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## W. J. SHARPE, HOLSTEIN DIED LAST THURSDAY

Passed Away Following Illness of Little Over Week From Acute Heart Trouble.—Was Postmaster at Holstein For Past Fourteen Years and Was a Widely Known and Much Respected Citizen.

The sudden death of Mr. William J. Sharpe, one of the best known figures in Holstein and for many miles around, was a distinct shock to his numerous friends, the majority of whom had had no intimation that the estimable gentleman was ill. He was first taken ill on Sunday, January 2, and passed away on Thursday, the 17th inst. His trouble was diagnosed as acute dilation of the heart and, with other complications, he was unable to resist the illness, and passed away very suddenly.

While it was known that he was ill, and mention of his indisposition was made in last week's Chronicle, it was little thought that his condition was so serious and the news of his death was a great shock to the whole community. Mr. Sharpe was in his 72nd year, and while able to be up and about, performing his duties as postmaster almost to the last, he had been failing ever since the death of his wife in February, 1925, a bereavement which he felt very keenly and one which he never fully got over.

Mr. Sharpe was one of the best men the writer ever knew, a thorough Christian gentleman, a man of honor in his own community, and one who will be greatly missed in many other places outside his own home. For years he had been a faithful correspondent from Holstein of The Chronicle and during all these years he had never had an unkind word to say of anyone. He was a man of whom we think it could be truthfully said that he did not have a single enemy.

Previous to his death, Mr. Sharpe had, at the request of his daughter, Miss Ethel N. Sharpe, written his autobiography, something we have always maintained every man of prominence should do, and on this occasion, we think we could do nothing better than publish the history of his own life in his own words.

Mr. Sharpe writes in part:

**Was Born in Egremont**  
"In writing this brief sketch I am directed to the thought that I was born of Irish parents, both of whom were born in the County of Monaghan, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada, my mother in 1846 and my father in 1847. Although coming from the same county in Ireland, they knew nothing of each other in the Old Land. As my mother had relatives in the Township of Nassagaweya in the County of Halton, the family landed there after a two-months' trip. Some of the members of my father's family had settled in the Township of Derby, near Owen Sound; others had settled in the Townships of Normanby and Egremont; hence my grandfather, William Sharpe, 'took up' Lot 22, Concession 2, in the Township of Egremont in the County of Grey. My father, Dawson Sharpe, purchased Lot 19, Concession 2, from one Wil-

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MAY BE PROGRESSIVE WHIP  
J. W. Widdifield, M.P.P. for North Ontario, who will probably occupy the vacant post of Whip for the Progressives in the Ontario Legislature.

## COUNCIL MAY VOTE THEMSELVES SALARY

Matter of Remuneration Discussed at Meeting Tuesday Night, When Majority Favored Pay For Doing Town's Business.

There is a possibility that the members of the local Town Council will vote themselves salary at a time in the near future. This was the gist of a discussion that followed the application and passing of a salary of \$2.00 a meeting to the local Hydro Commission. In fact, it was this self-same question that started things moving in the salary line.

With the exception of Councillor Hunter, all the members were present, and all, with the exception of Councillor Henderson, were of the opinion that they should have at least a small remuneration for their services to the town. So far, however, nothing has been done.

The meeting on Tuesday was a belated one, and was the first regular session of the year. Though called on two former occasions, illness interfered. The report of the special committee appointed to appoint the Standing Committees of the year, was laid on the table by Reeve Bell and adopted. The committees were named as follows, the first in each case to be the chairman:

- Finance—A. Bell, O. S. Hunter, A. McClocklin.
- Board of Works—J. N. Murdock, Albert Noble, A. McClocklin.
- Property—O. S. Hunter, A. McClocklin, T. Henderson.
- Fire and Light—Albert Noble, A.D. Noble, R. McLean.
- Charity—J. N. Murdock, A. Bell, T. Henderson.
- Industrial—O. S. Hunter, A. Bell, Dr. Jamieson, E. W. Limin, J. N. Murdock, T. Henderson, son.
- Court of Revision—A. Bell, J. N.

## DURHAM LODGE I.O.O.F. INSTALLED OFFICERS

Rev. W. H. Smith, D.D.G.M., and Installing Officers Visited Durham Lodge Officially Monday Night.

The ceremony of the installation of officers of Grey Lodge No. 169, I. O. O. F., here, for the ensuing term, was held in the lodge rooms last Monday evening and was well attended. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Rev. W. H. Smith, D.D.G.M., and suite and was most impressive. Following are the officers installed:

- N.G.—R. Snell
- V.G.—G. Jucksch
- Rec.-Secy.—B. Stonehouse
- Fin. Secy.—A. C. Kinnee
- Treas.—P. Ramage
- Warden—R. Whitmore
- Conductor—C. Lauder
- O.G.—D. Ewen
- I.G.—N. McDonald
- R.S.N.G.—C. Ritchie
- L.S.N.G.—W. McDonald
- R.S.V.G.—J. Ritchie
- L.S.V.G.—A. McDonald
- R.S.S.S.—J. P. Smith
- L.S.S.—W. C. Vollett
- Chap.—A. Bell
- I.P.G.—J. McLean.

Following the installation, a banquet was served and a social hour was spent by the members.

## H. G. BRIGHAM, HANOVER, HEADS ALLOWANCE BOARD

Grey County Mothers' Allowance Board Reorganized.

At a meeting of the Grey County Mothers' Allowance Board, held at Dundalk a few days ago, the following officers were appointed for 1927: Chairman, H. G. Brigham, Hanover; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Long, Meaford; Secretary, Mrs. W. Dingwall, Hopeville. The other members of the Board are Messrs. John Mills of Hanover and A. E. Colgan, of Markdale.

## NORMANBY FARMER DIED SUDDENLY

George Lewis, Respected and Well-Known Farmer, Passed Away Suddenly Following One Week's Illness.

It was indeed a shock to many friends and acquaintances in this vicinity when the word was passed around early Monday afternoon that Mr. George Lewis, a well-known and highly esteemed farmer of Normanby Township, who lived on the 2nd Concession, near Orchard, had passed away that morning. Mr. Lewis was in his 55th year and, so far as anyone knew, was a strong, robust man with many years of life ahead of him. About six months ago he complained of not feeling well and his trouble was diagnosed by his physician as low blood pressure.

On Tuesday of last week he became worse and was forced to take to his bed, his condition showing little improvement, until the end came Monday morning.

Mr. Lewis was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis, and was born in Normanby in 1872, his parents owning a farm on the Provincial Highway a short distance south of Orchard. Twenty-eight years ago he was married to Miss Mary J. Main and after working out for a time he purchased his present farm on the 2nd of Normanby about 25 years ago, where he has resided ever since. All his life was spent in his native township, the present farm being only about five miles from the place where he was born.

Besides his widow, a family of two daughters and three sons survive: They are: Ella (Mrs. Wesley Ball), in Durham, Elton, in Bentinck, and Margaret, William, Bert, and Fred, at home, to all of whom the deep sympathy of the community goes out in their loss.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the family home to Maplewood cemetery, the service being in charge of Rev. Wallace (Continued on page 8)

## LATE THOMAS JACK WAS BORN IN DURHAM

Spent Childhood Here, But Had Not Lived in Town for Over 40 Years.—Remains Laid to Rest in Durham Cemetery Saturday Afternoon.

After an illness extending over a period of more than two years from paralysis, Mr. Thomas Jack, a native of Durham, died in the Home for Incurables, Toronto, last Thursday afternoon about 2.30. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Jack, who was 59 years of age, was born in Durham, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Jack. At the age of seventeen years, he went to Algoma and, with the exception of an occasional visit here, has not been in Durham since that time. He first went to Algoma and later to the Soo, later going west to Port Moody, B.C., where he followed his occupation as a lumberman and busman for a number of years.

Two years ago he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered and last July came to Toronto to live with his sister, Mrs. A. J. Cresswell.

Last summer he came up with Mrs. Cresswell on a visit with relatives in Bentinck, Messrs. Thomas and James McDonald and families, and the day before he was to return (Continued on page 7)

## ALLAN PARK INSTITUTE TO HOLD SOCIAL EVENING

Though Date Was Not Set, This Was Decided Upon at Meeting Held at Home of Miss Vera Reay Last Week.

The January meeting of the Allan Park Women's Institute was held last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Vera Reay, with 23 members and five visitors present.

Mrs. James Park Jr. presided. The meeting was opened with the usual exercises, after which Mrs. J. Wise read the scripture lesson. The roll call was answered by a nicker collection. Plans were made for a social evening for the members and their families.

Mrs. Ed. Bailey gave a paper entitled, "The Building of Character," which was much enjoyed by all. Mrs. Allan Wise gave a violin selection, which was much enjoyed.

Letters of thanks were read from Miss Marjory Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reay, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mather, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. G. Wise, Miss Ann McFarlane and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brigham.

The meeting was closed with the National Anthem, after which the hostess, assisted by a few of the members, served a dainty luncheon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robery Johnston on February 9.

## WHY IS IT—



## SOUTH GREY FAIR SEPT. 20 AND 21

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday in Public Library.—James Mather Is New Secretary, Succeeding the Veteran George Binnie.

At their annual meeting held here yesterday, it was decided by the members of the South Grey Agricultural Society to hold the 1927 Fall Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20 and 21.

This, we have been told, is about the only important business transacted, the rest being of a routine nature. The society this year faced a small deficit, owing to the inclement weather encountered, but with the proceeds of a recent play in the Town Hall, and half of the proceeds of the concert being put on tonight by the I.O.D.E., they will break about even, it is thought. Everything considered, this is not too bad, and with their customary optimism the Board faces the coming year full of hope for a good show, good weather, big crowds and correspondingly large gate receipts.

## Veteran Secretary Resigns

It was with regret that the meeting accepted the resignation of Mr. Geo. Binnie from the secretaryship after a service in that capacity for the past fifteen years. This is only part of Mr. Binnie's services, as he has been on the Board of the South Grey Fair for upwards of fifty years and has all these years been a faithful and energetic booster for the (Continued on page 8)

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Work of Past Year Reviewed and Financial Statement Presented.

The annual meeting of the Durham Horticultural Society was held in the I.O.D.E. rooms on Thursday evening, January 13. The attendance was rather small, considering a membership of approximately sixty. The president, Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie, was in the chair and opened the meeting with a few appropriate remarks, adding thereto as the meeting advanced.

Mrs. J. S. McIlraith reported for the Board of Directors on the work done by the society during the past year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Gilbert McKechnie; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. T. Henderson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. S. Ritchie; Secretary-Treasurer, E. F. McIlraith; Directors for 2 years—Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. T. E. Brown, Mrs. E. Kress, Mrs. J. A. Graham, and Mrs. W. J. Lawson. For 1 year—Dr. Smith, J. N. Murdock, W. G. Firth, Dr. Pickering and G. R. Padfield, Auditors, Dr. Smith and Mrs. G. Ramage.

Mrs. Henderson was elected delegate to the Ontario Horticultural Association convention in Toronto on February 10 and 11.

The financial report showed that a balance of \$8.55 had been carried over from 1925. This with the Legislative grant of \$35.00, members' subscriptions amounting to \$58.00, sale of seeds, plants, etc., amounting to \$112.84, and a federal grant of \$20 towards cleaning up the post office site, brought the receipts to \$237.79. The expenditures consisted of rent for meetings, \$2.00; spent on civic improvement, with the labor free, \$14.21; for Horticultural periodicals, \$2.00; tax on membership, \$1.70; the purchase of seeds, plants, etc., \$138.66, and miscellaneous expenditure amounting to \$58.25. There is a balance on hand amounting to \$16.97.

## KNOX CHURCH W. M. S. MET LAST WEEK

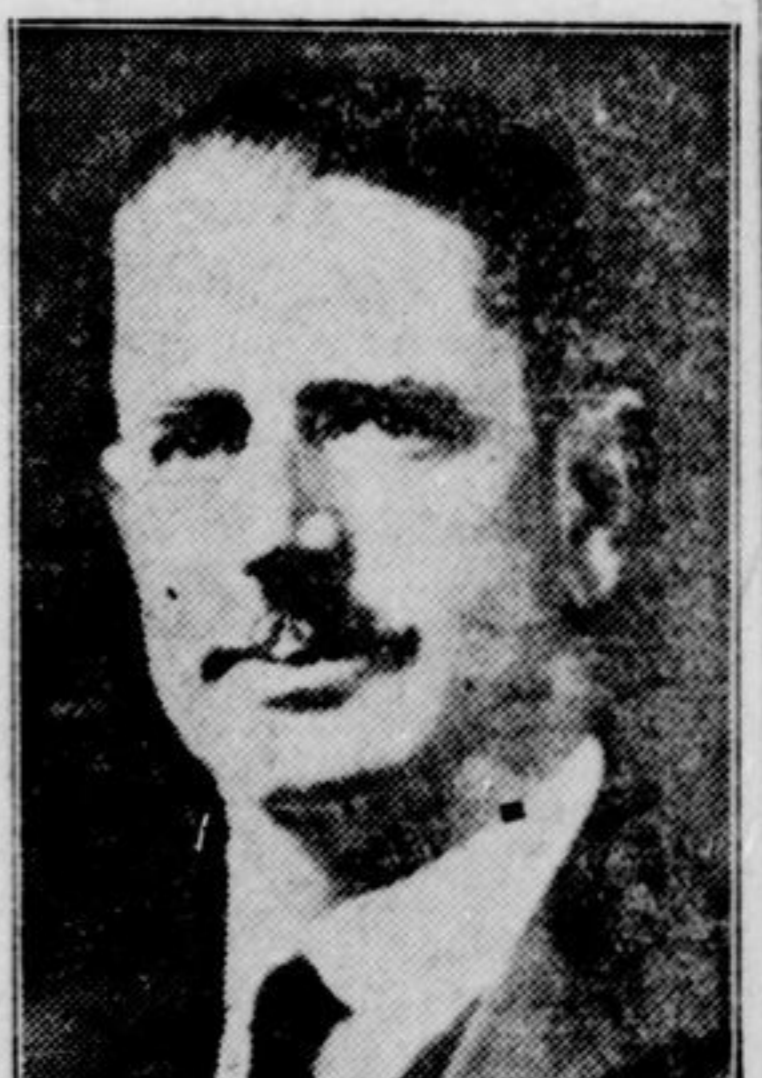
Regular Monthly Meeting Held at the Home of Mrs. Thomas McGirr.

The monthly meeting of the W.M. S. of Knox Church met at the home of Mrs. Thomas McGirr on Thursday, January 13, with a large number of ladies present.

The president, Mrs. John Bell, presided, and after the usual opening exercises in which several members took part, various items of business were discussed and a good report given by the visiting committee.

The Bible reading was taken by Mrs. A. H. Jackson, after which the topic, "Spreading the Gospel," from the Study Book, was given by Mrs. J. J. Smith. Miss Drummond then gave a sketch by Dr. Campbell on early missions in India, and Miss Belle McGirr read an account of the work from 1876 up to the present year, the Jubilee year of the work in this country, making mention of the visit of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Endicott, and of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gunn. Mrs. Gunn is bearing letters of greeting from the church to all the mission stations in India.

This very interesting meeting was closed with prayer by the president, and the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. and Miss McGirr served tea and a pleasant hour was spent.



## NEW ZEALAND PREMIER VISITS CANADA

Hon. J. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, is the second Dominion Premier to visit Canada on his way home. He is scheduled to arrive in Montreal this week.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH IS VERDICT OF JURY

Coroner's Inquest Held Here Yesterday Finds C. P. R. Not Responsible For Death of John Highley Last October.

That the death of John Highley of Toronto, who was fatally injured at T. J. Moore's crossing in Glenelg on October 25 last, was accidental, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was not in any way responsible, was the verdict of the coroner's jury here yesterday. Mrs. Highley, who was with her husband at the time of the accident, is still a patient in Durham Hospital, and while slowly recovering, was not able to appear at the inquest. As a consequence, her evidence was taken at the hospital.

The inquest was in charge of Dr. Brown of Hanover. The jurymen were: A. G. McComb, foreman, Robt. Whitmore, J. Dobney, G. Campbell, (Continued on page 5)

## BIG GAME OF YEAR HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

Paisley O. H. A. Intermediates Are Said to Be the Fastest Team in the Local Ontario Association District.—Tomorrow Night's Game Is Deciding One for Group Honors.

Tomorrow night should be the "night of nights" from a hockey standpoint, for this is the occasion on which the Paisley O. H. A. team, picked as the fastest aggregation in this district, play their first game in Durham this season.

When Durham played in Paisley the first of the season, these same lads hung it over them by a score of 4 to 3, and as they are said to have since improved considerably, as well as signing on a fast man from Port Elgin, it is more than likely that the local boys will have to go their fastest to win.

Though the Paisleyites went down to defeat at home to the Owen Sound Greys in an exhibition game, they walked right into the Seaside City arena and won a 4-1 victory, demonstrating that they are a good road team and play even better in a foreign country than on their own ice.

No matter which team wins, the spectators are sure of being handed a full sixty minutes of nice hockey when Paisley and Durham clash.

The game has been called for 7.45, fifteen minutes early, in order that the Paisley team may catch the night C. P. R. to Walkerton and return to their homes the same evening.

## Won Monday From Walkerton

Durham and Walkerton teams met here on Monday evening in a Northern League game, the locals emerging with a 6-4 victory. For a tail-ender team, the Walkertonians certainly played smart hockey during the second and third periods and for a time it looked as if the locals would be beaten.

The first period was all Durham, especially from a scoring standpoint but when the second frame opened the Bruce County boys uncorked a lot of speed, and made it even closer in the third.

The initial period ended 2-0 for Durham, the locals also getting two more in the second, while Walkerton beat McDonald once. It was the third period, however, when the best hockey of the night was handed out, the Walkertonians scoring three times and the locals twice. This period saw some real brilliant hockey, both teams forgetting a lot of the individual stuff they had been indulging in before and getting down to some smart combination.

The two prettiest goals of the night were scored by Durham in the third session. For the first, the forward line went down in a combined effort, Buschlen and Elvidge carrying the puck past the Walkerton defence, the latter passing to Buschlen when in front of the goal, the latter scoring. About three minutes afterward, the same pair duplicated, only this time it was Buschlen who passed to his teammate, who drew the Walkerton goalie out of the nets and scored. The full time score was 6-4.

It must be said, however, that the Durham team was not "on" Monday night and, we think, dished up their poorest hockey of the year. They worked hard, and it was a good game to watch, but they missed numerous chances that under ordinary conditions mean goals. For a team without a rink, the Walkerton boys surprised the crowd, and would without doubt make a much better showing in the league if Bruce County's big town would only buck up and supply their young folks with a proper rink. The line-ups:

Walkerton—Goal, J. Wetner; defence O'Malley and McCartney; centre, Raybould; wings, Walker and A. McCartney. Subs.—Trux and Anderson.

Durham—Goal, McDonald; defence Clements and Wilson; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen and Elvidge. Subs.—Rowe and Moon.

Referee—R. L. Saunders, Durham.

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## Smilin' Charlie Says



'Looks t' me like fit' time is about ripe for some enterprisin' go-getter t' open up a beauty parlor for knees.'

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A chance and use at is polluted and domestic use, when it can be had by well drilled, Weir and Pump Re-

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