



On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

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In 1865 in the month of July the Salvation Army was born and the illustrious founder, William Booth, was recognized by Royalty when he had an audience with the illustrious Queen Victoria.

One of the oldest Salvation Army Corps is the company of loyal Salvationists in Lindsay.

According to history followers of the Salvation Army had a very rough time, even in Lindsay, when a small band of dedicated Christians were stoned and spat upon as they held a meeting on Kent street. In fact members were thrown into jail where they spent a night and were allowed their freedom only after

the intervention of several leading citizens.

As many readers will remember, the group generally held a service of song and praise in front of the Benson Hotel, and later at the corner of Kent and York streets, and many people tossed coins on top of the big bass drum, while others placed money in the tamborines, a musical instrument which was an important part of the Corps.

To-day the tamborines are

in the category of antiques although still in use by some groups.

In the cities the Band is an important section of the Army. To thousands of people the music of the S. A. band is real "music to the ears." Too many Senior Citizens no music can equal that played by a Salvation Army Band and no singing of hymns can equal that rendered by the lassies of the Salvation Army.

Although it is not generally known, the Officers of the Salvation Army in Lindsay attend to the spiritual wants and food necessities of hundreds of wandering humanity by issuing meal tickets and providing night accommodation. Most citizens are unaware of what the S. A. s doing by way of acts of mercy. Orchids to the officers and members of the Lindsay Corps.