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Prominent Lindsay Citizen, Ford Moynes Is Still Active

LINDSAY (ENS) — Probably everybody in Lindsay knows Ford Moynes. In the first place he has been around a long time; he is certainly over the age of consent and he has in his time accumulated some remarkable credits!

He is the oldest living past master of Masonic Lodge No. 77, AF and AM, for instance, and holds a 50-year jewel as 50 years a past master. If that isn't enough, he is also a long-time past master of Kiwanis International and has 48 years perfect attendance in the club. He holds a number of Kiwanis International plaques, including one that recognizes the fact that he was bulletin editor of the Lindsay club for about 40 years.

The veteran newspaperman, who has been writing for Lindsay papers for about 50 years, has served as an editor, reporter, advertising manager and sports columnist. He has worked for the Daily Post, the Watchman-Warder, and in his youth with the Stratford Herald.

STILL WRITES

To this day, Ford Moynes' by-lines can be seen on regular columns in local papers, and he is a recognized local historian.

In the musical world, Mr. Moynes was a member of the Cambridge Street United Church choir for 35 years, and refused offers to become a paid soloist. He was one of the founders and a past president of the Victoria County musical festival and holds a festival medal as a baritone soloist.

He is a past president and past lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis, a past president and past patron of the Lindsay Curling Club, a former member of the Lindsay Lawn Bowling Club, has medals from the past as a 10-pin bowler, was involved in the operation of town hockey and

baseball teams and organized a Lindsay midget hockey team.

In centennial year Ford was doubly honored. He was a recipient of the Canadian centennial medal and in addition was named Lindsay citizen of the year.

Ford was the second of three sons, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Moynes of Islay in Fenelon Township. His mother was the former Isobelle Myers of Long Point, Balsam Lake. He spent his formative years in Woodville, then the family moved to Lindsay where his father drove a team of horses for the Sylvester Manufacturing Company, delivering binders, plows and mowers in the district.

In those days before the turn of the century, money was not easily obtained and the three boys had to forgo high school to seek work. Ford's first pennies were earned in Woodville knocking potato bugs off potato

plants for a Woodville farmer and also to cut down the tall stalks of yellow mustard weeds.

WIDE AREAS

It was the practice in days gone by for newspapers from long distances away to sell their newspapers in surprisingly wide areas and Ford carried papers for the Lindsay Post and sold subscriptions to the Chicago Blade and Ledger. In Lindsay his carrier's route was long, taking him from Pumpkin Hollow to the Grand Trunk roundhouse. Winters were long and the sidewalks were not plowed.

Ford Moynes' first newspaper job was at the Post feeding the printing press of the day and operating a foot-propelled job press. From there he advanced to the typograph machine, then used for news setting, and then was sent out to cover church meetings and sports events and given a small desk in the front office.

In his teens he joined the Stafford Herald and later returned to Lindsay to become editor of the weekly Watchman-Warder.

Despite considerable sight difficulty in recent years Ford Moynes, now living alone since the death of his wife in April, 1961, still writes his columns and makes the rounds. Earlier this year he made his first visit to London, England, and satisfied a life-long ambition. Although flying to Britain by himself he was met there by his daughter and her husband who were on holiday in Europe.

From Mr. Moynes' achievements it is obvious that he is over the biblical span of three score and 10 years, but he doesn't mention his actual age. But, then, as Ford makes obvious in his sprightly jaunts up Kent St. every day, you are as young as you feel.



FORD MOYNES