

TRADE UNION PIONEER

MR W. H. HAWKINS

The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr W. H. Hawkins, Cowbridge.

Mr Hawkins was a native of Tonyrefail and spent a great part of his life there. From his early working days he took an active part in trade unions and political organisations. At the early age of 19 he was elected branch secretary of the Cilely Lodge of the South Wales Miners' Federation. He was also one of the founders of the Tonyrefail and Llantrisant Trades Council and Labour Party, and for many years took a leading part in all its activities. Later he won a scholarship for Ruskin College, Oxford, and on his return continued to give of his best for the benefit of his fellow-men.

In 1932 he left Tonyrefail to take up residence in Cowbridge. He was secretary and founder of the Glamorgan Caretakers Branch of N.U.P.E., president of the Vale of Glamorgan Trades Council and Labour Party and its secretary for many years.

Chief mourners: Messrs George and Norman Sweet, Bryan Hawkins, Jack Evans, Ivor Evans, Harry James, Eddie Haines and Leslie Green, nephews; Ivor Hawkins, cousin; and Tom Evans, brother-in-law.

At the house: Mrs Jane Hawkins, widow; Mrs Edith Rosser, Mrs Mary Sweet and Miss Alice Ann Hawkins, sisters; Thelma Wesley and Katie Haines, nieces; Mesdames B. Haines, T. Evans, and E. Chaplin, sisters-in-law; and Mrs K. Rosser, cousin.

Numerous friends from Tonyrefail, Cowbridge, Porthcawl and Llanharan met the cortege at the cemetery.