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EDWARD SEYMOUR SHAW M.B.E. 1895 - 1968

"If you cannot agree - you can at least agree to disagree without being disagreeable" were words often expressed by Edward Seymour Shaw and are typical of the man.

Edward Seymour Shaw, known as Seymour, was born at the Anglican Rectory at Marulan in 1895 the fourth child of the Reverend A. Rutherford Shaw and Mary Emellia Shaw. He had an older sister Edna, who became well known as Matron Shaw, O.B.E., Matron of Crown Street Women's Hospital, two older brothers Fred and Arthur and younger brother and sister Harold and Ella.

His father served many years as an Anglican Minister at Marulan and was transferred firstly to Gundagai and then Gunning. Seymour's early schooling was in these areas. The family moved to Sydney in 1911 and he finished his education at Sydney C. of E. Grammar School. His first job was with an Insurance Company.

In 1915 he joined the AIF as a member of the Army Service Corps and twice volunteered for overseas duty but was kept in Australia until his discharge in 1919.

In 1919 he went in a real estate partnership in Cronulla and was later joined in this venture by his brother Fred.

Sydney remained the centre of his commercial activities but he had developed an inherent love of the Australian country side. His memories of his early years at Marulan and Gunning gave him a yearning to possess a section of this fine country he knew so well. In 1945 he purchased 'Rutherford' a property of 1104 acres of typical good sheep and cattle country. This property was managed by his son Jack who was regarded as one of Gunning's most successful farmers.

In 1948 he realised another ambition to own a property near the city when he purchased, along with his wife Marcella and her two sisters, Mt. Huon and Sugarloaf farms at Campbelltown. Mt. Huon was a property of 158 acres with a homestead over 100 years old and the adjoining "Sugarloaf" was 475 acres with a small homestead.

The family's Sydney home was 'Naburn' at Ewey Bay and the property ran from Attunga Road to the water's edge of Ewey Bay. (Yowie Bay).

His business interests included being Chairman of Hunt Bros. Parramatta, (a group of 8 companies), a position he relinquished in 1964.

