

Another generation of the Conklin family will be in Lindsay for the annual Lindsay Central Exhibition. Frank Conklin who was an annual visitor to Lindsay has passed on. His older brother Paddy, the king pin of all summer carnival owners, has taken under his wing his son Jim Conklin, and the old tradition that the "show must go on", is stronger in evidence than ever before.

The Conklin shows have been a big attraction at the Lindsay Exhibition since the days of former President and Manager B. L. McLean, who was also recognized as a showman. He signed the contract with Conklin's, built the two subways under the race track, built the memorial gates at the north end and accomplished many other important factors in connection with the local exhibition.

In an interview, Jim Conklin said the Conklin shows today are the largest operators of their kind in Canada with particular attention being given to Ontario and Quebec. The management had to follow the trend in this type of show business — more thrilling rides, especially for young people, and less side shows, girlie shows and what not.

It is claimed that the T.V. audience has cut down on attendance at side shows and girlie shows and other similar attractions. However Conklin's have improved their carnivals with more rides for young people, as well as several educational shows and still control a large midway

where customers may enjoy all types of games.

The majority of new rides have their origin in Europe. The largest Conklin effort is the big annual Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto where these operators have been present for over thirty years. London, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Lindsay and other centres fell into line.

"I would have loved to have enjoyed the many experiences of my father in show business", said Jim Conklin. "He was the first to admit that the Conklin shows must keep abreast of the times and be in the forefront".

The Conklin Carnival and the midway are definitely an asset to the Lindsay exhibition.

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The young members of the Lindsay Kinsmen band have every reason to be thankful to those citizens that acted as chaperones and officials when they visited the World's Fair in New York City.

Citizens of the town have every right to be proud of the honour brought to Lindsay by these band members through their fine musical presentations. Once again Lindsay was placed on the map in a manner similar to that when the band attended the Calgary Stampede in Western Canada.

As one person said who accompanied the band to the white lights of Broadway, "Every moment, day or night was an exciting and thrilling experience". Sightseeing excursions provided included a boat trip around Manhattan, including a close view of the Statue of Liberty, a trip through Radio City, a trip through the famous Bowery and through Chinatown and a walk down famous Fifth Avenue.

A visit to Times Square, the Empire State building, the tallest in the world.

The climax to the visit was

of course at the New York World's Fair.

The old bullfight which startled the world a few years ago when Mexican bulls were imported to the Lindsay fairgrounds brought great advertising to Lindsay. The visit to the World's Fair was vastly different form of advertising but it left an impression of Lindsay on the minds of many Americans in New York City and the visit will last indelibly on the minds of the boys and girls of the band who took part in the trip.

Where next? Who knows, perhaps the Olympic Games!