

On The Main Street

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Toronto's mammoth Canadian National Exhibition has passed into oblivion for another year and another big country exhibition is just around the corner.

We still like the old fashioned description word "Fair". Over 20,000 well printed, nicely edited and neatly arranged pictures, a golden brochure of the Lindsay Ex. are being circulated. They tell the story in great detail of the Lindsay Expo '66.

The fair will once again have many popular attractions, many old, many new visitors, who would do well to secure a programme and single out the exhibits and events they would like to see.

One of the annual visitors will be Paddy Conklin, Mr. Midway himself. Now in the beginning of his seventies, this national showman enthusiastically insists every big exhibition and in fact every country fair should have a midway.

Paddy Conklin started the Canadian National Midway in 1937 and has been the kingpin at the world's greatest fair ever since.

One distinguished white haired gentleman who will be missed by many friends at the Lindsay Ex this year will be the late Percy Menzies.

Although he lived in far away Pontiac, Michigan, he attended the Lindsay fair for the past fifty years. Percy Menzies was a normal boy who took a certain amount of pride in stating he was once one of the youngsters who hopped over or crawled under the fence to see the Lindsay fair. Many the youngster who had that thrilling experience. Only a year ago he told a friend "I was talking to the

manager of the fair and I related how in those days we were lucky to have a few bronze pennies in our pocket for the big fair."

The late Mr. Menzies was the son of the late Robert and Margaret Menzies and for several years lived on Sussex Street south. He went to school in Lindsay, but left to go to work when a mere lad in short pants. He was always mechanically inclined, and one of his first jobs was in Peterboro, where he spent some time with an aunt he loved dearly. He once told how he thought he was earning big money, five cents an hour.

Mr. Menzies returned to Lindsay and he became an expert tool and die maker with the Sylvester Manufacturing Company. He was especially

skilled in working with gas motors and was able to make his own engines.

For many years he worked in Detroit, and in later years moved to his home in Pontiac, Michigan, where he lived happily with his wife and his four children.

The late Percy Menzies loved his annual pilgrimage to Lindsay and his familiar figure and pleasing personality will be missed by many people. He generally managed to pay a fraternal visit to the Faithful Brethren Masonic Lodge in Lindsay where he was welcomed as a past Past Master of the Pontiac Lodge.

While in Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Menzies always attended Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Mr. Menzies spoke very highly of his fellowship with Rev. O. G. Locke.