SUCCESS OF ONTARIO MERCHANTS BASED ON EXPERIENCE; INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHARACTERISTIC OF BUSINESS BUILDERS

No Town Can Succeed Unless It Has Among Its Business Men, Men of Not Ability Alone, But Optimistic Faith in the Future of Their Community and a Willingness to Work For Its Advancement—Ontario Possesses That Type of Men.

HERBERT L. TUNNY.

Toronto, the seat of government of the Dominion of Canada, on the mighty St. Lawrence river, and the principal city of Britain's greatest province, was where Herbert H. Tunny, the senior member of the firm of three that owns the Ontario Meat & Grocery Co. store, was born February 21, 1884.

Shortly after going through school, Mr. Tunny and his older brother purchased a meat and provision store in Toronto, in which business

H. H. TUNNY

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he was engaged until 1907, when his health broke down, and most of the next four years time was mainly a fight to live. In 1907 he went directly from Toronto to Butte, Mont., weakened and discouraged, but, under the influence of the bracing mountain air, he gradually commenced to mend. After regaining his health, his first business venture was at Boise, Idaho, where, in 1911, he bought out a meat market. Soon after his arrival there, however, he met a Pennsylvania girl by the name of Ellen McGovern, a nurse in the Boise hospital, and it was she who became Mrs. Herbert Tunny on November 4, 1912. The spring following their marriage they moved from Boise to Ontario, bought the City Meat Market and rechristened it the "Oregon Packing Co." The growth of the business has been substantial.

Besides owning a third interest in the store, Mr. Tunny has a 20-acre ranch a mile and a half south of town where in the past seven years he has bred some of the best Chester White hogs in the West, together with a herd of Short Horn cattle, a number of which have been prize winners at the big shows. He has also participated actively in city and county affairs. Two weeks ago he was chosen vice-president of the Ontario Commercial club, which, together with his duties as president of the Malheur County Fair Association, shows how he is regarded by the people of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Tunny own a cozy bungalow on the corner of Richardson and Fifth avenue, S. They have one child, a daughter, Miss Catherine, age 6.

Mr. Tunny has several hobbies. One is love for the racing game, for, since coming to Ontario, he has developed a number of speedy running horses which have broken records at the Malheur County Fair and the Twin Falls Fair at Fifer, Idaho. This is a recently acquired hobby, for as a youngster he followed the squared circle, and was one of the best amateur puck chasers in the Upper Canadian country, and later a professional hockey player in that region where hockey is played to perfection. Those who know that game know the speed and skill that game developes.

OSCAR H. GRAHAM.

Barely 31 years of age, and yet by pluck, "pep" and brains winning the confidence of the business firm with which he is connected to such an extent that for seven of the eleven years he has been with the firm he has been entrusted with the management of branch establishments in the Snake river valley, is the career of Oscar H. Graham, manager of the Golden Rule Store in Ontario.

O. H. GRAHAM

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Mr. Graham has always lived in the Pacific Northwest, seeing the light of day first at Port Angeles, Wash., in July, 1889. His boyhood days spent in the Washington town were typical of the average, happy, care-free American youth. He was only 18 years old when he graduated from the Port Angeles high school in the spring of 1907. On August 28 of that year of the last financial panic, he purchased a confectionery store there and continued in that business for two years, when being offered a position by the Golden Rule people at their main store in Boise, Idaho, he sold out and left for that city in the fall of 1909. When a branch store was established at Payette in 1913, he was sent there to manage it. For five years he remained in Payette, building the business up so successfully that it is considered by the firm as one of its best stores. Mr. Gilkerson, manager of the Golden Rule Store at New Plymouth resigning in 1918, to engage in war work for the Y. M. C. A. in France, Mr. Graham was sent there to take charge.

It was April 5, 1919, that the Ontario Golden Rule Store opening day occurred, not quite a year ago. The growth of the business during those eleven months has been nothing short of marvelous, Mr. Graham asserts.

Mr. Graham was married to Miss Laura Polhamus of Port Angeles, Wash., at the home of her parents in August, 1912. They have one child, a son. For diversion from business cares Mr. Graham spends several days annually hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Payette Gun and Reel Club during the five years he was in that city. He is also a great lover of the game of tennis and is quite an expert.

LARUE BLACKABY.

Malheur county has always been the home of Larue Blackaby, proprietor of the Blackaby jewelry store, and son of President J. R. Blackaby of the Ontario National Bank.

Mr. Blackaby was born in Jordan Valley, in this county, on June 6, 1895. His parents moved from Jordan Valley to Ontario when he was but ten years old and here he has since lived. Graduating from the Ontario High School in the fall of 1913, he entered the University of Oregon in the fall of that year, obtaining his degree along with the rest of the members of the class of '18 four years later. For a short period during the early summer of 1918 he was employed at the Ontario National bank, enlisting in the army in July of that year, and was discharged from the officers' training school in artillery at Camp Taylor, Ky., in December. He purchased the jewelry business of W. W. Letson in April, 1919, whose store was then in the room now occupied by the Blue Bird

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cafe. At once he added extensively to the stock, and moved into his present excellent quarters last October His is the only jewelry store in Malheur county, and is rated as one of the very best in the Great Snake river valley.

Payette, Idaho, was where the most momentous period in Mr. Blackaby's life occurred, on April 9, 1919, his marriage to Miss Freddie Jimerson of that city taking place on that day. Mrs. Blackaby also understands the jewelry business thoroughly, having been employed in the Rautenkranz jewelry store at Payette for four years.

"Yes, I like to fish and hunt," Mr. Blackaby said. "I usually go every summer to Payette lake in the mountains, 125 miles from Ontario, where there is always good fishing. We were there for a few weeks last summer, and we hope our plans will so materialize that we will be able to get away this season. There is excellent game hunting in the Payette Lake section, too."

It did not take Mr. Blackaby long to become interested in public affairs afterf he started into business in On- after he started into business in On- of the Commercial club and has taken an active part in the good roads movement and other matters of public interest. At the present time he is anxious to see Ontario represented by a real base ball team, and the city will, if he can help make this a reality.

Mr. Blackaby was one of the first to enter the Ontario Home Building campaign last fall, and they expect soon to live in one of the finest little bungalows in the city.

JOSEPH R. FORTIER.

The extreme northern part of Minnesota, the land of severely cold, long winters, where often the temperature lingers around the 40 degrees below zero mark for days, was the section in which Joseph R. Fortier, a part owner of the Rader Bros.' store in Ontario, was born and where he lived until he was 29 years of age.

A pioneer farm, near Crookston, Minn., was the scene of Mr. Fortier's birth, which took place on April 5, 1876. Eighteen years he spent with his parents on the farm, when, in the summer of 1894, he started working in a general store at Crookston. He remained in the employment of that merchant until 1905, marrying in the

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meantime, Miss Victoria Paul at Red Lake Falls, Minn., on Aug. 14 1902 In '05, Mr. and Mrs. Fortier and their baby boy left Crookston for Seattle, where Mr. Fortier had employment in the Frederick-Nelson great department store of that city for three years. Then the family moved to Pullman, Wash., the management of a dry goods department in the Whitman-Wagner store there being his occupation for the next few years. Following 1913, various cities in the Willamette valley in Oregon were the scene of Mr. Fortier's activities during the next five years, having charge of different stores, Albany being the last Willamette city in which he lived before moving his family to Ontario in the spring of 1915. Shortly after his arrival here he bought an interest in the store, and, of course, has had charge of the dry goods department, doing the buying, etc. Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Fortier and two sons are delighted with Ontario and this superb section. They began erecting a handsome, modern home on Second street, S. W., recently, and by midsummer they expect to occupy it, looking forward to the years they hope to live to enjoy it with the keenest pleasure.

Mr. Fortier possesses no hobbies these days, other than a pasion for motoring, if that may be termed one. Last year during buying week in Portland the family drove to that city, and afterwards spent several weeks visiting Yakima valley friends. But like most men whose boyhood days were spent in one of the Middle states, Mr. Fortier will never froget how that vast prairie land was years ago the home of millions of flocks of prairie chickens. "When I was a boy back on the old farm in Minnesota," he said, "I was a good shot, and I used to get my share of the prairie chickens every fall. I always shot them on the fly, too."

THE MISSES TURNER ENTERTAIN

The Misses Bessie and Joyce Turner entertained the members of the S. W. Class at the United Presbyterian Sunday School at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner Monday evening. It was a real Irish event, tho not exactly according to tradition, for the opening event was a track meet between the green and Orange, in which the later won by a half point. It was no Donneybrook fair, however, for no heads were broken and a hilarious time was had when the green and orange refreshments were served.

TO HAVE EASTER SALE

The members of the Catholic Ladies' club met this week at the home of Mrs. D. F. Conway to work on plans for an Easter food and apron sale which will be held the Saturday preceding Easter.

FOR SALE by owner 80 acres in Big Bend Oregon. Will cut about 160 tons alfalfa, nearly all of balance can be farmed this season. Terms Price $11,000. Address Box 352, Vale Oregon. 276—15-17

Fifer's $1.00 Table d'Hote Sunday Dinner

SERVED 5 P. M. TO 8 P. M.

COCKTAIL

Grape Fruit and Maraschine Cocktail

SOUP

Chicken a la Printaniere — Consomme de Volaille

RELISH

Mammoth Ripe Olives — California Celery Hearts

FISH

Sardines au Parmesan

ENTREES

Roast Young Oregon Turkey with Chestnut Dressing and Cranberry Tarts

Grilled Chicken Cutlets with Sauce Supreme

Roast Suckling Pig. Candied Yams

SALAD

Combination Salad

Browned Potatoes en Glace — Creamed French Peas

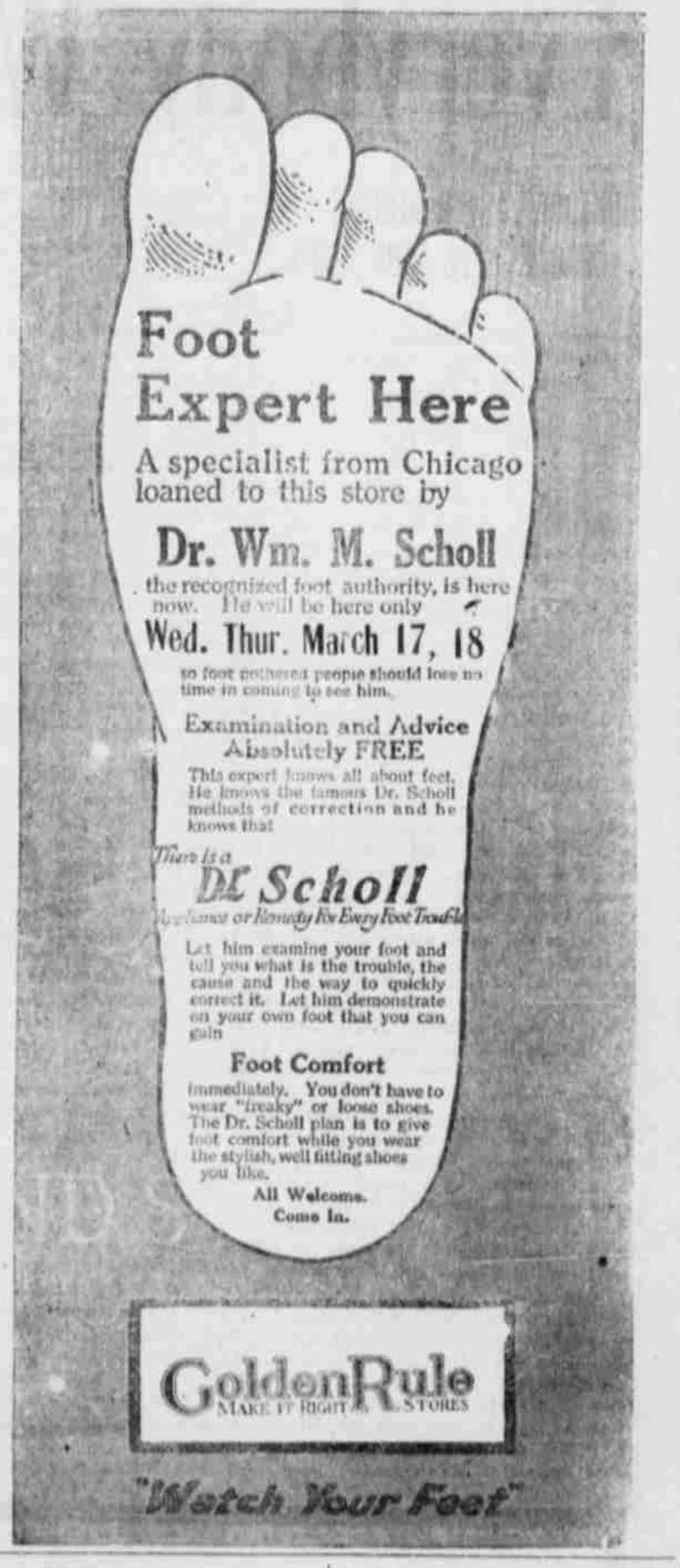
Parkerhouse Rolls

American Cream Cheese — Bent's Water Crackers

DESSERTS

Vanilla Ice Cream, Marble Cake — Lemon Meringue Pie

DRINKS

Coffee — Green Tea — Black Tea — Milk

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