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## KILLED ON HIGHWAY WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

**Mr. J. G. Gray Died Shortly After Accident on Provincial Highway Two Miles North of Town.—Coroner's Inquest Takes Place Tomorrow Afternoon.**

An almost lifelong resident of this community was the victim in a sad and fatal accident two miles north of here last Saturday about noon when Mr. John G. Gray of Lambton street was run down by an automobile and so badly injured that he died on the way to the hospital.

From what evidence can be gleaned pending the coroner's investigation, Mr. Gray was on his way to Durham on foot after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. Vessie. He was walking on the right hand side of the road, and started to cross over to the east side, apparently to be facing all the cars going north. When he was part way across he noticed a car approaching from the south and turned back to let it through, not noticing that in the meantime a machine coming from Owen Sound was approaching from his rear going south. It is not generally known what happened, except the story given by William K. Hunton of Owen Sound, who says that Mr. Gray apparently became confused, and after starting back to get out of the road of the northbound car, changed his mind and started to run back to the west side of the road. Mr. Hunton swerved his car to the left of the roadway to miss him, but Mr. Gray stepped in the road of the car, was struck by the right fender, thrown up on to it and on to the hood, where his head came in contact with the parking light, which was torn off. Examination by the Coroner's jury and Coroner Dr. D. B. Jamieson showed that the unfortunate man had sustained a depressed fracture of the skull on the right side at the base, and this was the cause of death. There were other bruises on the face and body, but the fracture of the skull alone was sufficient to cause death.

The car driven by Mr. Hutton was occupied by himself and his brother, Jarvis Hunton, while the north bound car, which had not yet reached the spot where the accident

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## KNOX SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

**Anniversary Services Sunday Were Well Attended, and Excellent Sermons by Rev. Dr. Chown Were Features of Day.**

The anniversary services of Knox United church on Sunday last were very well attended, a crowded auditorium being present both morning and evening. The preacher of the day was the Rev. Dr. Chown, Toronto, former General Superintendent of the former Methodist church, and one of the outstanding pulpiteers of the Dominion. Though Dr. Chown is getting up in years, his sermons Sunday were most vigorously delivered and the congregations at both services were delighted with his messages.

In the evening, the service in the Queen Street church was cancelled that both congregations of the United church here might join together in worship. The sermon on this occasion was mostly a review of church union, the speaker going back as far as 1885 and giving a history of the movement until its consummation in 1925. Rev. Smith of Knox and Rev. Fiddes of the Queen Street congregations took part in the evening service, and both services were enhanced by special music by the choir.

Miss Bina M. West, founder and supreme president of the Women's Benefit Association of North America, is coming this summer to Canada. She will inspect various branches. The Dominion insurance department in 1921 granted the Women's Benefit Association a permanent license to transact business of fraternal benefit insurance in the provinces of the Dominion. Miss West was a young Michigan school teacher when she began her work. To-day her society is the largest of its kind in the world, with over 250,000 members, with 3,000 in Canada.

Mrs. John A. Stewart of Perth, Ont., was elected national president of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire at the annual meeting in Toronto. She succeeds Miss R. M. Church of Toronto, a sister of T. L. Church, M.P., who is retiring from that office after three years of work in the order.

## CEMETERY BEES CALLED FOR NEXT THURSDAY

**Both Durham and Trinity Church Cemetery Trustees Request Co-Operation of Plotholders in Annual Clean-up.**

Thursday next is to be clean-up day in two of Durham's cemeteries and it is to be hoped that those interested in these cities of the dead will take enough interest to attend.

At the Durham cemetery the bee will be held all day, and it is requested that plotholders from the country will be on hand with horses and wagons, and the townspeople with shovels, rakes and other paraphernalia, to renovate the cemetery grounds and get them into their usual good summer appearance after the long winter and spring.

The particular object of the annual bee this year is to clean up the gully or ravine that runs through the centre. This, with a little work, it is felt can be made into a real beauty spot. Horses and scrapers, wagons, etc, are needed to take care of the heavier work, and there is also plenty for the man with the rake and the hoe to keep him busy for the full ten hours.

For the past few years Durhamites have been proud of their cemetery. It has been developed into one of the prettiest and best kept in the province, and as the gully through the centre is the only "eyesore" remaining, the trustees are appealing to the plotholders to turn out for a few hours on June 14, level part of it up and make it ready for the planting of flowers. Definite plans have been made for improving this portion of the cemetery and as the plans call for considerable filling, there will be work for several teams, with shovellers to fill the wagons.

**Luncheon at Noon**

The ladies of the town and vicinity are also invited to come out and do their bit. To them will fall the duty of supplying luncheon at noon as in former years, and in order to assist them it has been arranged that their contributions in the culinary line may be left at the undertaking parlors of Reeve Bell, who is the chairman of the lunch committee and will be able to give them any further information they may desire.

**Trinity Church, Too**

Thursday, the 14th, is also the day set by the trustees of Trinity church cemetery for their annual bee, and an urgent call has been sent out to all interested to turn out as in former years and help beautify this spot where many of the old pioneers lie in their last long sleep. Though not in as good condition as the Durham cemetery, the work done here during the past few years has greatly improved its appearance, and it is felt that if sufficient numbers turn out this year very material progress can be made.

**Big Bee at Maplewood**

The annual bee for the Maplewood cemetery will be held next Tuesday, the 12th, and the trustees are hoping for a larger turnout than ever. Here they plan an all day job and lunch will be served at 12 o'clock. There is little doubt that if the plotholders take as much inerest in the cemetery as the trustees, a great deal of work will be done here next Tuesday.

The holding of these annual bees is a good thing, and if The Chronicle were consulted we would say to all to turn out and show by our presence and labors that we are behind the trustee board in their efforts to improve the different cemeteries, the condition of which reflects more on those of us who are living than those who have passed.

Turn out and help! should be the motto of everybody on the days set apart.

**Sound the Calliope**

In London recently a man was knocked down by a perambulator and injured. A newspaper suggests that if no horn is provided nursemaids should give the baby a sharp pinch at crossings.

## DUST-LAYING OIL APPLIED FRIDAY

**Streets Received Annual Coat of Dust Layer and This Nuisance Is Again Taken Care of for Time.—Cost Less This Year.**

Durham's streets received their annual application of dust-laying oil last Friday, the work being done by the same firm that had the contract last year. The oil this year cost one-half a cent less than in 1927, due no doubt to the fact that the Council let the full contract to the Municipal Spraying Company for the completed job instead of purchasing the oil independently and having the company's machine spread it.

With the elimination of the county link from the town programme this year, considerable more area was covered. In previous years the town paid for the oiling of Lambton street from the Hahn House corner to a short distance west of the overhead bridge, but this year as this is now under the jurisdiction of the county, the town had really nothing to do with it, though at the solicitation of Reeve Bell, Lambton street was oiled from the main corner east to the Registry office. Whether or not the County Council will allow anything for this we do not know, but they should.

With the use of the proper oiling machine the past two years considerably more roadway can be gone over than when the old water cart was improvised and as a result the greater number of the streets in the town have at least received some attention.

Street oiling is expensive, the cost of last Friday's programme running around $1,100.00, but is an expense that must be met. There is some dissatisfaction, we believe, with the manner in which some of the streets have been oiled, but the only remedy is to buy more oil, and this costs money. Perhaps it would be well another year for the residents of the town to approach the Council in deputations and express their views. It makes little difference to the Council, and if they but had the opinions of the citizens of the differnt streets in town and the general concensus of opinion approved the thorough oiling of all the streets, then there would be but one thing to do—purchase more oil.

Whatever may be said of the Council, they must be given credit for having made a fairly good job with the oil at their disposal and distributed it over as wide an area as it could be expected to cover. No doubt in their programme of street oiling the Council was guided by economy, but if the citizens would make it plain that all the streets of Durham should be thoroughly oiled, then there would be nothing for the Council to do but acquiesce, order a double supply of oil, and make a one hundred per cent job of it.

## YOUNG MAN KILLED ON HAMILTON HIGHWAY

**Son of Former Resident Here Met Death Last Friday When Car Collided With Another and Went Into Ditch.**

On Friday morning last week about 1 o'clock, George Wright, aged 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Hamilton, a former resident of this town, and a nephew of Mrs. John Bryon of Durham, was instantly killed when a car in which he was riding ran into another car and, swerving from the highway, ran into the ditch and upset.

A dispatch from Hamilton to the Toronto papers states that the car was travelling from Hamilton to the Brant Inn at Burlington, but information received at The Chronicle office says that Mr. Wright was walking along the roadway returning to his home when he was overtaken apparently by two young men whom he knew and given a lift. It was while in their car and proceeding to Hamilton that the accident occurred. The other members of the party, William Drake and Alex. Aitcheson, both of Hamilton, wer also injured, the former critically.

Following the accident the young men were taken to Hamilton where Mr. Wright was pronounced dead and the other two had their injuries attended. When the car went in the ditch Wright was thrown through the windshield, and it is thought he died instantly, his neck having been broken.

The funeral of the unfortunate young man was held Monday afternoon from the family home, 63 Ottawa street South. Mr. J. Bryon, Owen Sound, and his mother, Mrs. Bryon of this place were in attendance at the funeral, which was largely attended.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright will be remembered here by the older residents, as the former, with his father, the late S. Wright, conducted a brickyard here for some years, while the younger Mr. Wright owned and operated the brickyard at Proton Station for several years before removing to Hamilton where he purchased a large brickmaking plant there.

We tender our sympathy to the stricken parents in their sudden bereavement.

Opportunity knocks—and unfortunately she has a large number of imitators.

## DIED THURSDAY FROM PARALYTIC STROKE

**Late Mrs. Thomas C. Morton Had Been Resident of Durham for Past 49 Years and was Most Respected Citizen.—Many Attended Funeral Last Saturday Afternoon.**

Last week we reported the serious illness of Mrs. Thomas C. Morton, an esteemed resident of this vicinity for the past half century, who was seized with a paralytic stroke while returning from Owen Sound the pervious Saturday. From the first little hope was held by the family that she could recover and on Thursday evening the last summons came and she passed away without regainig consciousness.

The late Mrs. Morton was one of our best known citizens and her passing is a matter of regret. Of a sociable and kindly disposition, she was perhaps better known in the homes of the town where trouble or sickness was prevalent, and especially in her own neighborhood none of her neighbors needed assistance in time of sickness that was not forthcoming. A woman of great vigor, she was on her feet, it might be said, until the last, and during the day on which she was taken ill had attended to her own housework in anticipation of the visit of her aunt, Mrs. Nelson, of Owen Sound, who was with her in the car when seized with her last illness.

The late Mrs. Morton, whose maiden name was Susan Smith, was in her 76th year, having been born in Eramosa Township in 1853. Here she grew to womanhood, and on the 14th of September, 1877, was married to her now sorrowing husband, the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day having been celebrated last September. The marriage was performed in the Paisley street Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton lived in Guelph for two years after their marriage and in 1879 came to Durham, where they have resided almost continuously ever since with the exception of two years spent in North Dakota over 40 years ago.

The funeral was held from the

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## BARN WAS BURNED; RESIDENCE ESCAPED

**Early Afternoon Fire Thursday Broke Out Again About Five o'Clock and Firemen Had Two Runs to One Fire.**

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Murdock had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Thursday last caused by sparks from the burning barn igniting the roof in several places, but the presence of the local brigade with the chemical engine prevented the flames spreading and saved the building.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when a small barn on the premises was seen to be on fire. An alarm was turned in and the fire brigade made a good run with the motor fire truck, but the blaze had apparently been extinguished before their arrival and they went back to the fire hall.

About five o'clock the barn was again discovered to be on fire and another alarm turned in, but when the firemen arrived on the scene this time the building was doomed and attention was directed to saving the house. The roof of the dwelling was on fire in several places, but made no headway with the fire brigade on the scene, though the barn was totally destroyed.

In the destruction of the barn we understand Mr. Murdock lost a pig in the flames, but this was the only casualty. Mr. Dan McCallum had part of the barn rented for a garage and had his car stored inside, but this was run out by some of the neighbors and saved. The fire is supposed to have been caused by children playing with matches. We have not been told the amount of the loss but understand it was partly covered by insurance.

## CHILD ESCAPED INJURY WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

**Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Aljoe Ran in Front of Car, But Was Not Seriously Injured.**

While playing with some of his little chums near his home on Garafraxa street last Thursday afternoon, a little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Aljoe ran out into the roadway in the pathway of a car driven by Mrs. Seth Trafford, and as a result was knocked down and somewhat bruised, though not seriously injured.

Luckily Mrs. Trafford was proceeding slowly along the street, and when she saw the little fellow rush out on the roadway did all in her power to prevent the accident. Had she been driving faster or had lost her presence of mind when the moment for action came there is little doubt that the child would have been much more seriously injured.

**Played Tie Game**

The softball game between the Clerks and the Stone Plant Tuesday evening resulted in a tie, 20-20.

Hon. Georgiana Curzon, only daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Curzon and a granddaughter of Earl Howe, was one of the most beautiful girls presented at the recent royal court in Buckingham palace.

## LIBERALS STAY OUT OF FIGHT IN BRUCE

**Decide to Leave Contest to Farmers and Conservatives.**

Liberals of South Bruce, at a convention held at Riversdale, Saturday, decided not to nominate a candidate for the provincial by-election in this riding on June 27.

Many delegates opposed the entry of a Liberal candidate in view of the fact that there is likely to be but one more session of the Legislature before the next provincial election.

G. S. Schwindt, of Walkerton, presided. The chief speaker was Hon. Nelson Parliament, Liberal organizer for Ontario.

The decision of the Liberals not to place a candidate in the field has prevented a triangular contest. The fight is now between F. G. Moffatt, Conservative, and M. A. McCallum, Progressive, both farmers. McCallum, the successful candidate in the provincial campaign of December 1926, was unseated by judgment of an election court arising from the payment by the Progressives and Prohibitionists of the $1,250 election expenses of J. G. Anderson, Liberal, as an inducement to have Anderson withdraw from the campaign in order to avoid a three-cornered contest on the prohibition issue.

The South Bruce Liberal Association elected the following officers President, George S. Schwindt, of Walkerton; vice-president, Thomas H. Wilson, of Walkerton; secretary, J. A. Johnston, Mildmay; treasurer Kenneth McKenzie, Teeswater.

## PROF. J. B. REYNOLDS RELINQUISHES POST

**Resignation of Agricultural College Head "Tentatively Accepted."—Retention in Advisory Capacity Hoped for by Hon. J. S. Martin.**

Prof. J. B. Reynolds, M.A., president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for the past eight years, has sent his resignation to Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture. His successor has not been named, but the resignation has been "tentatively accepted" the Minister said, when communicated with at his home in Port Dover.

"Our desire is to retain him, in an advisory capacity," Hon. Mr. Martin explained, but declined to comment further on the matter.

A rumor that President Reynolds intended to retire soon has been current at Guelph for some days, but without confirmation or denial from himself.

The Government has been urged during the last few months by the O.A.C. Alumni and other interested bodies, to create a Board of Governors, which would nave charge of general administration at the college, and if the proposal is to be approved, it is assumed that inauguration of the plan will be coincident with the change in the presidency.

Dr. Reynolds, who is a native of Durham, and taught school in that county, first joined the O.A.C. staff in 1893, remaining until 1915, when he accepted the presidency of Manitoba College. In 1920 he succeeded Dr. George C. Creeiman as president at Guelph.

**WON PROFICIENCY PRIZE**

The thirty-fourth graduation exercises of St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, were held Monday last in Columbus Hall, when 36 nurses received diplomas, medals and scholarships. The nurses, in uniform, made a pleasing picture against a background of flowers, according to the Toronto Telegram. Archbishop McNeil delivered the opening address.

Amongst those noticed in the exercises of interest to readers of The Chronicle, was Miss Catherine (Katie) McAuliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. McAuliffe of Durham, who won the prize given by Dr. George Wilson for neatness and proficiency in record keeping.

We congratulate Miss McAuliffe, who entered St. Michael's Hospital eighteen months ago.

## 82 YEARS OLD; TAKES TRIP IN AIRPLANE

**Mr. Thomas Davis of Town Went Sky Writing Last May 24, and Enjoyed Every Minute of Flight.**

Durham has many notables scattered all over the world, but the latest addition to our list is Mr. Thomas Davis, formerly of Glenelg Township, who, though 82 years of age, last 24th of May took a flight over Toronto and Lake Ontario in an airplane. And what's more, he really enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis spent the winter with their daughter, Mrs. W. G. Caines at Parkhill, and it was while returning to Durham and visiting their other daughters in Toronto that Mr. Davis made his flight. The incident created no little interest around Dufferin street airdrome when it was known that his young fellow of 82 was about to "go up in the air", but it created more when the flight was over, when this octogenarian stepped gaily out of the machine and without a quiver announced rather positively that he liked the trip and felt a great deal safer in an airplane 3,000 feet up than motoring about on the city streets below.

Describing the flight to The Chronicle, Mr. H. Gardiner, who made the flight in the same machine, said that Mr. Davis showed extreme coolness when flying, and never for a moment lost interest in what was going on around (or below) him. The plane used was the property of the Toronto Airways Company, piloted by Capt. C. Evans, and took off from the Dufferin street airdrome and the party spent over half an hour in the air, flying at an altitude of about 3,000 feet over Toronto and Lake Ontario.

We have in our office a photo taken immediately after the flight, picturing Mr. Davis standing in front of the machine, with Capt. Evans at the controls.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis returned to town last week and are at present visiting with their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Moffat. They expect shortly to take up housekeeping in town, but are at present unsettled, having disposed of their farm in Glenelg a couple of years ago.

After this was written, and just before we closed our forms, Mr. Davis walked into our sanctum and sat down. Speaking to him about his trip, we asked, "And were you not scared when you were up so high?"

"Scared!" he replied, "Not much, and I have just about made up my mind to buy one of the things. I'm getting too old to jump out of the way of automobiles down here, and I think if I had one of those air machines I could enjoy a trip without wondering who was going to run into me!"

Mr. Davis is said to be the oldest man who ever made an air flight in Toronto.

**WON HIS M. A. DEGREE**

We tender our congratulations to Mr. Ward Koch of this town who, according to the announcement of the recent examination results at Toronto University, was successful in securing his M. A. degree. The announcement was made in Tuesday's dailies. Mr. Koch is a brilliant student, and is at present with the Dominion laboratory of Plant Pathology at St. Catharines.

## DURHAM COUPLE 35 YEARS MARRIED

**Mr. and Mrs. David Adlam of Countess Street Enjoyed Company of Family and Friends Last Thursday Evening.**

Mr. and Mrs. David Adlam celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day on the 31st of May, and in honor of the event the family and eleven grandchildren and near relatives assembled at the home to wish them much happiness and give expression to their kindly feelings.

The marriage took place at North Vickers in the year 1893, the bride being Miss Mary Ann Bailey. The solemn vows were administered by the Rev. Mr. Goldberg of Hanover.

After the marriage the happy couple made their home on a farm a mile and a quarter north of Allan Park, where they resided for fourteen years, later moving to Pleasant View Farm on the Durham road,

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**TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK**

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceeding 24 hours

| | 8 am. | Max. | Min. |
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| Thursday | 46 | 70 | 38 |
| Friady | 47 | 74 | 37 |
| Saturday | 46 | 68 | 42 |
| Sunday | 40 | 61 | 32 |
| Monday | 53 | 65 | 38 |
| Tuesday | 54 | 64 | 46 |
| Wednesday | 54 | 62 | 51 |

**The Weather**

The past week has been somewhat variable, ranging from quite warm the first of the month, and getting cooler for the first two days of the week. This Wednesday the weather is warming up again. The rain for the week fell on Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday the fall was fairly heavy, being .20 or one-fifth of an inch. Tuesday the fall was .09 and yesterday there was a fairly steady drizzle all day and precipitation of .15 inches.