

ON THE MAIN STREET

with FORD MOYNES

"Believe it or not" (as the renowned Ripley would say) woollen bathing suits sold in Lindsay 48 years ago for \$4.00 and cotton suits for \$1.50, but the yardage was ninety-five times greater than suits worn by males and females today.

The swim suits of over four decades ago were advertised by Leo Rogers in the men's wear store advertisement which appeared in "The Daily Post" of June 12th, 1922.

Rogers will be remembered by many citizens. His place of business is now occupied by W. E. Ferguson. Leo Rogers succeeded Edward C. Armstrong whose son "Army" of Uxbridge was among the Toronto Dominion Bankers at a local bonspiel last spring.

This copy of "The Daily Post" came in the hands of the writer from Miss Florence Mitchell, and it came to light while the owner was rummaging.

The paper records the fact that Jack Connolly was a plumber in Lindsay. John Anderson Ltd. ran a furniture store on Kent Street where Lamantia's Food Market is now located; Andrew O'Laughlin had a drygoods store where Brownie's Men's Wear is situated and M. J. Dedman headed his advertisement with the slogan "Everything for Dad and his Lad". He operated a men's wear store.

The Beall Jewelry Store and Gregory's Drug Store the oldest in Lindsay, advertised jewelry and railwaymen's watches properly regulated, and all kinds of drug store articles including Zam Buck.

Bob Chambers was a monumental Works craftsman and John Carew was a Lumberman. Chambers and Frank Carew were members of the town council and Thomas Wilkinson, a railroad man, was deputy reeve and the latter reported to council that the sidewalks in Lindsay were disgraceful, especially those on Kent Street.

An optometrist store was owned by Dr. M. B. Annis and Dr. F. S. Crichton also operated an optical store. A man named Shepherd advertised bicycles and a repair shop on William Street north, and the R. Neill shoe store announced specials in ladies' fine shoes.

W. J. Bryson had a bakery and sold bread at 18 cents a loaf. C. C. Forsyth was organist and choirmaster at Cam-

bridge Street Methodist Church and was a vocal and piano teacher. Marshall Stevens was a tonsorial artist, and Harry Stubbings a painter.

Lawyers advertised including L. R. Knight, Fulton, Stinson, and Anderson, R. Widdis was in the Insurance business. A. L. Cote operated a welding shop on William Street north, and Lindsay had a wonderland movie or picture house and the movie was "The Follies".

ECHOES from the 109th RE-UNION



Veterans of the 109th stand proudly at attention as they and fellow comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion prepare to march on Sunday morning to church parade.

"Post" staff photo.

by FORD MOYNES

Several of the veterans of the Victoria and Haliburton 109th Battalion wore their decorations, some symbolizing service in two world wars.

ces was Comrade Fred. Stroud who now lives in South Wilberforce. Comrade Stroud is proud that he has two brothers Samuel and Victor actively engaged in evangelistic work in the United States. The

ried by the colour party on parade. These included the radiant Legion standards, the Canadian Red Ensign and the original colours of the Victoria and Haliburton Battalion. "Many times I marched behind that flag", said one veteran in his seventies, indicating the Battalion colours.

The colours were donated to the unit and presented to the Battalion by Lady Eaton, a native born resident of Omeme. Since the first days of the war, the colours have been on display at Trinity United Church in Omeme. They floated in the breeze on many important occasions.

During re-union celebrations the colours were carried by Jack Clemett and Earl Vanstone, originals of the unit.

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"Just call me Jim" said one

The council decided to do something. Richard Kylie wrote a letter to the paper that he answered the council's supplication that citizens clean up the weeds around their premises and that he cleaned up the tall grass and weeds on Adelaide Street south (Kylie lived at the corner of Kent and Adelaide Streets) but the writer went on to state that the Town property on Adelaide Street was a disgraceful mess.

F. W. Sutcliffe and Sons advertised dry goods and men's clothing at their store, located where Zeller's is today.

Lindsay boasted a Victoria Electric Laundry and Dundas and Flavelle operated a large store now occupied by Eatons.

Canoes were offered for rent at 70 Ridout Street. Dr. Irvine was a dental surgeon, and W. G. Duncan was the Rexall Druggist.

The council considered paving Wellington Street, and the Hydro stepped up voltage and illumination in the south-east section of the town.

Drs. Harry and Mrs. Sharpe were Chiropractors from a location at the south side of Kent Street. Dr. John McCulloch M.D. and H. Nesbitt, dental surgeon were advertisers. J. A. Cain was an undertaker as well as an upholsterer and furniture dealer. Charles Lamb operated a livery; A. J. McBride, Men's Wear, announced a sale of khaki pants at \$2.50 each; Harry Batt's ad read "Batt's Hospital for Shoes".

W. C. Baker had a grocery store near Beall's Jewelry Store. The D and F store sold Women's dresses at \$1.50 per garment.

They wore broad smiles, their handclasps were genuinely friendly and they talked on a common ground.

Ray Miller, of Toronto, was at one time a member of J. Sutcliffe and Son, a firm which was located fifty years ago in the L-shaped store now occupied by Zeller's.

These were the days of W. J. (Bill) Ferguson, Bert Parish, Howard Brokenshire, Ernie Ferguson and A. Hooper. Later Comrade Miller worked with the Bell Telephone Company under manager T. J. Tilly.

Comrade Eric Sharpe signed in from Sarnia, where he has been living recently. He saw service in two wars. While in town he called to see his mother Mrs. Sharpe on King Street who is in her 93rd year.

Comrade J. Quinn arrived from Elora. He enlisted in the 109th while living in Bobcaygeon. It was the first time he has visited the Lindsay Fair in 40 years.

Comrade Charles McGinnis of Fenelon Falls, former postmaster met former acquaintances from Kirkfield and Fenelon Falls whom he had not seen in many years. Comrade McGinnis was the Battalion member who thanked the committee of the 109th for organizing the reunion.

O. C. Reed was greeted by many friends. He and his friends are proud of the fact that he is enjoying good health in his 87th year. Rev. Reed was for several years minister at the Cambridge Street Baptist Church.

Another comrade who renewed many old acquaintances

in the United States. The Strouds once lived near Hartley. Comrade Fred Stroud was for several years caretaker of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute.

Ivor Brown of Hamilton met three other fellow soldiers who attended the East Ward school and sat in the same room. Comrade Brown, when in Lindsay, was employed with Fred Tilcon, owner of the Central Garage at Lindsay and Ridout streets.

Comrade Harry Dunn of Fenelon Falls helped out the three piece orchestra and turned in a very good performance with his harmonica.

Ivan Moore, Hilton Brown, Howard Williamson, Jasper Forman, Russell Heard, Bob Mark, Bob Magahay, Earl Vanstone, Jack Clemett and others did their best (and succeeded) in making the re-union a big success.

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Alvin Mark was in attendance at the dinner as President of the Lindsay Central Exhibition and J. C. Holtom, mayor of Lindsay was present.

Comrade Jim Johnstone of Regina discovered that he and Leslie M. Frost belonged to the 20th Division. Comrade Johnstone existed at Bobcaygeon.

Comrade Bill Elliott, of Lindsay, who was decorated, was a guest at the head table.

President Tom Madill of the Sir Sam Hughes branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was happy in meeting many of the veterans for the first time.

Veterans, especially members of the 109th Battalion admired the beautiful flags car-

ried of the valiant veterans when introduced to former Ontario premier Leslie Frost.

Jim Johnston, came some two thousand miles from near Regina to fraternize, with the vets of the 109th. He was accompanied by Mrs. Johnston, a native of New York State.

While farming in the west, Jim Johnston decided to return to his old home town of Bobcaygeon and to his father's farm near Ancona Point, Verulam. He heard the clarion call to arms when in the wheat fields and enlisted in 1915 under the Lieutenancy of Howard Fairburn, also of Bobcaygeon. Serving overseas, it was not long before he was transferred to the 20th Battalion and he was in the thick of the fray for several months.

Jim Johnston had the unwanted experience of being gassed by the enemy and also was operated on for the removal of shrapnel from his left shoulder.

Modest and retiring, Johnston was loath to talk about his experiences. He expressed a liking for the officers whom he served under and a fondness for the man he described as "a great man a friend of the men", Sam Hughes.

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Those attending the 109th reunion banquet received mementoes in the form of gold-coloured pens inscribed with the date of the re-union provided by the committee and ashtrays donated by Varcum Chemicals through the courtesy of manager Jim Purdy.