natured. His principal relaxation was bowling and he was considered one of the very best trundlers on the local green. He won the championship of the Pahiatua Bowling Club last year, also the champion pairs. He skipped the Pahiatua rink in the Grand Pacific Bowling Tournament at Suva, Fiji, in 1936; and also skipped the Pahiatua rinks which took part in the bowling championships held at Auckland in 1937 and at Wellington in 1938. The late Mr Boyens was a member of the Pahiatua Chess Club, an honorary member of the Pahiatua Fire Brigade, a member of the Pahiatua A. and P. Association, a member of the Pahiatua Bowling Club, and an active member of the Pahiatua Auxiliary Fire Brigade. He was also a member of the Foresters' Lodge. The services at St. Peter's Anglican Church and at the graveside were conducted by the Rev. K. F. Button. The deceased saw service in the last war, being a member of the 1st N.Z.E.F. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths on the casket were floral tributes from the Returned Soldiers' Association, the Pahiatua Bowling Club and the Pahiatua Auxiliary Firemen. The pall-bearers, all members of the Pahiatua Bowling Club, were Messrs R. Gregory, F. Cosford, V. Scott, F. H. Lett, Jas. Mills, and R. Davey.

The late Mr Boyens is survived by his mother, two daughters, Mrs Peggy Gallagher (Auckland) and Miss Audrey Boyens (Pahiatua); one son, Mr Victor Boyens (Pahiatua); three sisters and three brothers.

Manawatu Standard. 26 Nov 1934 (Papers Past) [26/03/2022]

The death has occurred, after a severe illness lasting nine weeks, of a well-known and popular citizen of Pahiataua, Mr William Henry Boyens, aged 81 years. He was born in London in 1854 and served an engineering apprenticeship at Woolwich Arsenal before coming to New Zealand, subsequently residing in Wellington, Thames, in Canterbury and Kaikoura before he came to Pahiataua in 1904 to establish a new daily paper which later went out of existence. Later he was on the staff of the Pahiataua Herald until his retirement in 1915. The late Mr Boyens had been an Oddfellow for 60 years and a member of the Masonic Order since 1895. He is survived by seven children and twenty-one grandchildren. The four sons are Messrs William Boyens, Pirinoa, Featherston; Richard Boyens, Invercargill; **Victor Boyens**, Pahiataua; Ivan C. Boyens, Pahiataua; and the three daughters, Mrs J. Waldie, Timaru; Mrs A. T. Morrison, Timaru; Mrs W. J. Turner, Pahiataua. One daughter, Mrs W. Teesdale, Temuka, died of influenza during the epidemic in 1918, and another daughter, Doris Boyens, aged six years, was killed in 1916 when thrown from a pony which bolted.

Temuka Leader. 21 Nov 1918 (Papers Past) [26/03/2022]

MRS WILLIAM TEESDALE.

The sad news was received in Temuka on Tuesday morning of the death, in Christchurch, of Mrs Teesdale, wife of Mr William Teesdale, after a short illness. The late Mrs Teesdale went to Christchurch on a visit to the show and was taken ill there. On Saturday last her illness became very grave, and the end came as above stated. Her untimely death will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. She was a warm-hearted, cheery, lady, with a kind word for all. She took great interest in patriotic work, and a number of the send-off luncheons to the men leaving for camp took place in her husband's rooms. She leaves a husband but no children.

Influenza victim.