

Ernest F. Marston Passes

Mr Ernest Frederick Marston, one-time proprietor of "The Burra Record" and very well known citizen of this town and district passed away at his residence, Kangaroo St., Burra, during the early hours of Monday morning, February 23rd.

As was his usual practice he walked down the main street on the preceding Tuesday morning. On the following day, Wednesday, he took to his bed and up until Saturday seemed to be making good progress towards recovery.

The late Mr Marston was born in Heathcote, Victoria, 80 years and ten months ago. At a very early age he commenced to learn the trade of printing, in order to help to support himself and a widowed mother. Whilst still in his teens he was employed by the Melbourne "Age" as a compositor and then before he was 20 obtained the position of manager of a suburban paper.

Later he moved to the country and found positions in various country newspaper offices until he arrived at a place called Numurkah which is in the Goulbourne Valley District of Victoria. In Numurkah during 1901 he married Miss Normanna Teare (who predeceased him in 1911) and in partnership with his brother-in-law (Mr W. J. Teare) purchased the "Numurkah Leader". The partnership successfully carried on the business for several years and was then purchased by the opposition company which

opposed company, which closed its own business down and continued printing "The Leader."

Mr Marston then went on a trip to England and Europe. On his return in about 1913 he purchased "The Burra Record" and ran it successfully for many years. "The Record" was purchased by the present proprietor at the beginning of 1945, and the late Mr Marston retired from active participation in the business. In 1917 he was married to Miss Mary Lane, of Burra.

During his long residence in Burra, especially during his younger years, the late Mr. Marston took a very keen interest in the welfare of this town and district and played a leading part in many organisations which were inaugurated for its benefit. His particular recreation was bowls and he was president of the local club for a considerable period. He was also Chairman of Directors of the Burra Electric Supply Company, president of the old Burra Seaside Picnic Committee, a member of the Burra Institute Committee, and of the Burra Burra Show Incorporated. He was also a Justice of the Peace.

Many people attributed to him the power of relieving pain and a number of persons in this district state that they can thank this power for the health which they are enjoying to-day. When a call of this nature came no distance was too great for him to go to visit a sick person whom he thought he might benefit.

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The funeral took place at the Burra Cemetery on Tuesday morning when Mr N. Woodards represented the Church of England at the graveside. Bearers were Messrs F. H. Reed, J. R. Bar-

ker, K. R. Crewes, H. J. B. Jennison, L. M. Gordon and M. G. Dobson. Messrs C. J. Pearce & Sons were the Funeral Directors.

He leaves a sorrowing widow one son (Mr F. T. Marston, of Burra), and one daughter (Marcella), Mrs A. D. Burgoyne, of Middle Brighton, Victoria.