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ORANGE VALLEY

Miss Irene Martin spent the week-end at her home in Eugenia.

Mr. Wesley Littlejohns of Dundalk was a caller in this neighborhood on Sunday.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Gordon Patterson in the sudden death of his brother.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathewson on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathewson, Mrs. Archie Muir and son, Kenneth, of Ceylon; Mr. Allan Love of the West Backline; Mr. Will Lush, Mr. and Mrs. John Lush and three children of Rocklyn; Mrs. John McWilliams and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hazen of Owen Sound were visitors during the week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathewson.

Mr. Gordon Patterson was a recent caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Littlejohns.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eagles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Allison at Lauriston.

Mr. Jim Harrison of Spring Hill visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Belrnes were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and family on Thursday evening.

Glad to report Mr. George Sled is home from the hospital and we hope to hear that he will soon be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Welle Alcox and family of Markdale were callers at the home of the former's brothers on Wednesday.

William Henry Ford of Indian Head, Sask.

The following article, from the pen of Lyman T. Chapman, appeared in the April issue of The Nor-West Farmer and refers to a former resident of this district. William Henry Ford resided on the farm now occupied by Mr. Ed. Davis on the East Backline and before going to the West lived near Annan for a few years after leaving this locality.

William Henry Ford homesteaded about 12 miles north of Indian Head, Sask., 42 years ago this spring. He is now 71 years of age, two years younger than Henry Ford of automobile fame. The old log cabin still stands on the homestead but the present attractive and comfortable farmstead is a bit farther north on the next road allowance to the westward. And a great place it is too. The driveway runs off at an angle from the highway, curving slightly as you approach the dwelling. You pass some fine evergreens on the north side behind which, you discover later, is an orchard of considerable area. While on the left hand is the vegetable garden business. Mr. Ford has done plenty of work in his time, and while to say that he puts in most of his time gardening, might carry the suggestion of a snap, yet when you look over the vegetable garden and the orchard you will be ready to agree that he is probably about the busiest man on the farm, even in the busy season.

Mr. Ford is a modest man, so much so that he is inclined to underestimate his achievements of the last 40-odd years. The farm now consists of 1120 acres of which about 600 acres are under the plow. This leaves a good deal of native grass pasture, rather a rare sight on the Indian Head plains. However, this farm is a bit north of level plains area and certain parts of the farm are quite rolling, making fine pasture for his Shorthorns, a herd of high grade commercial cattle, totalling about 70 head in all. A pure bred bull has been used in this herd since 1912. Incidentally, I never feel comfortable when in the same field with a loose bull and when I visited the Ford farm last June the young herd bull protested violently against the presence of strangers. Admittedly, a fellow gets a bit jumpy after having once tangled with a "quiet" bull the impressions of which are permanent, physically speaking, while the nervous sensations remain quite vivid after 14 years. I might add here that any editorial warnings respecting "quiet" bulls that have appeared in The Nor-West Farmer arise from first-hand experience hearsay.

But to get back to the farm enterprises, cattle and horses, of course, a dozen of them for power purposes, were the only live stock kept at the time of my visit.

A couple of big old-time tractors—a steamer and 30-60—in the barnyard marked this as a grain growing enterprise with threshing outfit and all. A lighter tractor assists the twelve horses with the field work. An indication of the long-life of machinery on this farm is the 40-60 separator of 1906 vintage. Thirty years is a good while for any kind of a machine to stand the wear and tear. But when you go into the repair shop on this farm and see the equipment and space available for such work, it's easier to understand the longevity of the separator.

The general field practice is summerfallow, wheat, oats and barley. It was on the Indian Head plains, on the Dominion Experimental Farm there, to be exact, that the late Angus McKay developed summerfallowing and rotations including fallow. The stubble is left on the surface, that is not burned, as a protection against drifting. And speaking of protection against drifting, Mr. Ford has two rows of caryana and elms running east and

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IN DAYS OF YORE

50 YEARS AGO—May 20th, 1886

Local and Other Items

S. Popham was in town visiting friends last week.

Mr. Allan McDougall arrived from Fort William on Monday.

Mrs. Wright is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Hollingshead.

Isaac Stinson is building a brick residence opposite Dr. Sproule's residence.

The name of Williamsford Station P. O. has been changed to Holland Centre and Sullivan P. O. to Williamsford.

Mr. Grovener Thomas and wife arrived from Sandfield, Manitoulin, on Monday last and are visiting friends in this vicinity.

The officers of Markdale football club are: W. J. Benson, captain; Oscar Wright, secretary-treasurer; R. L. Stephen, president.

Mrs. O. B. Johnston of Seattle, Washington Territory, has been visiting at the residence of Mrs. W. Cornwall.

Hill Bros. have decided to put a plate glass front in their premises, as also that occupied by W. A. Brown, as jewellery store, which is in the same block.

Flesherton

Mr. Hayes has leased Mr. W. H. Flesher's factory and has opened out in the pump manufacturing here.

Our pushing and enterprising W. D. Varty, brick maker, is now running a big gang of men in his brick yard.

The Flesherton cheese factory has

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is delicious

again commenced operations for another season under the charge of Chas. Stewart Esq.

Mr. Aikenhead and son of Toronto have been spending a few days in this locality, fishing. They are the guests of J. W. Armstrong Esq.

40 YEARS AGO—May 21st, 1896

Local and General

Miss Hagan of Alton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sexton.

Dundalk Herald: Baker Sheffield and N. Calhoun-biked it to Markdale last Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Bush, foreman of the Telescope, Walkerton, is holidaying with his parents in town.

Mrs. J. R. McNabb and her two children arrived from Fort William last Thursday and will make an extended visit in Markdale.

Mr. Alf. Smith has erected a new picket fence in front of his premises near the depot.

Mr. George Graham's saw mill at Kimberley was destroyed by fire on Sunday last.

Mr. W. J. Shortill, late of Georgetown, has purchased the watch and

jewellery business of the late W. A. Brown and is now in possession.

The new cemetery in Markdale suburbs is being graded and levelled.

Harkaway

Miss L. Wilson of Brampton is visiting her brother and sister, Mr. William Wilson, and Mrs. T. Smith.

Mr. A. McLaughlin of West Durham is here with his son, R. S. Mr. J. Elliott left for Michigan on Tuesday.

Maxwell

Mr. Guy from Thornbury spent a few days with his brother, Mr. H. Guy.

Mrs. Horten from Owen Sound gave us a call last week.

Mrs. Thos. Pallister and son from Flesherton made a brief call with friends here on Sunday.

Mrs. Legate and two sons spent a few days with friends in Durham.

Lauriston

Miss C. Walker is visiting Thornbury friends while Master Frank

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