

GEORGE SHIER DEAD; RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Passed Away in Durham Hospital Monday Noon From Injuries Received Wednesday Evening When Truck Turned Over on Provincial Highway.

After suffering untold agony from last Wednesday evening about 6.30 when a truck in which he was riding backed into the ditch and upset, and injured him severely, Mr. George Shier, a well-known resident of Durham for the past 38 years, passed away in Durham Hospital at 12.30 Monday afternoon.

The late Mr. Shier had been up to Annap, a short distance north-west of Owen Sound, for a load of sweet clover seed, having gone as a passenger with Mr. G. H. McMeekin of this town. They were returning home and when coming up the Rocky Saugeen hill the icy condition of the road caused the big truck to stall, and though the power never went off, the icy surface caused the wheels to slip and the truck commenced backing down the hill. The ice was encountered when possibly three quarters of the hill had been navigated, and the accident occurred a short distance from where the water trough is placed on the right-hand side going north.

When the truck commenced backing up, Mr. Shier opened the door and got out on the running-board on his side of the truck and was standing there when the vehicle upset. Immediately Mr. McMeekin, who was driving, saw that the heavily loaded truck could not be brought to a stop he endeavored to open the door on his side of the cab to see where he was going, but as he could not do this quickly enough he swerved the car, which was coming north, to his left side of the road, hoping to run it into the bank and save himself from going over the steep bank on the other side.

Mr. McMeekin does not know exactly what happened to Mr. Shier as he was too much engaged with his own work, as anyone will know who has ever attempted to back up a car even in the day-time with the rear window obscured. When he swerved his machine up against the bank, the momentum, together with the ton or so of sweet clover, caused it to jump the ditch and run a short distance up the bank, when it toppled over on its side.

Was Thrown Against Bank Just what happened to Mr. Shier will never be known accurately, but from the position of his body when he was picked up, he was evidently not struck by any part of the truck or cab, as he was lying on the bank a short distance away.

To J. S. Culp, Highway Traffic officer, who investigated the accident and interviewed Mr. Shier Friday in the hospital, the injured man stated that he thought it was the door of the cab that injured him, and was reasonably sure the truck had not crushed him when it toppled over.

At this time another truck, bound for Toronto, came along and the injured man was placed on it and a start made for Durham Hospital. This truck, too, was unable to climb the hill over the ice and the chains had to be put on, but the whole work required only a few minutes and the injured man was admitted to the hospital shortly before 7 o'clock.

An examination showed that Mr. Shier had received four broken ribs on the left side, the lung being also punctured, and his case was regarded as very serious from the first. Even with this injury his case would have been almost hopeless, but he subsequently developed intestinal paralysis, when it was known it was only a matter of time until he would pass away. His relatives in Woodham and vicinity were communicated with and came to town Monday morning, arriving here about 9.30 and the unfortunate man passed away about half-past twelve o'clock. Though suffering acutely, he was conscious to the last and knew his brothers and two sisters who had come up to see him.

Was Born in Huron Township

The deceased, who was of English descent, was born at Woodham, in Huron County, a few miles from St. Marys, on the 9th of March, 1889, and was consequently in the 65th year of his age. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Shier, and lived with his parents on their farm until 38 years ago when he came to Durham with the late George Sparling and entered the grain and produce business. For 24 years of his residence in town, Mr. Shier, who was unmarried, made his home at the Central Hotel. Following the death of Mr. Sparling some years ago the deceased retired from active business, though while living retired, he was never idle and engaged in many activities. He was a well-known and highly-regarded citizen and his tragic death is regretted by a wide circle of acquaintances.

The late Mr. Shier is survived by two brothers and five sisters: Richard, in Los Angeles, Calif.; Wesley, in business at Woodham; Misses Amanda and Sarah, Woodham; Mrs. Doupe, Blanshard Township; Mrs. Spearin, St. Marys, and Mrs. Switzer, at Rannocho.

Funeral Held Yesterday

The remains left here by motor hearse on Tuesday morning for his old home near Woodham, from where the funeral was held yesterday afternoon to the Kirkton Union cemetery. Those attending from



M. F. HEPBURN M.P.

For West Elgin, Ontario, has gone to Ottawa to confer with Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Canadian Minister of Agriculture on the subject of forming a tobacco pool for the grading and marketing of tobacco similar to the wheat pool in Western Canada.

AUTO WAS DAMAGED BY RUNAWAY TEAM

Turned Over On Its Side on Durham Main Street When Normanby Team Ran Into It.—No One Was Injured and Damage Will Be Light

A rather spectacular accident occurred at the corner of Lambton and Garafraxa streets about 5 o'clock Monday evening, and while the casualties were not serious, nobody being injured, there was considerable excitement for a few minutes while it lasted.

Mr. William Porter of Normanby, near Knox corners, was in town that afternoon with his team and when over on Countess street left them unguarded for a moment while he lifted a sack off the wagon. At the same time there was an engine on the C. P. R. tracks shunting cars and the horses, taking fright, made a bolt for home. So quickly did they get away that Mr. Porter had no chance of overtaking them and getting them under control. The animals ran along Countess street to Lambton, and turned east to Garafraxa, evidently on their way home.

At the corner of Garafraxa they were going too fast to make the corner successfully and, in making a wide circle to proceed south on the Provincial Highway, ran into a touring car coming north. The car was on its right side of the road and coming slowly, but the team ran squarely into it, upsetting the machine in front of J. & J. Hunter's store. The horses, knocked off their feet by the impact, were soon captured, and the driver of the car finally emerged from the wreck unhurt, but somewhat shaken up and badly dishevelled. The horses apparently escaped unscathed.

The car suffered most from the accident. The horses are said to have run into it broadside, striking the side with their feet as if trying to jump over it, and the fenders on both sides were badly damaged and the body badly dented. The windshield, too, was smashed and the top so badly damaged that a new one will be required.

The car, bearing license number 42-942, was the property of the Harry Horne Company, Toronto, and was driven by one of the company travellers, Mr. N. G. Good, 53 McDonald avenue, Toronto. While the accident will be a costly one for Mr. Porter, providing he has to pay for the damage, it was not so costly as it might have been supposing the car had not been there. From the manner in which the team made the corner, there is every probability that it would have crashed into the A. S. Hunter & Co. gasoline tank and have done considerably more damage to the plate glass windows, with the possibility of both horses being killed or so seriously injured that they would have had to be destroyed.

PASTMASTERS HAD CHARGE

At the regular meeting of Durham Lodge No 306, A. F. & A. M., the chairs were all taken by Past Masters of the lodge, who had charge of the session. After the close of the business meeting a light lunch, with coffee, was served, and a social couple of hours spent. There was a large number of brethren present and the seating accommodation was taxed to accommodate the crowd.

Most girls agree that it is advisable to marry a man who is economical. What they don't think so much of is the idea of being engaged to one.

here were Messrs. G. H. McMeekin, E. D. McClocklin, V. Hahn and Albert Noble. The surviving relatives have the sympathy of Durham residents in their bereavement.

SNOW IS NEEDED TO BRIGHTEN BUSINESS

Backward Winter May Save Coal Bins, But Snow is Needed if Business is Not to Suffer.

As has been remarked before in these columns, the past fall has been an ideal one from the standpoint of mild weather, but the time is now here when good sleighing is almost a necessity if business is to go ahead. There is none of us particularly anxious for a hard winter, and no doubt all have enjoyed the open fall so far, but nothing would suit this part of the country better at the present moment than a good heavy fall of snow that would make good sleighing.

The farmers at present are at a standstill. It is too late in the season to enter on any extensive programme of fall work and with no snow of any account they cannot go to the bush or do any of the work that is naturally associated with snow. While we have had a couple of snowfalls, both of them of the "blizzard" variety, there is very little of it left. The roads are bare and muddy, and with several days of severe weather the frost penetrated to quite a depth for this season of the year. The following mild weather has brought this frost out of the ground and the roads, especially the back ones, are in poor condition.

Trees Budding Out

One result of the mild weather is the budding out of the trees of certain varieties. On Tuesday George Thompson Jr. was in our office with a sprig off a Manitoba maple that was well budded out, and from looking at it one would suppose it was late spring instead of fall. From other parts of the province have come reports of raspberries having been picked, and when one considers that it is now the middle of December this is a remarkable occurrence.

No one need worry that we shall have a winterless winter. We shall have snow, and plenty of it, before May-day comes, but past experience has proven that the winters of lots of snow are the ones most profitable to this country.

GLENELG GIRL WON CARTER SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Marjorie Ritchie Secured Second Highest Marks in Grey County.—A Bright Scholar.

We extend congratulations to Miss Marjorie Ritchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ritchie, of Glenelg on being awarded the second position for the Carter scholarship in the recent examinations. Miss Ritchie, who has been at the Stratford Normal school since last September, was a former pupil at No. 3, Glenelg, attended the High school at Durham and during the past year was a student at the Owen Sound Collegiate.

This year is the fourteenth in which the Carter scholarship has been awarded, the scholarships being provided for by the will of the late J. L. Carter of Sarnia. The scholarships are awarded to the three candidates who obtained the highest marks on not more than ten papers of the June 1927 Upper school examinations in each of 24 counties or groups of counties in Ontario, and in the city of Toronto. Miss Ritchie was second in Grey county.

The value of the scholarships are: (1) To the competitor obtaining the highest aggregate of marks, \$100; (2) To the scholar ranking second, \$60; (3) To the one who came third, \$40. Vivian Stanton came first, Miss Ritchie, second and Margaret G. McKay, third in Grey county. Cheques for the amounts will be issued by the Provincial Treasurer in due course. Miss Ritchie has always been a bright scholar and during her terms in Durham High school won three medals for proficiency in Forms I, II and III.

STONE PLANT CLOSED THURSDAY FOR SEASON

Local Firm Had Record Output This Year, But Cold Weather Forced Plant to Cease Operations Last Week.

The cold weather for a few days last week closed the plant of the Durham Stone and Sand Company, and until spring, with the exception of the repair gang kept on during the winter, there will be little doing.

The plant this year had the largest season in its history and since opening last spring shipped over 7,100 cars of crushed stone, sand and turface dust to points all over Ontario.

Thursday of last week, however, owing to the continued frosty weather, the plant was forced to close down, the washing of the crushed stone not being possible with the cold weather conditions existing.

Preparations are now under way for the annual repairing of the machinery during the winter months, and while the number of men employed will not be nearly so large as when running full, there will be work, we understand, for quite a number getting the machinery in condition for next year's business.

FORMER RESIDENT CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

W. F. Dunn, Former Barrister Here, to Contest Seat for Mayor of Moose Jaw at Forthcoming Election.

A recent issue of The Moose Jaw (Sask.) Times, says that Mr. W. F. Dunn, K.C., a resident of that city, a former barrister in Durham, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw of this place will be a candidate for the mayoralty in the elections to be held soon. Commenting on the matter The Times says: "William Frederick Dunn, K.C., is a candidate for the mayoralty of the city of Moose Jaw, at the forthcoming municipal election, he having so announced to The Times-Herald newspapers on Thursday morning."

This announcement definitely places three candidates in the lists—Ex-Mayor Dunn, Alderman Edward Evans and O. R. Regan, each of whom has intimated his intention of contesting for the highest honor in the gift of the electors.

Mr. Dunn as already experienced two years of office as Mayor, he having occupied that dignified position in the years 1922 and 1923, retiring at the end of the latter year without again submitting his name to the voters of the city.

He is very well known in the city for his activities are many, and he is associated with various organizations where "service" is the keynote. He is prominently identified with the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is the chairman of directors; he is a past president of the Rotary Club, and also of the Canadian Club, in both of which he takes an active interest, while for a number of years he was chairman of the Minimum Wage Board of Saskatchewan.

Born at Tara, Bruce County, Ontario, he received his legal training at the University of Toronto, being admitted to the Ontario Bar at Toronto in the year 1902. He later practised law in Durham, Ontario, and was afterwards, in 1910, called to the Saskatchewan Bar. Since that date he has resided in this city, where from 1912 to 1916 he acted in the capacity of Police Magistrate.

TOWN HALL SOON TO BE COMPLETED

Expected It Will Be Ready For Occupancy Shortly After the New Year.—Hardwood Floor Now Being Laid in Lower Portion

Nothing definite is yet known as to when the official opening of Durham's newly-decorated hall will take place, but to use the common street vernacular of today, "it won't be long now."

The wiring was inspected and passed last week and this week the laying of a hardwood dance floor on the ground floor has been in progress and will probably be completed before this paper goes to press. This was quick work as it was only last Wednesday night that the I. O. E., who are paying for the work, J. N. Murdock got the contract and rushed it through in record time.

The improvements in the hall, as nearly everyone knows, included the re-arranging of the front part of the building, with ticket office and kitchen downstairs in one corner, while the main lower floor still remains the court room and council chamber, and will be used as well as a dance hall. The stage on the upper floor has been moved to the north end of the building, and with lighting the stage will be as well lighted as anyone could wish, with additional plugs at convenient points for the use of electrical effects when desired.

The auditorium has been enlarged considerably and we understand it is the intention to install opera chairs for the comfort of the audience to take the place of the antiquated straight-back benches hitherto in use.

The installation of the two new coal furnaces in the cellar basement, which also had to be excavated, is a decided improvement in the heating method. One furnace, a pipeless, heats the lower hall only, while the pipe furnace can be used for heating either upper or lower floors.

With the completion of the dance floor this week, we understand it is the intention of the I. O. E. to hold their annual dance some time before Christmas, the proceeds to be used in defraying part of the expense incurred by the I. O. E. in building the new stage, laying the floor and other expenditures.

Correct

A Sunday school teacher had been lecturing her class on virtue and its rewards. "Now tell me," she said, "what sort of people get the biggest crowns when they go to heaven?" "Them with the biggest heads," answered her brightest pupil.

She Was Not Sure—But!

Little Mabel, 4 years old, was laboriously scratching a pencil over a sheet of paper. "I'm writing to the Lord for a little baby sister. What's the Lord's first name?" "I'm not sure," replied her 7-year-old brother, "but the minister always calls him O Lord."



LEONARD LEHAN

Montreal ski-jumper, who will represent Canada at the Olympic skiing contests to be held in Switzerland early in the new year.

RESPECTED COUPLE FIFTY YEARS MARRIED

Well-Known Glenelg Couple Completed Half-Century of Wedded Life on Monday, and Our Travestron Scribe Describes Happy Event.

Mr. and Mrs. Clas McClocklin and your scribe and better half of this locality, along with kindred from other points, had the pleasure of attending the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Greenwood, Durham suburbs, on Monday afternoon, on the 12th of December, 1877, an Indian summer-like day, in the old Edwards home on the 6th con., Thomas Greenwood and Margaret Edwards were joined hand and heart by the Rev. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Daniel Greenwood was best man and Miss Annie Edwards, (Mrs. Hy. Moffat), was bridesmaid and the latter was present at the festive event on Monday. The greater part of their wedded life has been spent on lot 37 on the 2nd concession, until a few years ago, when they retired from the farm and bought the snug property near town. The family number six surviving, three sons and three daughters, namely, Herbert, across the road; Ernest, on the old home-stead; Rev. John Wilfrid, in Michigan; Annie (Mrs. Doug. Campbell) Maxbass, Dakota; Winnie (Mrs. Dan, Campbell) Mich., and Miss Ethel, teacher at Proton Station. There are thirteen bright grandchildren.

The success of the affair was largely tributary to the two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Herb. and Mrs. Ernest, who provided a most sumptuous dinner and a handsome 3-story wedding cake.

Mrs. Ernest Greenwood read a tenderly and happily worded address from the family, which was backed up by the presentation of three fine rugs, a purse of money and other suitable gifts. There were some happy allusions to bygone days, warm tributes were paid and the groom made a most happy reply. Music and chat filled a pleasant hour and the sun shone brightly in honor of the worthy couple, who retain their faculties well, with the exception of the weakness of advancing age. "May they celebrate their Diamond wedding" was the wish of the company and of many old neighbors and friends.

Mr. James Hastie is the latest to have a radio outfit installed. Owners of outfalls have been hearing some fine programs of late and very distinct. Gives lovers an excellent excuse for sitting up late.

Messrs. Rob. Jackson and Jim Peart were down to Guelph fat stock show last week and spent both a pleasant and profitable time. Mr. Wilbert from Greenwood is expected home from the Red Cross Hospital towards the close of the week. Dr. Carefoot of Markdale removed Mr. James Murphy's tonsils one day last week. Mr. Murphy has been a sufferer from rheumatism for some years.

We regret having to report Mrs. Sandy McDonald, of the 6th con., in very poor health. She was taken to the hospital in Toronto on Sunday last.

TRAFFIC OFFICER OFF AT END OF MONTH

Duties on Guelph-Owen Sound Highway to End December 31.—Will Spend Winter at Home

J. S. Culp, traffic officer during the past summer on the Guelph-Owen Sound highway between Arthur and the Grey County capital, has received official notice that his duties on this branch of the Ontario Provincial Highways system will cease at the end of December. This is in accordance with the usual custom of the Department, as from now on the traffic on this highway is comparatively light and it is not felt that a traffic officer will be longer required this season. Generally, after Christmas the motor traffic up in these highlands of Ontario is practically nil, as the snow is too deep for driving on any but a business trip and with the prospect of a snow-in always before.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

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HAROLD McKECHNIE PRESIDENT FOR 1928

Elected to First Position in U. F. Y. P. O. at Annual Meeting Held in Toronto Last Week.—Was President for Year Just Passed

Harold McKechnie of Durham, president of the United Farm Youth of Ontario for 1927, was re-elected to the position as head of this young farmers' association at the annual meeting held in Toronto last week. Only two years old, this branch of the U. F. O. has had a successful career under this well-known Durham boy, and his friends in town and vicinity were pleased that he was again honored with this high position.

The annual meeting of the U. F. O. was held in Toronto, at the same time, but as it has been dealt with in the daily press, there is no reason for a repetition of what took place in this paper. As anticipated it was quite a stormy session, with J. J. Morrison, E. C. Drury and Miss Macphail very much in the limelight, Miss Macphail and Morrison winning out.

During the meeting of the U. F. Y. P. O. the principal address was delivered by President McKechnie, who is reported in The Farmers' Sun as follows:

"No family, organization or country can succeed if the young people do not carry their share of the duties, as well as the joys," declared Harold McKechnie, president of the United Farm Youth of Ontario, in the course of his pithy address, representing the junior branch of the movement, before the general convention.

"Youth must carry civilization on," he continued. "The development of our farm young people through self-organization is the very life-blood of this parent body. From our ranks the future workers must come. I urge all delegates to do everything they can in their locality to interest the young in developing themselves to be useful citizens and worthy leaders of agricultural and civic life. This can best be accomplished by carefully prepared and balanced programs to meet our mental, physical and social needs."

A Successful Change

"This is but the second convention," the young president said, "that has received a message from our United Farm Youth People by one of themselves. When our organization was younger, and our young people's society in its infancy, we were well cared for by interested friends in the parent group. When they saw that we were able to labor in the family group, it was considered wise to make us partners, that we might receive fuller opportunities for development, the privilege to share the joys and pleasures of success along with the greater responsibilities attached to such a change."

"We believe the change has been good, and has caused the talent of our youth to be developed and used. The banquet this year, arranged and carried out by the youth, is proof of the truth of my words."

"The agricultural industry is not in good economic condition," proceeded Mr. McKechnie. "It needs the united work of all to lift it to the place it ought to occupy. Everyone has the privilege of not only making or marring one's own life, but also the lives of those about him, for we are, after all, dependent one on the other. It matters not whether we labor at a bench or follow the plough, or dig deep in a northern mine, co-operation must exist or we fail in the task of developing ourselves and our country. Co-operation finds a new meaning for us in these recent times. Almost every day could we speak for principle, some social or economic principle, were we not handicapped by some lack of knowledge or petty narrowness of view. Then, remove these mean and ignorant handicaps by more interest and careful study of the better things of life. May we give agriculture our very best."

The Proposed Short Course

"At this point," the speaker said, "I suggest that everyone who can arrange to attend the short course in January should endeavor to do so, as many questions of importance to our industry will be dealt with by men whose experience has meant a great deal to Canada and the world at large."

"That we are facing responsibilities is apparent from the fact that before our convention are many resolutions closely related to our general welfare. One calling our immediate attention and our most (Continued on page 5)

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