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MAIN STREET



regularly and fingers are busy making Red Cross supplies.

In War days there were two such organizations beloved and respected very highly, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army. In war or peace times the two fine organizations still carry on, thanks to the loyalty and work of members of both groups.

Sidewalk benches on Kent and William Streets were filled last Saturday — balmy weather brought out the occupants and for the first time in many months, it was a sight to watch one man as he pulled out a stubby old pipe and from another pocket a plug of old fashioned tobacco.

He was an old timer, a fact which was demonstrated when he dug into another pocket and produced an old knife and sliced a few shavings from the plug and expertly filled the bowl of the pipe. To complete the job this smoker pulled out an old fashioned match and scratching the match on the brick wall of the bank, he was soon in business and enjoying a smoke.

No one was eavesdropping but it was not difficult to pick up bits of the conversation. One man could not understand how the 19 man police force put in the time. "We never see a policeman walking on Kent Street and when they go by in the cruiser there are always two in the car."

A third bencher changed the subject. "I see in the paper that the town council is going slow on spending \$25,000 of the people's money on the airport — I hope Tom Madill will look into this matter before spending the taxpayers' money that way. Bert Hick was right when he suggested the money be spent on roads and sidewalks."

Another bencher heard from: "It seems to me that the recreation committee has no right to spend the taxpayers' money by pumping thousands of dollars into enlarging the arena. Too bad that place is not owned by a private citizen. I am sure the place could pay its way if privately owned."

If Mr. Citizen wants to get an ear full of town topics, try the sidewalk benches or the benches in the park.

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Over 100 years ago the Red Cross Society was functioning across the width and breadth of all lands and judging from the promptness with which nurses and doctors rendered aid and service to the passengers on the high-jacked airplane stranded in the middle of the desert the Society is still going strong.

The Society in Lindsay and Victoria County has been no exception. Throughout the years a "noble band of women" worked zealously and loyally whenever called on. The work accomplished years ago by such women as Mrs. R. M. Beal, Mrs. John Carew, Mrs. J. L. Sutton and others is still referred to from time to time. The same three women were equally active as members of the IODE, especially in the days of World War One and again in World War Two. It is interesting to note that the Society meets