

RUMORED RESIGNATION OF T. S. COOPER AS FARM YOUTH SECY

Report Reached Durham Since Last Issue That South Grey Agricultural Representative May Quit—Political Interference Given as Reason

Whether there is any truth in the report or not, there has been a rumor come to our ears that T. Stewart Cooper, South Grey District Representative of the Department of Agriculture, with headquarters at Markdale, is about to resign from the secretaryship of the South Grey Farm Youth Association, and that the announcement of his resignation might be expected almost any day.

The Farm Youth Association is, as its name plainly tells, an association which takes in the younger of our agriculturists. It is the child of the Ontario Government, was founded by them, and the various topics and programmes put on in the past few years, is planned by the Government of Ontario. The association is a non-political and non-sectarian one, and its constitution, so far as South Grey is concerned, is based on the work being carried on in other counties, notably Wellington, Elgin, Wentworth, Peel and York.

All the work of the association is under the supervision of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and each year dramatic and public speaking contests are staged in various parts of the riding. Contrary to what some people would like to suppose to believe, no one person is responsible for the movement, it is not political in any way, and we understand that the reason for Mr. Cooper's rumored resignation is that the work of the Farm Youth Association cannot prosper if any semblance of politics is to be allowed to enter.

We saw Mr. Cooper on the streets of Durham on Monday of this week, inquired him down to our sanctum, and asked him if there was any truth in the report. Like most men in his position as a representative of the Government, Mr. Cooper was non-committal. He would neither confirm nor deny; in fact he merely looked at us with that winning smile of his and said that had absolutely nothing to say.

It would be a pity, indeed, if any outside interference were to hamper the good work being performed by this association, which we understand, is well received by the young farmers of the riding, and of which, we are told Mr. Cooper has been a most efficient secretary for the past four years, ever since its inception, in fact, and we are very doubtful if the same good can be expected if politics are allowed to enter into its discussions.

When organized four years ago, Mr. Cooper was asked to take the secretaryship, and did so on the distinct understanding that the movement was to be non-political. If there has been any political interference of any kind, we can readily understand that Mr. Cooper would quickly wash his hands of the whole affair, as since coming to the riding his whole energy has been expended in furthering the work of agriculture, the least thing in his mind being the matter of politics.

We are not prepared to state definitely that the rumor is correct, but knowing South Grey as we do, and being rather familiar with a good many things around the riding, we will bet our last year's straw hat that we have made a fairly good guess when we say there is even more in it than rumor.

OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR STOCK ON ROADS

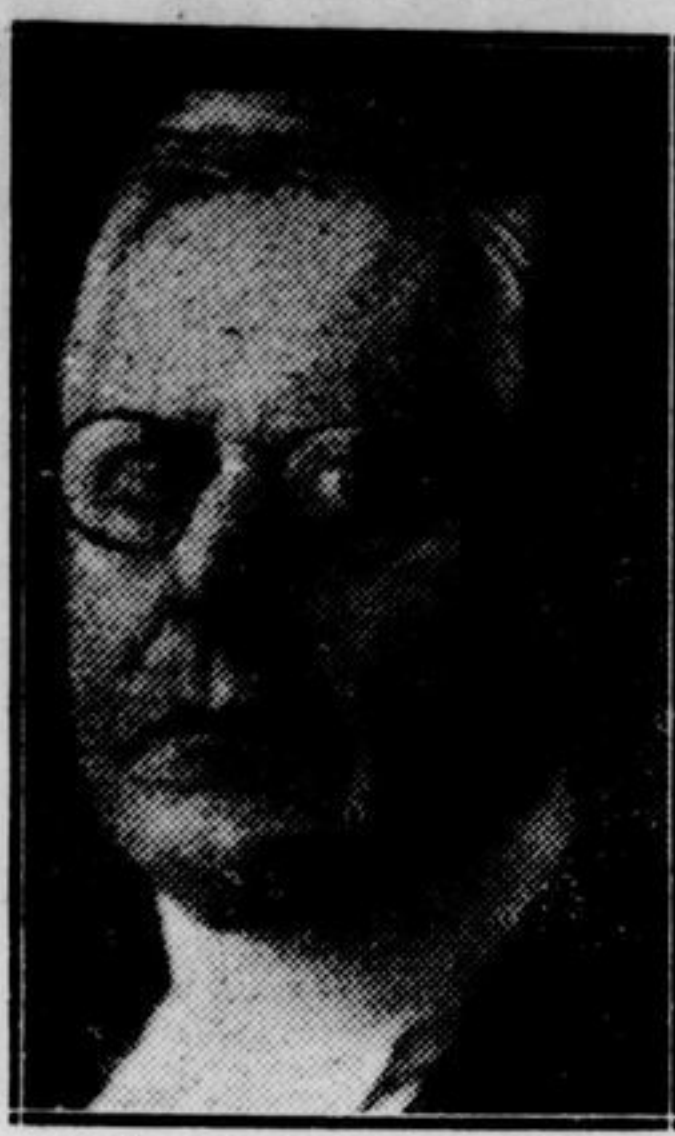
Unique Case Tried in Division Court Before Judge Owens

His Honor Judge Owens, of Bruce County, sitting in Division Court at Southampton a few days ago, heard a case which created considerable interest among a number of the residents. It was an action brought by Harold and Lloyd Buckley of a Southampton, Ont. owners of a motor car, against Dan and Archie McEwing, of Bruce township, for damages to their car, loss of time, etc., as a result of a few miles ditched near a bridge at North Bruce, south of the Elbow at North Bruce, caused by the horses of the defendants, which were running loose on the road. The case lasted some time, as Buckley's claim was for \$100, part of which was for repairs and the balance for the loss of the use of the car while undergoing the repairs and for depreciation. The defence was that the horses had broken out of the field in which they had been placed for pasture and their owners did not know they were on the road.

His Honor reserved judgment in the case, giving the defendants' solicitor a week's time in which to file a further defence. He indicated, however, that he would give judgment in favor of the plaintiffs for the full amount of their claim.

MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY BEE

Those interested in Maplewood cemetery are requested to attend the annual bee on Tuesday, June 14. Bring your baskets with you. Tea and coffee served on the grounds.



HON. JUSTICE R. R. SMITH

Who has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada to succeed Judge Idington, who has retired.

LISTOWEL HIKERS HERE NEXT WEEK

Supper Over at Durham on Trip North Next Wednesday, and Take Supper With Trinity Church Ladies at 5.30

President J. Watson of the Listowel Chamber of Commerce, who is also mayor of the town, W. P. Rennie, vice-president, and E. S. Hudson, editor of The Listowel Banner, and secretary-treasurer of the association, were in town last Saturday on a scouting trip for the annual hike of the Listowel Chamber of Commerce which this year will visit Owen Sound and intermediate points.

This hike is arranged by the chamber of commerce for the purpose of advertising Listowel, and besides approximately 250 people, the Listowel Band is also carried in towns along the route of travel.

The itinerary this year calls for the members to leave Listowel at 8 o'clock in the morning, and arrive at Mount Forest at 9, where they spend half an hour. They are to arrive in Durham at 10.15, and although the original intention was to pass us by on the morning trip, it has now been arranged that they stop here for fifteen minutes during which Listowel's fine band will render a couple of selections. It is possible that the hikers will stop at Chatsworth on the morning trip, and are due to reach Owen Sound about 11.30, where they remain all afternoon.

Returning, the party is due to arrive in Durham at 5.30, when supper will be served by the Woman's Guild of Trinity church, at which band music, and short speeches will be the chief after supper feature.

On behalf of the citizens, The Chronicle extends the Listowel Chamber of Commerce a hearty welcome, and can assure them that the "inner man" will be well looked after by the Anglican ladies, who have a most enviable reputation for the excellent qualities of the "vittles" they provide.

PROTON PIONEER DIED LAST WEEK

Late Mrs. Joseph Ferris, a Native of Quebec, Passed Away Thursday of Last Week in 80th Year.—Interment Took Place Tuesday of This Week.

There passed away at her home in Proton Township, near Swinton Park, on Thursday of last week, Mrs. Joseph Ferris, one of the oldest residents and a pioneer of that township, having lived there continuously since 1858. The late Mrs. Ferris was a woman held in the highest regard and her passing is much to be regretted. Death was the result of heart trouble.

Mrs. Ferris, whose maiden name was Isabella Stewart, was born in Megantic County, Quebec, in 1847, and came to Proton in 1858. On the 25th of October, 1881, she was married to Mr. Joseph Ferris, who, with a son, Robert, at home, and a daughter, Mrs. R. S. Parslow of Vulcan, Alberta, survive, to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Murchison of Priceville, and Mrs. S. Leflar of Rosetown, Sask.

Interment was made on Tuesday of this week in Salem cemetery, the services at the home and grave being conducted by the Rev. Mr. McCormack of the United Church at Priceville.

DANIEL MARSHALL

A quiet wedding took place in Guelpch at Chalmers' Presbyterian church on Wednesday, May 25, when Gladys, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall became the bride of Percy Daniel of Woodstock, son of Mr. and late Mrs. Thos. Daniel of Durham, Rev. J. A. MacKenzie officiating. They will reside in Woodstock.

The girls of a hundred years or more ago were pretty much as they are today, neither better nor worse. Just a matter of dress and a wider freedom.

LATE D. LIVINGSTONE BURIED MONDAY

Was Respected Resident of Bentinck All His Life, and His Death is Deeply Regretted by Many Friends, Relations and Acquaintances.

(Mulock Correspondence)
Donald Livingstone, one of the early pioneers of Bentinck township and one of the leading members of Crawford Presbyterian church entered into rest on Friday evening, May 27, 1927, at his home here, having spent all his life on the homestead where he was born almost 70 years ago. He was a man of great physical strength in his day, but of late years had been crippled with rheumatism. He was known as a righteous and God-fearing man, deeply interested in the Lord's work, and having a profound love for the word of God, meek and retiring in disposition, his unerring judgment and sound common sense made him a highly respected citizen. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Young of the United church, Crawford, who spoke from Psalm 107: 2, "So he giveth his beloved sleep". Mr. Young was assisted by Rev. Mr. Crickington of Mulock Baptist church.

Mr. Livingstone leaves to cherish his memory one sister, Miss Christina Livingstone and two brothers, Mr. Duncan Livingstone of this place and Mr. Malcolm Livingstone of Elmwood. Among the many beautiful floral tributes banked upon the casket were a pillow from sisters and brothers, wreath from United Church, Crawford, basket of flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Will Livingstone and family, London, and others.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. Arch. McDougall, James McDougall, Donald McDonald, Edward Boyce, Alex. Brown, Andrew Hastie, William Cooke and Andrew Milne. The flower bearers were Messrs. Dan McArthur and John McNally.

Interment was made Monday in the Rocky Saugeen cemetery. Friends from a distance in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. H. Livingstone of London, Miss J. L. McDonald of Hamilton, and friends from Priceville, Durham, Elmwood and Hanover.

Mr. Livingstone was the Golden Rule of life, an honest man, the noblest work of God.

NARROW ESCAPE IN WELL CAVE-IN

Paisley Man Buried Breast Deep When Soil Gives Way.—Repairing Discussed Well When the Accident Happened

James Milne narrowly escaped being buried alive at Paisley on Friday evening when an old well, which he undertook to repair, on his property at the north end of the town, caving in during the operation, burying him breast deep in soil and brick.

The well had been a deep one, but had become partly filled up with brick and soil since falling into disuse. Milne was placing the brick in a pile on the end of a rope while he was assisting him with the work pulled the pails up.

Suddenly there occurred a cave-in of light soil, left unsupported by the removal of the brick, and Milne was buried breast deep, unable to move or pull himself out.

MacDonald hurriedly summoned assistance. Boards were placed on the surface at the top of the well upon which helpers could stand without causing more of a cave-in. One at a time they relieved each other in going down to dig out the earth that imprisoned Milne until they could put a rope around his legs and release him.

The men were alarmed by Milne's dangerous position, as at any moment more earth might topple down and overwhelm him. They worked excitedly until he was brought safely to the top. The imprisoned man was the most unperturbed individual on the scene.

SULLIVAN PIONEER DIED LAST MONTH

Late William Lister Was One of the Best Known and Most Highly Respected Residents of Dornoch District.—Interment Made Monday of Last Week at Dornoch.

(Dornoch Correspondence)
One of the oldest pioneers of Sullivan township passed away on Friday, May 20, at the home of his son James, in the person of Wm. Lister who died after an illness of only a few months from pneumonia. Shortly before his death he was thought to be recovering but took a relapse and passed away about 10.30 p.m. Deceased, who was a native of Darlington, Durham County, England, was born in 1843, he being at the time of his death 84 years of age. In 1857 he came to Canada with his parents, two brothers and one sister, the journey taking between two and three months.

His father worked on the Stockton and Darlington railway and helped repair the first engine in England. He also established an iron and brass foundry of which he

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ROAD TO HANOVER IS AGAIN BLOCKED

Work of Putting Floor in County Bridge Commenced Friday Last and Detour South of Durham is Again in Use.—Traffic May Be Resumed About Middle of Month.

The Durham to Hanover road is again blocked owing to the putting in of the cement floor in the new county bridge built last summer. This work commenced last Friday, with Contractor Keyes of Kincardine on the job, and with good weather it is expected that traffic over the county-provincial roadway may be resumed about the 15th inst. If the weather turns wet and stormy, however, there is no telling when the work will be completed.

Contractor Keyes and his gang of men commenced the work last Friday and expect to have the work pretty well completed by the end of this week. Another ten days will have to elapse to allow the cement to set.

The painting of the ironwork was also commenced last Friday, the Sarnia Bridge Company having a gang at work. The ironwork is to get two coats of bridge paint and this will likely be done the end of this week, if not sooner.

There is considerable dissatisfaction over this bridge, owing to the fact that, being a county bridge, the county officials have again failed to erect the proper detour signs to turn the tourist traffic southward along Garafraxa street to the southern end of town, thence westerly for one concession and again north to the county road at Hutton Hill. To accomplish this detour signs should be erected at the Review corner, at George and Lambton streets and again at Schenk's corner.

To those acquainted with the situation this is not of much consequence, but the through traffic does not know that when they reach the blockade on the Hanover road, they have to come back to the main corner of the town to reach the detour to Hanover. As a result like last summer they are getting tangled up in the lumber yard of the Durham Furniture Company and on the side streets at the western end of the town. This is not so bad in the daytime when the populace is up and about, but is a nuisance during the night when citizens are sometimes wakened out of their sleep to put tourists right.

The country owes it to themselves, the citizens of the town and the travelling public, in cases of this kind, to detour traffic off these closed roadways and back on to the highway again, and there seems little excuse that this has not been done. The County Road Committee says it is up to Road Superintendent Johnson to look after this. Supt. Johnson says it is up to the contractor. In the meantime the public is the sufferer and the citizens of Durham are not concerned as to whose duty it is so long as it is done. To us, however, it looks that it is up to Superintendent Johnson to look after this; he is well paid by the county for looking after the roadways, and from our experience around Durham, both last summer and this, he is not attending to his duty. The Road Committee should take drastic steps and see that the proper signs are erected and these immediately.

REV. J. H. WHEALEN PREACHED FAREWELL

Rectory of Trinity Church Leaves This Week for New Charge at Courtwright.—Name of Successor Not Yet Announced.

There was an overflow congregation at Trinity Anglican church last Sunday night when Rev. J. H. Whealen, for the past four years the rector here and at St. Paul's Egremont, preached his farewell sermon, and, with Mrs. Whealen and baby Pat, leaves this week for his new parish at Courtwright.

Mr. and Mrs. Whealen came to Durham four years ago, and while there they have made many friends, not only in their own congregation, but among the members of other congregations as well. Both were active in their church work and took an active interest in many other lines of endeavor, especially in lawn bowling and other sports.

Mr. Whealen is a good preacher and there have been few in Durham who had a better message each Sunday for their congregations. Mrs. Whealen, too, has been an active worker, took a deep interest in the various women's organizations in the church, the charitable work of the town, and in the advancement of the community generally.

We regret the departure of Rev. and Mrs. Whealen from our midst, but trust that they will meet with unbounded success in their new field of labor in Lambton county. As a tribute to Mr. Whealen and to the congregation, the services at the Presbyterian church were withdrawn Sunday evening, many of that faith joining with their Anglican friends in worshipping at Trinity church.

The A. Y. P. A. presented Mrs. Whealen with a floor-lamp and the ladies of the Guild gave her a centre-piece in appreciation of her services rendered while here.

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"PIE" TRAYNOR HITS OUT

"Pie" Traynor, one of the best third basemen Pittsburg Nationals has ever had, is slamming the ball with a vengeance this season, and he is close on the heels of Farrell of New York Giants for the leadership of the National League batters.

DURHAM POST OFFICE TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Miss Macphail at Saturday Night's Meeting Said There Was No Doubt That Much Needed Building Would Be Erected During the Coming Summer.—E. J. Garland, M.P., Was Principal Speaker

There was a fairly well-filled hall last Saturday night at the meeting held under the U.F.O. auspices, and which was addressed by Miss Macphail, M. P., Farquhar Oliver, M. P. P., and E. J. Garland, M. P. of Bow River Alberta, the latter being the speaker of the evening.

Neither Miss Macphail nor Mr. Oliver spoke at very great length, the former merely giving a review of the proceedings at the recent session of the House of Commons, and the latter pointing out to the farmers their duty to stick together and work for legislation beneficial to their interests. In the course of her remarks, Miss Macphail announced that the matter of Durham's new post office was now definitely settled, that the building would be completed this coming summer, and that tenders would be called for about the first of June. Dr. Leeson of Varsity was the chairman of the meeting.

Reviewed Farmers' Movement
Mr. Garland, the member for Bow River, Alberta, was introduced as the speaker of the evening, and his address was a review of the development of the farmers' movement in Alberta from a small beginning up till the present when they practically control the politics of the Western province. He called on the farmers to stick together, get for their women folks the same labor saving machinery in the farm homes as were enjoyed in the urban centres, and paid tribute to the U.F.O. organization in South Grey, which, he said, was as well protected as they had in Alberta. The speaker contrasted the conditions in farming with those of manufacturing industry and claimed that all the farming community wanted was justice. They did not begrudge the city and town dwellers some of them for themselves.

Mr. Garland, the member for Bow of the United Farmers movement in Alberta from its beginning 23 years ago to the present day, and said that the same perfection could be had in Ontario if the farming community was sincere in the advocacy of the cause and stuck together as a unit.

MIDGET O. A. L. A. LACROSSE SCHEDULE

Durham Will Play Double Schedule With Hanover and Walkerton Teams With First Game in Durham, June 16.

The playing schedule for the midget series in the local district of the O.A.L.A. was drawn up at Hanover on Monday night, the Durham representative at the meeting being R. L. Saunders. A double schedule for the three teams interested was arranged and should give the local fans plenty of midget lacrosse for this year. Following is the schedule arranged:

June 16—Walkerton at Hanover
16—Walkerton at Durham
23—Hanover at Walkerton
July 1—Hanover at Hanover
7—Durham at Walkerton
14—Hanover at Walkerton
21—Hanover at Walkerton
27—Durham at Hanover
Aug. 4—Walkerton at Durham
11—Walkerton at Hanover
18—Hanover at Walkerton
25—Durham at Walkerton

Durham Away

July 1—At Hanover
7—At Walkerton
27—At Hanover
Aug. 25—At Walkerton
Durham at Home

June 16—With Walkerton
14—With Hanover
Aug. 4—With Walkerton
16—With Hanover

FEW CASES BEFORE COURT OF REVISION

Very Few Changes to Be Made in Assessments of Town and Court Adjourned to Next Monday Night.

The sitting of the Court of Revision for the town of Durham last Monday night was a short one, his assessment of \$600 being the only one heard. R. B. Burns appeared for Mr. McLean and after hearing the evidence the court ordered that his assessment be reduced \$50.

On the court were Mayor Murdoch, Reeve Bell and Councillors O. S. Hunter and T. Henderson.

Mr. George Ryan complained of being assessed \$100 for business tax. Assessor McIlraith said that complaints had been made to him that Mr. Ryan was conducting a livery in opposition to others in town who were similarly assessed. Mr. Ryan claimed that he owned one horse and rented this animal twice a week to the Standard Bank for their trips to Priceville during the winter months. The assessment was remitted, but it was understood that if Mr. Ryan wished to engage in business of this kind another year he would have to be assessed. The Council had no choice in the matter. The sum of \$100 was the lowest that any business could be assessed.

A letter was received from Mr. Newell Falkingham stating that his property in the western part of the town had been sold to Mr. George Lawrence, and the property was placed in his name. The property on Garafraxa street formerly owned by James Braiff was assessed against Robert Alexander, who recently purchased the property.

Harry Rimmer and his wife were entered as tenants, they now occupying a residence on Garafraxa street rented from Mr. Mervyn. The court adjourned to next Monday evening at 7.30.

NARROW ESCAPE WHEN TEAM RAN AWAY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morice Injured When Run Over by Disc Harrow Yesterday.

What might have been a serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon on the farm of Mr. Wilbert Blyth at Varny when Ted Morice, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morice of that place was run over by a disc harrow, but fortunately escaped with only a couple of cuts and some bruises.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock, and its cause is not very clear to Mr. Blyth, who was ploughing in the same field. Evidently the young lad, who is about 16 or 17 years of age, had got off the harrow for some reason and the reins fell in between the horses. In attempting to pick them up the animals took fright and ran away. The young lad was thrown under the harrow, which passed over his body, after which the horses continued their course about the field. Securing the team, Mr. Blyth took the injured boy to the residence of Doctor Leeson, where a couple of stitches were inserted in a wound in his chin, his worst injury, and he was later taken to his home, where, though bruised some, he appears little the worse of his injury.

Mr. Blyth is unable to account for the team behaving as they did, as they were very quiet animals and had never before attempted to do anything of this nature.

HIGH SCHOOL WON AND LOST AT MARKDALE

Durham girls' and boys' baseball teams went to Markdale last Friday in exhibition games with the High school teams of that village. While the local girls were successful in winning 11-7, the boys went down to defeat 4-3. Following are the local line-ups:

Girls—Mary Beaton, catcher; Blanche Murdoch, pitcher, 1st base, Erma Kellar; 2nd, Mary Brown; 3rd, Grace Baird; right s.s., Florence Macdonald; left s.s., Ellen Hay; r.f., Elizabeth Hind; l.f., Norma Gazon.
Boys—Catcher, Jack Lawson; pitcher, Seaman Havens; 1st base, Norman McIlraith; 2nd, Bill Wilson; 3rd, Raymond McGill; l.f., George Lavelle; r.f., Norman Blair; c.f., Oscar Moon.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

In the recent division court held in Durham, judgment was reserved by His Honor Judge Sutherland, in the case Preston Woodworking Machinery Company vs. W. Calder and W. A. McGowan of Durham. Judgment has since been rendered for the plaintiffs for \$200 and costs.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours. The readings were taken at 5 o'clock each evening.

	Min.	Max.
Thursday	45	60
Friday	45	60
Saturday	34	57
Sunday	39	68
Monday	48	72
Tuesday	42	54
Wednesday	36	58