



Aileen Shier retires

GREENBANK— Aileen Shier began her teaching career at Creighton Public School in Medonte Township where she taught for 4 years. As a matter of interest, she was hired at \$500. for the year. But the inspector told the school board that if they didn't pay her \$600. they wouldn't get the grant for her first class certificate. She they paid her \$600 a year for her first 2 years.

After 4 years there, Aileen went to the Vroomanton Public School and taught 2 years there. While there, she met Ross Shier and they were married. She then stayed at home and raised her family of 4 boys. After being at

home for 15 years, she decided to return to teaching. She was hired at Victoria Corners School in Reach Township and taught there for one year. In 1960 the new school was opened at Greenbank and she went there to teach. She has remained on the staff there for 22 years and has now decided that it's time to retire.

Aileen has been the librarian at both Greenbank and Epsom Public Schools.

Aileen's greatest interests are Natural Science, the Library and photography. She is always taking pictures and through the years has gotten some pretty good ones. She has been responsible for ALL the

bulbs and trees that decorate Greenbank school grounds.

She has planted at least one tree a year and in some years several of them. The pupils are careful to stay off Mrs. Shier's grass at the front of the school and to keep away from HER trees.

She has planted almost every kind of bulb and tree available and personally spends much of her free time weeding, watering and caring for them.

Aileen has been very active in Teachers' Federation work. She has been president of our unit and goodwill convener now for a number of years, and more recently good will convener for all

Durham.

This is a big job in itself.

She has addressed and mailed hundreds of Christmas and get well cards to retired teachers as well as personally delivering plants to those retired teachers who are 90 years of age and older, on their birthday, throughout Durham Region.

She has encouraged many of the younger teachers to become active in Federation work and has attended the annual meeting in Toronto in the summer holidays many times.

Aileen will be greatly missed among teaching circles.

Aileen, we all wish you a long, happy, healthy retirement.