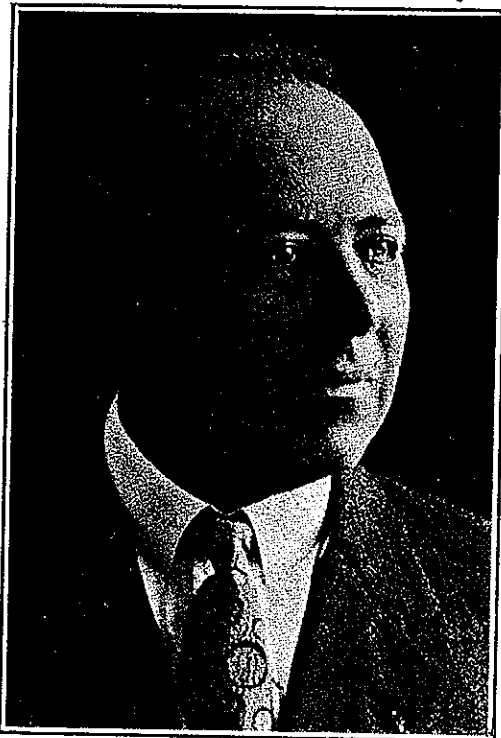


URIAH WESLEY CHRISTIE

Uriah Wesley Christie was born at Orangeville in 1873, and died on Thursday, 10th March, 1932. He was the son of Robert Christie of Chesley. He was educated in the Walkerton High School, later graduating from the Owen Sound Collegiate. After taking a Normal School course he taught Public School at Maple Hill, and later at Oxford Centre, near Woodstock. He then took a Civil Engineering course at the School of Practical Science, Toronto, graduating in 1906, and was appointed an O.L.S. on the 1st March, 1905.



He then entered the service of the Dominion Lands Surveys Branch, of Ottawa, and was engaged in Geodetic and Land Surveys in various parts of the West.

In 1914 he entered into partnership with C. R. Wheelock. In 1925, after the death of Mr. Wheelock, Mr. Christie was appointed County Engineer and Good Roads Superintendent of Dufferin County. In this dual capacity he gave the County splendid service, in planning, supervising and developing the present system of Good Roads. His ability as a Land Surveyor was recognized far beyond the boundaries of Dufferin County and at one time or another he did work for a number of the neighboring Municipalities of Peel, Dufferin, Simcoe and Grey. Conscientious and hard working, he had come to be regarded as a wise counselor and a thoroughly competent Engineer in the construction of modern roads and bridges, and the working out of drainage projects. His unfailing courtesy and good nature made him an easy man to work with, and he was held in genuine affection and respect by his office associates in the County buildings, members of the County Council, and the many road and

bridge overseers with whom he worked. His reports to the County Council were always models of neatness and accuracy and conveyed full information as to the cost and purpose of any project in hand. One of his latest engineering works was the Black bridge, a particularly fine concrete structure spanning the Grand River a short distance north of Grand Valley.

He entered into partnership with J. H. Beatty, O.L.S., in January, 1928, continuing the partnership until his death.

By his townfolk of Orangeville he was held in the highest regard as a citizen and a man whose removal spells a distinct loss to the town. Modest and unassuming he did many kindly acts in a quiet, unostentatious way, and was at all times fully conscious of his duties and responsibilities as a citizen. He was a valued member of St. Mark's Anglican Church and a Conservative in politics. He was a member of Court Equity, Independent Order of Foresters, and had filled the office of Chief Ranger in 1930 and 1931. His loss is mourned by a devoted wife, formerly Miss Reba Machon, of Woodstock, six brothers and two sisters. The latter are: William, of Prince Albert, Sask.; George, a farmer near Chesley; Mrs. William and Robert, of Henribourg, Sask.; Mrs. Wallace Thompson, Chesley; John, Mooresburg, Ont.; Samuel, of Edmonton, Alta.; and Nelson, of Windsor.

He was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Rev. H. A. West-McMaster officiating. The Church was thronged to the doors. A large number of floral tributes conveyed their mute message of sympathy and esteem. The genial, and regular attendant, Mr. Christie, will also be missed at our Annual Meetings.
