

# On The Main Street

with Ford Moynes

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From time to time we are indebted to readers for suggestions for the column. Bill Fitzell of the editorial staff of the Kingston Whig Standard is one. Recently Bill sent along the following clipping knifed from a copy of the Post in the Winter of 1929:

## Winning Lindsay Rinks

### Given Ovation on Return

Lindsay, Feb. 7. — A grand torchlight procession, headed by the band, welcomed the victorious Lindsay curlers, winners of the Ontario Tankard. Tonight a big reception was held at the Armories, where a civic welcome and congratulations were extended by Mayor Moore, and a congratulatory message delivered by President Anderson of the Curling Club. Addresses were also given by veteran honorary members, J. C. Edwards, Alex Ross, Sec. Cuthbert and James Boxall.

Several decades ago Lindsay had the reputation of being the most renowned in Canada as a curling town and this was in the period when Lindsay won the coveted Ontario Tankard three or four times in a row, the days when the veteran and winner of many trophies was heralded as the Dean of curlers in Canada. His rink mates included such stalwart exponents as: Rev. J.

W. McMillan, Wm. McLennan, George Little, J. G. Edwards, Lochie McIntosh, Matt. Sisson, Larry O'Connor, Frank Williams, Frank Carew, Dick Butler, Walter Reesor, Hec. Cuthbert, Tim Burke and others.

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There was a time when the Lindsay Central Exhibition was known as the South Victoria Agricultural Society and one of the oldest fairs was held yearly at Victoria Road. This annual fair was known as the North Victoria Agricultural Society. It was a two day event and school children of the district had a holiday. So says Mr. Jasper Forman who remembers the thrill of the fair when he was only six years old.

The Village of Woodville had a big Fair and many years ago there was also a Fair at Omemee. A Fair was also held at Fenelon Falls and this Fair was featured with horse racing.

According to a woman judge at the Lindsay Fair a year ago: "For several years I have been a Judge at a number of Fairs and I have judged some of the Women's Department all over the district and I think many of the same articles have been displayed for many years, particularly in quilts and fancy work. It costs money for entries but some of these exhibitors have won a lot of money through the years."

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It is remarkable how citizen readers of today follow with interest tales and historical links with the past. An article a short time ago recalled to mind some of the poems students some years ago had to memorize — poem after poem, essay after essay. Reference was made to the piece of verse entitled "The Frog and the Duck" and a reader remembers hearing Winnifred Kitson, now Mrs. Owen Sweetman, recite the poem back in the days of Mariposa Public Schools.