# A HISTORY OF

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hitched to a jumper. A jumper was a between a sleigh and a stone-The distributing point for mail was at Guelph and brought from there to Owen Sound by stage coach. People from here had to go to Orchardville once a week for their mail-and walk. Many the bag of flour and other provisions were toted in from "the front' on shoulders weary from wielding the axe and the cradle. Walking that distance was as nothing in those days. Almost all our grandfathers have walked many times to Guelph and back. Many from this community would walk down to the Paisley Block to help take off the harvest, thereby earning a little money to help them through the northern winter.

We talk about hard times now but little do we know about it. One year's poverty that bit deep into the hearts of our pioneers was the year the wheat crop was frozen black in July just before it began to ripen. It was unsaleable in any market and it was all they had to make bread from until another crop was harvested. The people who had a pig to kill were considered lucky. Oatmeal was a luxury and blackstrap an extravagance. Just lately the question has come up "Is it a sin to steal if hungry?" Here is how one pioneer got around it. About the time of the frozen wheat potatoes also were a failure. One man not a hundred miles from here had a fairly good crop so he pitted In the spring when he opened only a few potatoes remained note as follows explained the "Twas no fer greed, it was fer but I've left ye as muckle as 'ill be yer seed." It has been said that the more you give the more you will have and for those who sincerely desire to give a way will be forthcoming to make it possible. A family this line (Sixteenth concession) had promised two dollars, a princely sum in those days, to the church, to be paid by a certain Sabbath. The last Saturday came round and there was no money to meet their promise with. Their neighbors were in as tight a place as they so borrowing was impossible. the evening a man came in asking to buy some pork. They sold from their winter's supply and on the Sabbath had the two dollars to meet their debt. To them it was proof that "the Lord will provide".

Another family felt the need of good paper, not for the entertainment but for the education it brought. Hard times became harder and the paper had to be dropped. After a few months of doing without the mother in the sold hens from her precious flock of eight to subscribe for the Witness. Hard though the times were the finer things of life were not lost sight of.

Another pioneer woman tells of how her father, coming back from the mill with the year's supply of flour on his wagon, had a coal oil can on at the back. The onion got bumped off the spout and the coal oil kept slip-slopping out, and running down the boards to the front. Every sack of flour was tainted and everything baked from that to eat it. How good a bite away from home would taste to that family!

Its glory is now departed and travellers along that concession would never of rural mail. He also had a general eye. store. About this time the mail came once a week. Later it came three times Yeovil and Dromore. Mr. John Bunston heavy bag. He usually walked from John Browns live now. He often walkmorning saving his horse for the longer Robert Bell also taught in this school trip. When the roads were improved and Martha Bunston, Margaret Mca bit a cart was used. Speaking of mail Innes on whose home farm the two men we must not forget Plummer first schools were built and her bro-Sterne-and Billy, his faithful broncho, ther, the late Charles McInnes who all who braved all weathers and roads to through his life had a deep interest in perform their task for seventeen years. Yeovil school and in matters of our He carried the mail from Holstein by township welfare. Mary Coleridge, now Yeovil to Dromore, carried passengers Mrs. Charles Ramage taught here as to and fro and did shopping for every well as Gilbert McEachern, Daniel Rarely did he forget anything-except Mr. George Irwin was the first teacher the order which his wife gave him in in the brick school. Another interestthe morning. She would tie a red ing fact is that the Sinclair and Nichol-Taylor's store they would ask him what the fourteenth, are all crown lands and Tom Brodie, his son, wanted to marry the string was for, then he would re- still owned by direct descendants. The his cousin. His father objected to the member his wife's order. But to get two Henderson farms and Longs are back to Yeovil. A William Jackson also crown lands with the original him off the notion but it did not work. lived on the southwest corner and names on the deeds. William Philp's Tom got the money and the girl he Jimmie Brodie lived on the north east farm was taken up by Henry Werry. wanted, too. corner. Boakes lived where Clarence The big trees at the front of the build-Ross now farms and people by name of ings were saplings too slim to cut when Herd lived on the Coutts' farm. On the first slash was made. Woodall's the corner of this farm there was a lived across the sideroad and had been but in these days a job is still a job .sawmill, different from the circular very early settlers. Other pioneer Ottawa Times.

saws in use now. These were band saws which worked up and down as the log or plank were pushed against them. the boiler of the mill burst wrecking the building and instantly killing George Herd who was working George Stinson, of Indian Head, Sask. in the mill. The foundation of the building and the hole in the ground where the boiler buried itself is still to be seen in the corner of the field.

The first wedding in the community was that of George Boakes and Maggie Brodie. George came out this way looking for work. He enquired of Mrs. Brodie who was helping to clear what s now our front field. She said she did not know of any work. The families were large and money was scarce, in fact that was just her trouble. She could give him a wife better than anything else. George worked around for a few weeks then he and Maggie walked out to Holstein, were married and walked home again. Mrs. Brodie had the wedding supper prepared of such things as they had plenty of, fresh fish, potatoes boiled in a sugar kettle, raspberries and scones and it is likely the neighbors did justice to the frugal fare and thoroughly enjoyed themelves at the dance and chivari which followed. These were the parents of the late James Boakes, a well-known figure in this locality.

Many have been the blacksmiths to ring an anvil in Yeovil. John McCullough was one of the earliest. In those days he made his own coal. A hole T. McGirr. was scooped out in the ground. Over this he placed large blocks of wood on end. The wood was packed solidly with earth, leaving a small hole at the top. A slow fire was started underneath and after long burning the pit was opened and the charred wood had become

At one time there were two stores in the village, several carpenter shops, of the family. a weaver's business and a cheese factory operated by Mr. William Coleridge now of Owen Sound. The church built 1886 was in with Holstein charge and supplied from there. Before union its membership had become so low that financing fell heavily upon the few. It was closed and its members have come with Amos, Fairbairn and Holstein, according to distance.

East on the concession by the river was a saw and grist mill run by a man named Webster. The mill finally passed into Mr. McInnes' hands. It was destroyed by fire about 1908 and never rebuilt. On the sideroad back by the river there lived a family of negroes. Two brothers by the name of Scott, who were very sweet singers of the old Southern songs. They were runaways from slavery in the states. Sam Cooper lived on the north side of the river. They were all squatters and neighbors sometimes jokingly referred to them as the two black niggers and one white one. But whatever their status financially they too did their bit in clearing the land. One field on John Drimmie's farm is still called the "Cooper field" after the man who cleared it.

been considered heavy as to numbers the meeting refreshments were served and hard as to mangement. Proof is, by the hostess. they have worn out three schools and are in need of a fourth. The first log school was built at the centre front of flour tasted of coal oil-and they had corner of the same farm by the river, with Mrs. W. C. Almack presiding. Fol-Yeovil, like Rome, has had its day, was built across the road the old school quest to have the sectional missionary Short Course. guess that once a busy little village ground" for the boys. And by the The story on the stewardship of thankwas grouped around the corner. The tales they tell some wild times have fulness by Donald Williams was read post office was given its name by Mr. been put in there. Once the boys had by Mrs. M. Knechtel. Mrs. Almack told two children, and Miss Janet Burnett, be overcome not by becoming discon-Joseph Bunston, who came in from a fad of putting a little gunpowder in her hearers where the mission schools Arthur about 1870, coming originally the end of a penholder and touching in Korea are situated. Mrs. Gagnon, from Somersetshire, England. That is a match to it just to see what would Mrs. Steeds and Mrs. Wilson each told Mrs. John Lynn and Mrs. and Mrs. each one doing all in his power to bring closely in the footsteps of the Master, the whyfore of Yeovil in Egremont. happen. One day the match accidently something about those who work in the Howard McCallum on Saturday of last about better times. Miss Alma gave to store their minds with the best read-They lived on the south east corner got too near the bottle containing the schools and Mrs. Winters reviewed the week. farm. Mr. Bunston kept the post of- powder and the result was the boy who courses of studies, telling of the high fice, which did duty up to the exent held the bottle lost the sight of one standard of the school and that only and Sadie Sherman, Elmwood, spent the program there was an exchange of others the abundant way of life. Aims

a week from Mount Forest to Holstein, in this school. Some of the early desirous for knowledge. Mrs. Twam- families and friends of the communcarried it, sometimes on foot-often a Mr. John Allen who then lived where prayers. Yeovil to Dromore and back in the ed the distance morning and night. QUEEN ST. CHOIR ENTERTAINED along the route-cheerfully. Drimmie and Mr. John Greaves. string on his finger. When he got to son farms, also Jim McEachern's on Ross, the Hicks family and Dan Brodie.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Jas. Lavelle spent the week-end

Mrs. H. Ball, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. who were in Durham attending the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Browne, left Tuesday for Hamilton where they will visit a sister, Mrs. Will Harding before returning home.

bel Henderson, of Guelph, spent Satur-

day with Mr. and Mrs. T. Henderson. Mrs. Trimble and Mrs. Watt, of

with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Henderson. Mr. Russell MacGillivray from several weeks' holidays.

was in town Monday and pleased to have a call from him.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irwin were in Toronto over the week-end and took in the annual skating carnival of the Toronto Skating Club in the Maple Leaf P. O. Club held their meeting in the Gardens on Monday evening.

cepted a position on the Chronicle Hail! The Gang's All Here," opened staff, and commenced her duties on their program. The minutes of the pre-Monday.

staff visited over Sunday at her home at Seaforth.

visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. chorus, 'When the Work's All Done

Mrs. Thomas Whelan who on Satur- Archie McArthur. Community singing day celebrated her 84th birthday. Mrs. pieces-"Old MacDonald," and "Polly Whelan is still quite active and we Wolly Doodle." A reading entitled trust is spared to enjoy many more "How to Make a Million Dollars," was years in our midst. With her for the read by Mr. Pat McMillan. A good gaday was her daughter, Mrs. C. Urqu- zette was prepared and read by Mr. hart, of Port Credit, while messages Irvin Matthews, The National Anthem were received from the other members closed the program. A geography

room at the Hahn House early Monday Matthews and Bill McKechnie were enmorning, is now a patient in Durham joyed by all present. After which the Hospital, where he is recovering nicely. boys served sandwiches, cake and tea Mr. Hunter's indisposition is, we are The next place of meeting, the Mcpleased to report, not regarded as ser- Kechnie members' home, with Misses ious. Mrs. Gordon McDonald, Chats-, Winnie Binnie, Jessie Nichol, Messrs. worth, niece, visited with him and other Pat McMillan and Neil McArthur on members of the family on Wednesday. program committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Will Kennedy and children of Shelbourne visited with the latter's mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aldred the beginning of the week.

Mrs. R. Renwick, jr., visited the last of the week with her sister, Mrs. John Sinclair, Hopeville.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

KNOX Y. W. A.

were entertained at the home of Mrs. proving. Clarence McGirr for their regular monthly social and work meeting on ham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Monday evening, February 16th. The evening was pleasantly spent working on the quilt blocks. Final arrangements weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and the Ode. The response to the roll for the Contest Program to be held I believe Yeovil school has always March 7th were made. At the close of

## QUEEN STREET W. M. S.

Mr. Wes. Love's farm. The second Queen Street United church met for oners of Wingham and we wish him five dollars toward the Tobermory full choir of boys took charge of singschool, also a log building, was on the study in the home of Mrs. R. Twamley abundant success. just opposite the present school lowing the opening hymn the apostles the home of Mrs. George Atkins, of a while. Miss Grace McCaslin gave Older Boy's Parliament, addressed the grounds. When the new brick school creed was repeated in unison. The re- Holstein, and in attendance at the a humorous reading on "Valentine's meeting. In his opening words he gave was used as a teacher's residence and conference in October in Queen street after that it was "happy hunting church was accepted by the society. one third of the pupils come from the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. home-made Valentines and after the of the Older Boys' Parliament were Many have been the teachers who Christian homes. Thus the influence of | Hugh McDonald and family. have wielded the rod of law and order the Great Master goes out into lives teachers were Mr. Thos. Moore and ley and Mrs. Glass took the closing ity, in all numbering about sixty-five,

> The members and friends of the choir of Queen St. United church were entertained to a dinner Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Robins. About thirty were present. Rev. W. C. Almack acted as toast master. Mrs. J. McCaslin and Mrs. M. Wilson each contributed solos. Contests and later the regular weekly practice was held. Valentine decorations gave the home and table a festive appearance.

neighbors were the Crandall's, Darky amount of five hundred dollars to buy

(Concluded Next Week)

Salary cuts are always distasteful

## HYMENEAL

PROCTOR—CORLETT

The marriage of Marguerite Eleanor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Corlett, Dornoch, and Mr. Norman Allen Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Proctor, Owen Sound, was quietly solemnized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian manse, Chatsworth, at four o'clock on Wednesday, February Miss Laverne Trimble and Miss Iso- 17th, Rev. J. R. Greig officiating. A few intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Corlett acted as groomsman and matron of honor. The bride Walkerton, spent a few hours Saturday was becomingly attired in a torino blue gown, self-trimmed with lattice work of the medallions and wore a smart bronze Royal Bank staff returned Monday straw hat, directoire style, with accessories to match. After a short honey-Mr. Herb. Livingston, of Toronto, moon trip, the young couple will reside we were in Owen Sound.

#### Bunessan

(Our Own Correspondent) The boys of The Superior U. F. Y school house on Friday, February 19th. Miss G. Gmelin, of Preston, has ac- The singing of "O Canada," and "Hail! vious meeting were read by Mr. Jack Miss Stewart of the Public school McKechnie. Community singing pieces -"Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," and "Smile, Smile," A reading Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Shelburne, was given by Mr. Freddie Arnott. A This Fall," was sung by the boys. A We tender our congratulations to humorous reading was read by Mr. match and three contests which were Mr. J. H. Hunter, taken ill in his led by Messrs. Freddie Arnott, Irvin

#### **Holstein North**

(Our Own Correspondent) Mr. W. H. Hunter, Reeve, spent the week in Toronto.

Mr. J. C. Queen, accompanied by son Carmen J. Queen, visited with relatives in Toronto over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Mathews attended a funeral at Eden Grove on Monday. Mary Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Knox Young Woman's Auxiliary the doctor's care but at present is im-

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace, of Dur- had charge of the service.

Mrs. Austin Hann, of North Egremont. call was given by each member, "A church, Egremont, regret very much iness the secretary was instructed to the loss of their rector, Rev. E. Hayes send letters of sympathy, on behalf of Holstein Tuxis and Trail Ranger Boys and Mrs. Hayes. as they had many the Institute to Mrs. Honess and Mrs. which was held in United church was friends in the community. But our loss Weimier in the death of their husband well attended. Robert Haas assisted by The Women's Missionary Society of will be the gain of his future parish- and father. It was also decided to send Ewart Alles, conducted the service. A

## Aberdeen

(Our Own Correspondent)

The members of the W. I. with their served a very dainty lunch, were hospitably entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Twamley on Friday evening. Crokinole and tended to the bereaved friends, espec- His cause; to educate in Trail Ranger cards were enjoyed for a time, after ially the young wife, of the late Wesley and Tuxis methods that the above which dancing to the accompaniment A. Boddy of Detroit, who passed away may be achieved; to educate boys in of splendid violin music was indulged suddenly from a hemorrhage following the science of government and the in until the wee small hours. The party the removal of his tonsils. This is a duties of citizenship and to interpret dispersed after heartily declaring in particularly sad death owing to the fact government and citizenship in the light song their host and hostess to be 'Jol- that only last July he was married to of Christian standards. ly Good Fellows". A delicious and Miss Nettie Byers, second daughter of Rev. Mr. Mercer closed the meeting bountiful lunch was served by the Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Byers of Hampden, with prayer,

# CROKINOLE SOCIAL

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid on Thursday evening held a very successful crokinole social at the home of Mrs. A. McCormack. Ten tables were play. Lunch was served later in the

always wanting money. This life's just "My Mother's Bible" followed by a tural Hall at which they entertained like a game of chess. Nothing but reading taken from Hurlburt's Story the young people of Mount Forest three cheque, cheque, cheque."

pawn, pawn."

Crawford (Our Own Correspondent)

(Last Week's Items) The W. M. S. met at the home Mrs. David Hastie to observe the world wide Day of Prayer. There seventeen ladies present. The president Miss Lynn Fischer, presided over the meeting which opened by singing the theme song followed by the business period. The regular "Day of Prayer"

program was closely followed, during which Miss Lynn Fischer and Mrs. D. J. MacDonald sang a duet entitled "Must I go and Empty Handed". Mrs. Edgar Boyce gave a splendid talk on "Education and Schools in Korea" telling how the old Korean method of education is gradually being supplanted by the modern western methods. The meeting closed with the benediction, after which Mrs. Hastie served a delicious lunch.

The Y. P. S. met on Thursday evening with a fair attendance. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayer by Miss Lynn Fischer. Miss Florence MacDonald read a part of the 91st Psalm. Roll call and the business followed. Mr. Albert Kaufmann took the chair and a missionary program was given. A quintette of male voices sang "At the Cross". Mrs. Edgar Boyce reviewed what had already been taken Also a debate, "Resolved that the farmof Korea, telling of the geography of er's wife has more leisure time and Korea and the history and religion of pleasure than the farmer." The affirmits people. A mouth organ selection ative was taken by Arthur Haas and by Mr. William Kaufmann was much Frank Cowan, and the negative by enjoyed. Mr. D. J. McDonald gave a Hazel Smith and Norma Ferguson, Retalk on "Education in Korea" telling of freshments were served after the prothe work of the mission and govern- gram. ment schools there. The quintette sang another number, "Haven of Rest" and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nelson and called the meeting was closed with a hymn on several old friends in the village on and benediction. The next meeting will Wednesday last. be held in the church Friday evening. February 26, when the Mulock B. Y. P. U. will be present and will put on the whole program. Crawford Y. P. S. will serve a lunch.

## (This Week's Budget)

Mrs. R. Murray of Alberta is visiting at present with her sister, Mrs. R. McCaslin.

Mr. Dougald Hastie, accompanied by Messrs, Alexander Brown and Walter Boyce, spent a few days last week with friends in Toronto and Hamilton and while in Hamilton, Mr. Hastie purchased a Reo truck.

Reeve D. J. MacDonald is attending the Ontario Good Roads Convention in Toronto this week.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved wife and family of the late Mr. William Honess of Lamlash whose death occurred last Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Honess resided Mrs. Milford Mathews, has been under in this vicinity for many years and were highly respected. The funeral took place on Friday. Rev. Mr. Heeney

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs N. Anderson on Wednesday last with Master Norman Gordon spent a few 18 present. The meeting opened with The congregation of St. Paul's Cure for the Blues". During the busdoctor fund. Community singing was ing, Brown Irvin sang a beautiful solo. Miss Sadie Davis is at present at enjoyed from the new song sheet for Alex. Sim, Minister of Education in Day". Miss Mabel Anderson R.N. gave this beautiful verse: a splendid paper entitled "Winners not Whiners is what we want" in which she commented upon the present world Mr. and Mrs. Norman Helwig and wide depression and said that it was to close of the meeting Mrs. Anderson given as follows:

## Mulock

(Our Own Correspondent)

work. Her talk was splendidly inter- ing. esting and instructive.

Jack Pickering and Mrs. Galloway. The ments served.

meeting closed by all repeating the Lord's prayer in unison after which a couple of interesting contests were solved.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of Mulock Baptist church was held at the Baptist parsonage on Thursday, February 18, with a good attendance of members present. Mrs. MacLean presided. The meeting opened with singing hymn No. 506 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor followed. Secretary's report was read by Mrs. Fulton. Among the items of business, the Aid voted \$25 to the church treasury towards the pastor's salary, 1932. As an Aid organization of the church they are ready for any calls or demands made upon them, for which they have the hearty thanks of the church.

#### Holstein

(Our Own Correspondent) Mrs. Hartley Allingham, of London, visited her sister, Mrs. B. Eccles, and

other friends in the village last week. The Women's Institute held their annual at-home in the Agricultural Hall here on Thursday evening last. A good program of instrumentals, solos and readings was given by the members and some of our young people.

Rev. Wm. Rice, of Fenwick, visited

The Flower Committee of the Presbyterian church held a social in the basement of the church Wednesday evening last,

Miss Ada Morrison of Toronto spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown.

Mr. Bert Eccles went to Brantford Monday to attend Insurance conven-

Mrs. Harold Grasby and little son of Durham is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hunter.

The third meeting of the Literary society for the year was held in the school last Friday, February 19. The meeting was opened by singing "O Canada" followed by the minutes of last meeting. Willard Stevenson gave some amusing incidents on the pioneer life, followed by a reading by Margaret Irvin called "De Stove Pipe Hole" one of W. H. Drummond's poems. Irlma Rife led in community singing and Islay Sim gave a reading called "The School Idyl". Ivan Christie gave the school paper and the meeting closed with an interesting geography match and by singing the national anthem.

Quite a number of our young men went to Owen Sound Friday evening to watch the hockey match.

The Sunday evening service of the

What we choose in boyhood days We'll not lose in manhood ways So we'll ever be our whole life long Straight and strong.

He gave a very forceful talk to the of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burnett, tented and giving way to the depres- boys on the influence of Christ in the Hanover, were visitors with Mr. and sion, but by feeling optimistic and by life of the boy, urged them to follow a recitation entitled "Old-time Valen- ing, music, beauty of nature, etc., so Mr. P. Beckett, Toronto, Misses Irene tines" which everyone enjoyed. After that they might be able to impart to

To deepen and enrich the lives of others; to help the members to accept more fully the challenge of Jesus; to assist the members to be more effective Sincere and heartfelt sympathy is ex- in winning the youth for Christ and

The regular meeting of the B. Y. P. ?On Friday evening last the Literary U. was held Tuesday evening of last society and the young people who are week. Miss Loletta Mighton occupied taking the short course put on an eventhe chair. Mrs. McDonald read the ing's entertainment in the Hall conscripture. Violin music was given by sisting of music and singing. A debate Mr. Harvey Smith. Mrs. Edgar Boyce was put on by four of the young gave a talk on the Bible and suggested people after which refreshments were a number of ways to better the year's served and a short time spent in danc-

The Community Circle Monday even-"More money," he sighed. "You're A solo by Mrs. Galloway, entitled ing held their meeting in the Agriculof the Bible entitled "The Throne of churches. The hall was well filled and "And," she replied, "if you don't give God" by Miss Catherine McLean. a good programme was put on by the me more money it will be even more Those taking part in prayer were Miss Mount Forest young people after which like a game of chess. It will be pawn, Hazel Torry, Miss Catherine McLean, a social time was spent and refresh-