

Orangeism in Lindsay dates back to the year 1884, according to one of the members of the historic Loyal Orange Lodge, W. C. (Wally) Bell. "It is some years since I participated in the annual Twelfth of July 'Walk', but there was a time when I had a perfect record of attendance" commented *Bro. Bell*.

Members of the Order recently attended divine service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, a procedure which always proves interesting to members of the Order.

The procession was headed by a brass band, and bands have been quite prominent in Orange parades the length and breadth of the country for many years.

On July 12th. this year, Lindsay and district members will parade in Peterboro, following a practice set down in the books of the Lodge decades ago to hold the parade alternately in Lindsay, Peterboro, Port Hope, Cobourg and Oshawa.

Eighty-one years ago the Orange Lodge met in a hall over Britton's Jewellery Store which was located where Polito's I.G.A. store is located today. As the years passed by there were two lodges, with No. 32 meeting in a hall over the Dominion Bank, and No. 257 in a hall over the present Royal Bank.

Later on the Brethren purchased the building at the corner of William and Peel Streets, which was recently demolished to make way for the Farmers' Union Company. Today the Lodge, No. 32, (No. 257 was closed down several years ago) meets in the Odd-fellows Temple on William Street South.

Past County Master, Bro. Merle Lindsay, who has been an ardent and active member for a number of years, remarked that according to Lodge history No. 32 is one of the oldest in Ontario and was born at Black's Corners in Mariposa township, but was better known as No. 32 from Woodville.

Early this year, stated Bro. Lindsay, the local Lodge received the donation of a beautiful Master's collar and a set of cuffs from the family of the

late W. Master, and County Master Stan Scott.

Past County Master Lindsay spoke highly of the interest taken in Orange Lodge affairs by the women's organization, the L.O.B.A., as well as the Juvenile Lodge. He added that No. 32 owes their good start to the first Master, the late Dr. J. W. Wood.

One of the most recent proud moments of the L.O.L. was when three Past Masters were presented with their Fifty Year Jewells, namely: W. G. Graham, E. W. Moore, and J. E. Blewett.

Lindsay Orangeism has been well represented at the top level. Bro. Ev Mitchell of Lindsay, and Bro. Clayton Hodgson are Past Grand Mas-

ters of the Grand Lodge of Ontario East, and Sir Knight William Warren held the highest office in the Black organization.

At the present time Past Master Albert Powers of Havelock, recently of Lindsay, is First Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Ontario East.

Many readers of Main Street, at home and far afield, will remember some of the one time shining lights in the local Orange Order, including: Jim Lauder, Major Wm. Warren, Harry Brown, Ernie Moore, Bill Graham, Bill Burke, Ernie Blewett, Wallace Bell, H. W. Bell, James Mackey, Norman Kennedy, Bert Everson, Jas. Robson, and Art Gamble.

Other stalwarts brought to mind by Bro. Wallace Bell were H. Graham, A. McCallum, Wes Mason, L. Williams, J. Wright, and others, most of whom were on the championship degree team of 1928.

With the Orange celebration in the offing, many members as well as citizens who crammed the line of march for miles will remember two tall pillars of Orangeism who headed every procession, namely Jim Lauder and Wally Bell.

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Many, Mary came, was heard, and conquered a small but thoroughly appreciative audience at the Academy Theatre Monday night.

The somewhat ambitious production programme planned by the Kawartha Lakes Tourist Association was suc-

cessfully launched despite the uncooperativeness of the elements.

As a first nighter critic, let it be said there was little to be critical about. The entire production was enveloped with a distinct and decided degree of artistry. The comedy was wholesome, the characters were well portrayed and the curtain calls at the termination of the performance attested to the thorough enjoyment of the audience.

As there is nothing better than word of mouth advertising, and the theatre goers of Monday night pass the word along about the fine performance, then succeeding audiences should be much larger as the weeks go by.