

The Late R. Bruce "Happy" Chandler.

*Secretary Corowa Services Bowling Club
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Businessman has fatal seizure

A Wahgunyah man collapsed and died yesterday morning only a few minutes after he arrived at a Corowa hardware store to start the day's work. He was Mr Raymond Bruce Chandler, 43, of Elizabeth street, Wahgunyah.

Mr Chandler was staff manager for Sammons Edwards and Co., Sanger street. He collapsed while he was talking with another employe shortly after 9.30 a.m.

Taken by ambulance to Corowa Hospital, he was found to be dead. Known throughout the district as "Happy" Chandler, the dead man was secretary of the Corowa Services Bowling Club and a committeeman of the United Servicemen's Memorial Club.

His funeral will leave the Wahgunyah Congregational Church for Carlyle cemetery today after a service commencing at 2.30 p.m.

OBITUARY

MR. RAYMOND BRUCE
("HAPPY") CHANDLER

A well-known, popular and most highly respected resident of Wahgunyah, Mr. Raymond Bruce ("Happy") Chandler, died with tragic suddenness at his work, on Wednesday morning, aged 43 years.

Deceased was the youngest son of Mr. Percy Edward Chandler (Wahgunyah) and the late Mrs. Nellie Chandler and was born in Corowa.

On leaving school he joined the staff of Messrs L. Levy and Co., Corowa, where he was employed for a number of years. He afterwards joined the staff of Messrs Sammons Edwards and Co. Ltd., Corowa, and, at the time of his death he was the assistant manager for that firm.

He was a Warrant Officer 2 in World War II. He was a member of the Corowa sub-branch RSL and was also a member of the Corowa Bowling Club, the Corowa Golf Club and the Wahgunyah Cricket Club. He was also a particularly keen fisherman.

Besides his father he leaves three brothers, Aubrey E. (Melbourne), Percy Lionel (Kyabram) and Victor Royce (Geelong). His funeral, which was a military one and largely attended, took place on Thursday afternoon leaving the Congregational Church, Wahgunyah, for the Carlyle Cemetery after a service conducted by Deaconess Mrs. Simpson (Rutherglen), who also officiated at the graveside.

Members of the Corowa and Rutherglen sub-branches of the RSL formed a guard of honour at the church and also at the cemetery.

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Bowling Notes

With the passing of our friend, Cyril, a gap has been made in the Bowling Club which will be hard to fill. His pleasant company in the club and his ability on the green will be sadly missed by all bowlers.

He started bowling activities with the Corowa Bowling Club in 1942, and was one of their best leaders in the game for a number of years in rink matches.

In 1950 he won the Club Championship and was a constant player for that club up until, the Corowa Services Club was formed in 1956, which he was instrumental in forming. He was elected president of the Bowling Club at its first annual meeting and continued in that office until 1961, when he retired on account of ill health and continued to occupy the position of immediate past president until his death.

He was the mover in having the lighting on the green and carried out that work single-handed and which has given we bowlers much night bowling pleasure. He was always willing to give his time and knowledge to bowlers, especially the new young ones. His presence will be missed by all bowlers in the Ovens and Murray Bowling Association and especially the Service Club of which he was a foundation member.

At the end of 1961-62 season the club presented him with an illuminated address and a life membership badge for his valued services to the club.

We recall the happy days he had on Diggers, Legacy and Veterans' days, especially the first Diggers Day tournament, when he led in the winning team, Tom Strachan, Tom Dodd, Roy Lindeman and himself as skipper.

On Legacy Day, probably a unique one, we saw Ern Cole, Tom Strachan, Jack Izon and himself as skipper in the one rink with a total age of 282 years. Such memories will live with us until the end of time and we will always honor his name.—
"Members of Services, Bowling Club."

The following is the Corowa Services team to play Corowa Greens on Saturday:

L. Wood, J. Izon, R. Maclean, R. Adlington; P. Barry, R. Whinray, J. Ferguson, A. Whitechurch; R. Morley, J. Rowland, H. Hamilton, D. Stewart.