

**Holstein.**

(Our own correspondent.)  
At a recent meeting of the Women's Institute, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Tuck; Secretary, Miss L. Morrison; Treasurer, Mrs. E. J. Thorne.  
Rev. D. L. Campbell, formerly of Amos church, Dromore, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath.  
Miss Daisy Irvin of the General Hospital, Oshawa, spent a week with her parents here after undergoing an operation for appendicitis.  
Dr. Laird of Toronto preached in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath evening.  
Mr. G. Koch spent the week-end with his parents in Stratford.

By a previous arrangement, the Holstein football team was grouped with Carleton Place and Midland. May, but recent arrangements have changed that order and Holstein, Listowel, Palmerston and Moorefield will form the group. Clarence Calder and C. Drumming went to Listowel, when the following order of games was arranged:

- May 27 Holstein at Listowel.
- 28 Moorefield at Palmerston.
- June 2 Moorefield at Listowel.
- 4 Palmerston at Holstein.
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- 11 Listowel at Palmerston.
- 12 Holstein at Moorefield.
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- July 1 Palmerston at Listowel.

The four patrons of the Egremont Creamery Company sending the highest number of pounds of butterfat in the last May 5 and 17 are as follows: Wesley Halliday, 112.28 lbs.; David Bruce, 89.08 lbs.; James A. Smith, 78.12 lbs.; Arthur Irvin, 71.35 lbs.  
Several beautiful large trout have been caught in the dam here this season. Peter Fidler angled two on Tuesday, one measured sixteen inches long, the other fourteen inches. The dam was stocked three years ago with several thousand fingerlings. We wonder if they have grown to that size in that time?  
The dead limbs of the trees in the park have been trimmed out. This will assist in beautifying the spot.

**Corner Concerns**

(Our own correspondent.)  
Mrs. Janet McKeen has returned from her visit to Toronto, Detroit, and other places.  
Arbor Day was duly observed at the school in cleaning up, planting flowers, etc. Tree planting is not so much practised as it used to be from the fact that fewer male teachers are in the schools than there were thirty years ago, and the taste of the gentler sex runs more to flowers and such like.  
Green Grove Beef-ring is again doing business, with butcher T. F. Bull at the block, as he has been each season since it commenced over twenty years ago.  
There will be a great difference in the time of finishing seeding with some farmers who have finished, and others who have done very little seeding yet.  
Sunday school at St. Paul's has reopened, with a good staff of officers that will make it worth while. Mr. E. V. Matthews is Superintendent. Miss Irene Barbour, Secy.-Treas., Mrs. J. C. Queen, Organist. The teachers are: Rev. Mr. Whealen, Bible Class; Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Whealen, and Miss May Davis, who take charge of the other classes. Everybody welcome.  
The pathmasters will have their lists of work delivered to them in a few days, and possibly if each one would direct a day or two dragging with the road-drag in their respective beats before the road gets hard, and level up the ruts, it would be well-spent time.  
We notice by a Saskatoon paper's report of their university, the name of Mr. Howard Mead having passed his first year in Arts; also a lengthy report of Mr. Walter B. Tucker, which will appear in another place in this Chronicle. Both are from this place, and we are much pleased with their success.

**Swinton Park.**

(Our own correspondent.)  
The weather has been very wet in these parts for a couple of weeks and seeding is very slow. A considerable amount of land is under water and will take a good few days drying before ready to seed.  
There is lots of water in the Sauguen and a good many fishers have tried their luck, but no big ones have been landed yet; but when the anglers for the "great big" ones start, then watch the water go down.  
Mr. John Porter and Hardy Bros. are the latest purchasers of Fords from Dr. A. D. McAlister, dealer at Dundalk.  
A number from here attended a ball at Hopeville last Wednesday evening and report a good time, a large crowd, and all seemed well suited with the Large Bros. orchestra from Eugenia.  
Born on Tuesday, the 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wilson, a daughter.  
Mr. J. Whyte, who was laid up for a few weeks with pleurisy, is much improved, but while in bed had the misfortune to lose his beef-ring heater.  
Misses Peg Ferguson, Ethel Young and Marjory Kinnell left for the Elgin House to spend the summer months.

**South Bentinck**

(Our own correspondent.)  
Mr. William Grierson, Sr., visited Mr. James Marshall, Normanby, one afternoon recently.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Park and Wilfred, visited an evening recently with Mrs. Park's sister, Miss Margaret Geddes, of Hampden.  
Mr. Andrew Fulton of Hampden has been for the past week or more

putting a crop on his farm he rented from Mrs. Jean Corbett.  
Mr. John Grierson shipped some live stock to Toronto on Saturday, through the Allan Park U.F.O. Club.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston spent an evening the first of last week at the Grierson home.

**Priceville.**

(Our own correspondent.)  
The Dramatic Club of Dromore, under the auspices of Priceville Women's Institute, will put on a play, "Deacon Dubbs," in Watson's Hall, here, on Tuesday evening, May 27. The proceeds to go to building a new fence for MacNeill's cemetery. This is a very worthy cause, and we understand that the play is excellent, therefore we hope that the hall will be packed. Everybody come out.

We were favored with a very heavy snow flurry here on Sunday last. As a result, the week is beginning very cold. However, we hear that farmers are going ahead although conditions are not ideal for seeding.  
We see Dr. Carr has treated himself to a new Ford coupe.  
Our sick ones are continuing to improve nicely. We see some of them out walking around.  
Our local fishermen are beginning to understand the little trout, as several very fine specimens have been secured during the past week.  
The Rev. Angus Sutherland of Toronto received a unanimous call to this Presbytery circuit here and will soon be on the field. The induction will take place at Swinton Park on Tuesday, June 3. The community will welcome a leader again in our community.

**Edge Hill.**

(Our own correspondent.)  
Mr. McCulloch of Michigan spent a few days with his brother-in-law, Mr. D. Robinson.  
Mr. J. W. Firth and son Jack, Toronto, spent a few days with his brothers, J. G. and W. G. Firth.  
The young people are talking baseball and intend to start practice shortly.  
Edge Hill Union Sunday school has been organized for this season and is to open next Sunday. A capable staff of teachers has been appointed.  
Rev. Mr. Smith held prayer meeting in the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie and family spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McGuire, Holstein.

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**Glenmont.**

(Our own correspondent.)  
The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. was held in Ebenezer church last Thursday afternoon with a good attendance. Both societies report a very successful year. It was decided to hold a garden party and bazaar about the end of June. Rev. W. E. Curran was present and took charge of the election of officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected for the W.M. Auxiliary: President, Mrs. Farr Lawrence; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Ritchie; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Dixon; Cor. Secy., Mrs. T. Tucker; Secy.-Treas., Mrs. A. Hann; Organist, Miss M. Hornsby.  
The Ladies' Aid officers are: Pres., Mrs. George Hargrave; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Tucker; Secy.-Treas., Miss M. Hornsby; Organist, Mrs. T. B. Weir.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Weir, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Newell and children, spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. J. J. Weir's.

**Rocky Sauguen**

(Our own correspondent.)  
Mrs. R. Lawson and Mrs. L. McLean spent a day recently with friends at Owen Sound.  
Miss Esther McLean of Rock Mills spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. McLean.  
Mrs. M. M. Marshall of town spent a day recently with Mrs. L. McLean. The monthly meeting of the W.M.

S. was held at the home of Mrs. Dougald Clark, with a good attendance. Some very interesting papers were read. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Ada Banks.  
Mrs. Jack Caswell spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Webber.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Mr. J. G. Orchard of London was in town last Saturday and gave us a pleasant call. Mr. Orchard reports business good in the Forest City, although, like the rest of the country, collections are a trifle slower than usual. Mr. Orchard, who is in the coal business, reports that product much easier to obtain than heretofore and thinks there should be no shortage next winter, judging from the outlook at present.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flynn, of Toronto, accompanied by Mr. John Chambers, motored to Durham Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lloyd. Miss Flynn is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Lloyd, who will accompany her to Toronto by motor this week-end.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robertson, London, and son Gordon, visited friends in town for a couple of days this week.  
Miss Esther McComb is visiting relatives at New Hamburg this week. Mrs. William Burman of Mason City, Iowa, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. G. McComb, last week. Mrs. S. Caldwell, Durham, announced

the engagement of her younger daughter, Evadna Belle, to Mr. Rolston C. Putnam, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Putnam of Mount Forest, the marriage to take place in June.  
Miss Belle Lauder, nurse-in-training, Toronto, was home over the week-end.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Haslett, and Mr. John Haslett, of Orillia, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Toronto, spent

over the week-end with their cousin, Mrs. Benj. Sharpe, and other relatives in Durham and vicinity.  
Mrs. E. K. Jackson has returned from Hamilton and will spend the summer at her home here.  
Mr. H. A. Hunter is here from Toronto for the summer.  
Miss Ida Gibson of Kitchener was the guest of Mrs. Kearns over the week-end.

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**DECIDED AGAINST BUILDING NEW HALL**

Ratepayers Present at Meeting Last Friday Night Against Project.

The meeting in the town hall on Friday night, called by Mayor Moore to discuss the proposed sale of the existing town hall and the erection of a new one decided against change in the present situation. No new theatrical accommodations need be expected for a couple of decades, at least.

The meeting, while not largely attended was, however, fairly representative. Some of the heaviest taxpayers, and some of the lightest, were present, as well as a number of the ladies of the I. O. O. F. who, however, came to "read" the voluminous lists of names being forth on occasion by their "shall we say it?" lords and masters.

In the speaking that followed the opening of the meeting by Mayor Smith, who stated its object, there was little exception taken to the statements often made that Durham surely needs a new hall on this were agreed. The need of water works system was imperatively felt while the scheme was defeated last January, in the opinion of most of the speakers the question is not dead yet, and Durham may find herself in the same class with the town of Forest, and waterworks orders by the Ontario Health Department. Another argument advanced, too, was the high cost of building, labor, etc. It was thought that the time of adjustment of prices was near at hand and that the cost of building would be lower in the very near future. Anyway, it was not deemed wise to sell the hall at the present time and build another that would cost at least from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Reeve Calder was the chief exponent for the building of a town hall which, while agreed to by the majority, were not quite strong enough to convince the majority. He should part with their shares, in the town should be willing to make improvements and advance along with other towns of her size. He explained how the difference in revenue would offset a lot of the expense incurred, and suggested that the town pay for the hall by means of 50-year debentures. Two mills, the dollar would pay for the building of a new hall. Councillor Macdonald however said he had had leaden on the matter, and that a hall, built, would have to be paid for 20-year debentures. To this Reeve made no reply, but insisted that a lot of the opposition to town hall was on account of defeat of the waterworks by-law, January.

Another feature that helped the meeting against the hall position was the recent recommendation of the High school inspectors who has practically stated that, although likely Durham called upon to build an addition to the High school in the not far distant future. As nearly as could be given, this addition would cost the neighborhood of \$15,000 to \$20,000 and while the County paid quite a lot of it, it was just taking the eye out of one pocket and putting it in the other—it was the municipalities that paid the county in the place. Mr. William Moore was, think, the only speaker who mentioned Mr. Calder's remarks, though quite possible others were present who didn't speak on the matter who would favor the erection of a new hall.

On motion of Bell-Ladlaw, carried that the Council be instructed to take no steps in the matter.

**FORMER HIGHWAY ENGINEER NOW AT MOUNT CLEGG**  
Mr. George McKee, former engineer from Mr. G. Lynch this stating that he had accepted a position at Mount Clemens, Mich. that he would commence his duties at once. Mr. Lynch says the remuneration is quite a lot better than that paid by the Ontario Government.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch and family who occupied the apartment of Central Drug Store, were residents of the town up to a few weeks ago, when they moved Westport. In the general staff in the Highways Department, February, Mr. Lynch was one of the engineers who was let out, and his friends here will be glad to hear he has secured an even better position with a private corporation, and Mrs. Lynch were popularly here and the whole town join in tendering congratulations.

**DECLARES ALBERTA FIRES OF INCENDIARY CHARACTER**  
Alberta Forestry Chief Makes Statement and Says Situation is He Ever Experienced.  
"This is the worst fire situation I have experienced," said Col. Palmer, chief of the forestry service in the Edmonton, Alberta, Friday, who has just returned that city from inspecting the fire conditions in the North. of the fires are not due to accident, I am satisfied. There are six people trying to start fires over the North."  
Col. Palmer did not comment concerning his opinion motive behind the incendiary it is alleged at Edmonton that of the settlers are deliberately starting the fires in order to obtain fighting them.