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On The Main Street

With FORD MOYNES

"Working conditions and problems on the farm today are very much different than two and three decades ago, but the farmer is still one of the main citizens of today" so spoke Orville McNevin of Peniel, a few days ago.

Peniel was on the map two and three decades ago, especially in days when farm folks took pride in family life, when the popular meeting place was in the little old school house or in the then big white church. Today older residents claim life in the neighborhood has never been the same since "dear old golden school days" when often lads and lassies were taught to the tune of the hickory stick and when the teacher inflicted severe punishment with the strap. "The strap was usually a piece of harness tug leather and it was about one inch thick and two feet long and teachers were experts in the saying and belief of "spare the rod and spoil the child."

Summers seemed to be hotter and winters colder then,

compared to the seasons of today. School kids often walked a mile or more to and from school, carried their lunches and they were tough, they tramped through snow drifts, as the roads were seldom plowed. There was plenty of time for learning and also for playing and concerts were a bright time and the visit of the school inspector was always an occasion to remember.

In these bygone days it was a thrill to go shopping at Woodville and Woodville always had good stores and church concerts were the best kind of entertainment. Conditions are very much different but farmers are still among the best people in the land" sail the man from Peniel.

Today people appear to have more spending money for motor boats and motor cars and this affluence is shown in the hundreds in this lake area who own summer homes on the lakes — a veritable holiday paradise right at Lindsay's doorway.

Many citizens own two homes, one in town and the other at a lake resort and this is good. Consequently life is so good to many people that there is no time for the once popular "big days" of parades and bands, motor cavalcades and water regattas. Vast changes have taken place in society in the past and greater changes will no doubt take place in the future and there will always be a LINDSAY.