BOWMAN, Aden

Aden Bowman was born in Yale, Michigan, on February 3, 1888. He came to Canada in 1906, at the age of 18, to help an uncle on his farm in the Guernsey, Saskatchewan area. Later that same year, he came to Saskatoon and filed for a homestead on land near Plenty, Saskatchewan.

On March 1, 1907, after working at various jobs for the winter, he bought a small bicycle repair shop on 20th Street. His brother, Irvin, joined him soon after, and the business became Bowman Brothers. In addition to repairing bicycles, they sold them, and their business branched out to livery and bicycle rentals, and later automobile and motorcycle parts.

In 1908, Mr. Bowman became a naturalized citizen. He married Lillian Fern Bigham the same year.

By 1913, two more Bowman brothers had moved to Saskatoon and joined the business, and

Bowman Brothers Limited was incorporated, with Aden Bowman as President. They built a new building on the corner of 3rd Avenue and 24th Street, specializing in wholesale auto parts, household appliances and machine shop services.

Mr. Bowman was not only involved in the business community, but was also active in a number of civic causes. He served on Saskatoon's City Council as an Alderman for 12 years; was a member and Chairman of the High School Board for many years; as well as an active member of the Kiwanis Club. He was a supporter of the Progressive Conservative Party, however, never took an active role in provincial or federal politics. He was a member of the United Church.

In 1957, the Collegiate Board named the new high school on Clarence Avenue and Taylor Street in his honour.

Mr. Bowman passed away on May 17, 1957, leaving his wife, Alderman Lillian Bowman, three sons and a daughter. His grave is located in the flat marker section of Woodlawn Cemetery.