

# Guns Roar As Rebels Return To Lloydtown

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Our King Correspondent

The Upper Canada hamlet of Lloydtown, located near Schomberg west of Highway 400, was again the meeting place for William Lyon Mackenzie's rebels last Saturday.

King Township Historical Society has made this an annual event — a time to honor and reflect on the impact of Rebel Jesse Lloyd who participated in the Rebellion of 1837 helped to bring responsible government to Upper Canada. One year ago the society had a cairn erected in the square at an official ceremony attended by local politicians and Members of Parliament.

The ghosts of Lloydtown pikemen and the faint smell of the smoke from flint guns permeated the air as we strolled down the streets of this historical Quaker Village. At the entrance to the fair grounds, men stood dressed in buckskin jackets holding their long-barreled rifles, and sporting a hunting knife on their waist belt. Ladies of the society

were dressed in long gowns of the pioneer era and some, like Minnie Bloom, were demonstrating early crafts. Mrs. Bloom was at her spinning wheel, and Elizabeth Gilham, local historian, was selling placemats with a map of the area during the 1800s on it at 12 for a dollar. Sinclair Stevens MP, York Simcoe, was there with a name tag on his jacket reading "Official Rebel". An auction sale of odds and ends took place from atop a farm wagon, near a sign stating "Tories Be Damned, Vote Reform. W. L. McKenzie" (spelled wrong).

A car parked on the fair grounds had the trunk lid covered with a copy of the original rebel flag, blue with two white stars. Inside were three gentlemen (one cuddling an infant) who were members of the Anti-Imperialist Day Committee, handing out printed literature urging people to fight "U.S. Imperialism", with quotations by Mao Tse Tung (strange Canadian spirit). The occupants said, when questioned by "The Liberal", that they had been

invited to attend by the society. The chugging, tooting, and hissing of a steam display could be heard, with the occasional scream of their whistles. One of the rigs was by J. N. Snider and Sons of Woodbridge.

Members of the Kingcraft Studio were showing their talents including quilting, rug hooking, ceramics and needlework. Harness making, wood-working by Basil Self and natural dying of sheep's fleece using onion skins, marigold and hemlock in pots suspended over an open fire were all happening as they did back when Jesse Lloyd rallied his men to the cause.

A small unit of Queens York Rangers (1st American) in period uniforms paraded past us, silently moving from the eastern boundaries near the pond, towards the village square — arms fixed firmly at their sides. Other participants were not quite so authentic. I feel that soldiers driving modern jeeps with machine guns mounted on the back seat, assisted by bat-

tery operated radio communications, were completely out of place. Likewise, the O'Keefe Brewery Van, playing hit parade music near the town square was as much in context as Chief Sitting Bull watching color television at the Little Big Horn.

For 35¢ you could buy a slice of crusty bread with old cheese and for 60¢, a large sausage on a bun. A "maple sugar shack" offered both candy and bottled treats. Admission to the village itself was \$1 per adult with children free, and a program containing some historical information about Lloydtown and the Rebellion cost a further dollar.

President of the KTHS, Bill Poulin, and Secretary Mrs. Penny Raniowski were kept busy throughout the afternoon. The weather was terrible, with windy overcast skies ending with a cold rain which started about four in the afternoon. Hand drawn sketches of characters involved in early Lloydtown were posted on many of the street's lamp posts.

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### Church News

Sunday at St. John's Anglican there will be morning prayer at 10:30 am at which the guest preacher will be Rev. John Speers.

Sunday the morning service was Holy Communion and in the evening in the upper room there was a music and Meet the Missioner night of informal fellowship. Wednesday morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion, Bible study and prayer fellowship, followed by a light lunch.

The topic at the Mission Monday evening was God's Grace In Creation And Providence. Tuesday the topic was God's Grace In The Christ Event (Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection) Wednesday the topic was God's Grace In The Church, Scripture and Sacraments. Today (Thursday) at 7:30 the topic will be God's Grace In Healing. This being St. Luke's Day, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion coupled with the laying-on-of-hands at the heart of the service.

Friday, which is being called youth night, the topic will be God's Grace In Sanctification or What God is Doing In The 70's. The evening begins with singing at 7:30, the service at 8 pm and refreshments at 9 in the upper room.

The Mixed Blessings sang Monday and Wednesday for the first half hour. They will again begin the evening Friday.

Due to the Mission there will be no choir practice Thursday.

Community Notes  
This week birthday wishes go to Sandra Spraggett who will be 12, Sonya Jansen who will be seven and Adam

Miller who will be 11 tomorrow (Friday); to Tracey Kennedy who will be 12 October 20; to Leslie Nigh who will be nine and Louise Hannah who will be 11 October 21 and to David Gregg who will be 13 October 23. Happy birthday!

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**Legion Reports**

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion  
By Eric Chapman

**District "E" Shuffleboard  
Finals Here Saturday**

People sometime question the need for a Canadian Legion when it seems, that the old vets are fading away. Some young people in fact, claim that few genuine veterans still exist. But when critics talk about a diminishing need for the Department of Veterans Affairs — Deputy Minister J. S. Hodgson can quote statistics that prove they're wrong.

To wit; there are about 900,000 veterans of war still alive in Canada, of whom one third are Legion members. Some 130,000 are disability pensioners; another 78,000 receive War Veterans Allowances; 30,000 widows and orphans also get pensions; 5000 veterans are patients in DVA-run hospitals and homes, and 60,000 veterans with families are still being established under the Veterans Land Act.

Even if Canada is never again involved in a war, DVA statisticians calculate the last veteran will die in the year 2030, 57 years from now. The average age of World War I veterans is 80; World War II veterans 58. However, the last survivor of the Northwest Field Forces who fought against Louis Riel in the 1880's died only two years ago at the age of 104.

If that surprises you — you will be interested to learn that the department is still paying veterans allowance to seven widows of that ancient expeditionary force. Of a contingent of Canadians who fought in the South African War which ended in 1902, the department pays allowances to 56 surviving soldiers and 283 widows.

Canada's oldest veteran is Philias Lepage of Elk Lake, Ontario. He is 103, and apparently lied about his age in order to enlist in World War I.

With such figures, it would appear that 57 more years of fading life for the Royal Canadian Legion is a trifle underestimated. Members are therefore gent-

**Constable Kenneth Harkness**

**9 Days On Region Police Force  
Apprehends Wanted Man**

Officer Kenneth Harkness had only been with the York Region Police for nine days last May when he played an instrumental role in the apprehension of a Toronto man wanted on a series of fraud, forgery, and uttering offences.

He was one of three officers who received "special" commendations for their diligence and devotion to duty from Police Chief Bruce Crawford and the York Region Police Commission Tuesday night of last week.

The others were Officers Kelvin Ceballo and Raymond Bunce. All three are with the Richmond Hill Division.

Officer Harkness' contribution consisted of spotting the license number of a car on a downtown street in Toronto while he was off-duty. The car had been identified as being spotted near a couple of businesses where forgery offences had been committed in Richmond Hill.

Chief Crawford told the commission that what had impressed him was that Constable Harkness had not even been with the force when the offences originally occurred.

Constable Ceballo was responsible for the capture and later conviction of a youth on an indecent assault charge which occurred July

31 in the Yonge Street-Newkirk Road area.

The officer spotted a car later that day while off-duty, gave chase to it, following it to a residence and reporting the address to the local police division.

Constable Bunce was credited with the capture of a man later convicted two different counts of common assault and indecent assault occurring in Richmond Hill April 25 and May 1.

He spotted a car described as the one which was involved in the offences while it was parked on Yonge Street and subsequently arrested a Toronto man.

TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL  
**Assessment Commissioners' List  
SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR  
1974 TAXES**


The Assessment Commissioner's List for the Town of Richmond Hill has been received by me in accordance with Section 23 of the Assessment Act as amended, which shows the school support of every inhabitant who is entitled to direct taxes for school support purposes. The list was posted in my office on October 12th, 1973.

You may examine the list for errors and omissions in my office at the Town Hall, 56 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill during hours 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Monday to Friday.

The last day for the filing of complaints on the prescribed forms (Form 1) which are available at the Town Hall, for revision of the list is Friday, November 9th, 1973.

L. M. Clement, Clerk  
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