

On Wednesday July 12 the toot of the flute and piccolo and the beat of the drums were heard on the main street of many towns, villages and cities across the length and breadth of the land, in celebrations marking the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

The bright, orange, blue and white of the Loyal Orange Lodges and the Ladies benevolent Societies floated in the breeze in many areas.

It is impossible to recall the names of the vast body of old-timers but a few are brought to mind to refresh the memories of the citizens of today. Among them are Harry "Hank" Brown, and his father

Joe Brown, John Vout, William Patrick, Jim Lauder, Wallace Bell, Bill Warren, Ernie Moore, Tom Trotter, William Newman, Fred Burke, Dick Abercrombie, Sam Hughes, Clayton Hodgson, Jim Casey, John Richards, and one of the later enthusiasts Merle Lindsay.

A perusal of the following history in brief of Lindsay and district Orange lodges may be of interest to many readers, as the glorious history of the L.O.L. dates back long before Confederation.

Victoria County contains five district lodges which include 19 primary lodges with a membership of 510. The lodges which received warrants in the 1800's are L.O.L. 32, issued to John Lytle on January 5, 1847. Meetings were held at Black's Corners, Mariposa, moved to Woodville in 1907 and later came to Lindsay in 1913. Dr. Wood was the first master and the lodge has been active to this date, having at one time a membership of 400. The Lodge purchased the former Orange Hall in 1921, sold the same in 1959 and since that time have met in the I.O.O.F. Hall. W. Bro. Alvin Johnston was the present Wor. Master in 1964.

L.O.L. No. 41, Orange Corners, was issued to James Moore, May 28, 1847. Their first hall was built in 1875 and a new hall was built and opened in 1954. This lodge has a very special member, Walter Magee who joined the lodge in 1889.

L.O.L. No. 96, Dunsford was issued a warrant in Lindsay to John Bell on March 31, 1848 and was then known as Lindsay Orange Lodge No. 96 moved to Dunsford and is still an active lodge. An interesting item from their minutes records a vote taken to decide whether to go to Lindsay on July 12 by team and wagon or by boat. The boat ride was approved.

L.O.L. No. 98, Cambray, received their warrant issued to W. B. Feir, April 27, 1848 and the lodge is still very active. Wor. Bro. John McLean was the Master in 1964.

The first district Lodge Warrant was issued to Lindsay District Lodge on July 3, 1854. The Lindsay Royal Scarlet Chapter was instituted in 1859 and amalgamated with Emily Chapter in 1963. The Victoria County and Lindsay Lodges were hosts to the Grand Lodge of Ontario East Sessions in the year 1864. The Victoria County Lodge was formed in 1884, John Kelly County Master.

Two names on the petition to incorporate the Grand Lodge of British America by act of parliament in 1890 are those of Sam Hughes of Lindsay and Charles Fairburn of Bobcaygeon.

The Royal Black Chapter came to Lindsay in 1871 with the issuing of a warrant to Victoria Royal Black Preceptory No. 262, Lindsay.

The Victoria Lodge No. 366 of the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association was instituted on May 18, 1921 with an enrollment of 26 members. The first Wor. Mistress was Greta May Beadle and the lodge held their meetings in the L.O.L. 557 lodge rooms over Britton's store. Recently the lodge meets in the I.O.O.F. Hall and the Worthy Mistress in 1964 was Mrs. Frances Hore.

The L.O.L. No. 557 warrant was issued to William Bell, June 20, 1854 and amalgamated with L.O.L. No. 32 in 1945.

Reaboro L.O.L. No. 820 is the largest lodge at present and has one of the finest Royal Arch Degree teams in the bounds of the Orange Order.

The Grand Lodge Sessions were held in Lindsay in the year 1864 with Mackenzie Bowell as Grand Master. The

Grand Lodge Sessions were also held in Lindsay in 1914, Fred W. Ford, Grand Master. Everett Mitchell of L.O.L. 32 Lindsay was grand Master in 1937-1938.

The present County Master in 1967 is Austin Cavanaugh of Burnt River. Present masters are: L.O.L. 32, A. Lywood with Merle Lindsay as recording secretary; L.O.L. No. 96, Earl Thurston, Dunsford, with Huber Elliott as recording sec.; L.O.L. No. 98, John Starr, Eden, with Ganton Carr as recording secretary; L.O.L. No 820, Cameron Reeds, Reaboro, with Morley Bell as recording secretary.

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