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Secretary of State will be judged by his actions

ORANGEMEN and Unionists, in common with all law-abiding Ulster people will judge the Secretary of State Mr. Peter Brooke by his actions, rather than his fine words at the Conservative Party conference when he promised the defeat of the IRA terrorist campaign.

Too often during the past 22 years similar promises have been made to the Ulster people only to flounder within weeks as the IRA and their associated groups prove their ability to step up their campaign almost at will.

Since Mr. Brooke's fine sounding words people have been murdered in the streets of North Belfast by terrorists from both sides of the community divide, the IRA has cost millions of pounds by incendiary bomb attacks in Belfast, Bangor, Malusk and other towns, as well as gun attacks on RUC stations.

spreading to other parts of the city including hitherto peaceful streets in South Belfast. Two Protestant men were shot and wounded in an attack on a public house in Donegall Pass, in a sectarian attack carried out by IPLO gunmen.

Across Shaftesbury Square, in Donegall Road, two Protestants were seriously wounded in a murderous knife attack, and this was said to be retaliation for the murder by loyalist gunmen of a Roman Catholic newsagent.

SPIRAL

The horrible spiral of violence grows and grows, and most people, except unfortunately those with powers to influence matters, realise that the disastrous security policies, with emphasis on containment have not worked.

Each time there is a spate of terrorist incidents, the province is promised another security review, but ideas put forward by Unionist politicians and leaders are consistently rejected.

Orange and Unionist leaders have argued for years that the Government should allow the security forces to take a more vigorous stance. The Army and police should be allowed to go on the offensive, making things difficult for the IRA in the areas the control, rather than reacting to violence and terrorist incidents.

Internment has been turned down on many occasions, as has the introduction of identity cards, or curfew in certain areas.

The Government should study previous terrorist campaigns in Ulster and learn the lessons from 1920-22, and 1956-62. Ulster governments did not hesitate to introduce internment, curfew and other measures in the face of murder and intimidation.

The forces of law and order made things so difficult for the gunmen and bombers that they got the lesson it was just not worth the effort. In 1921-22 the Ulster Government faced a situation in Belfast not unlike that in North and West Belfast today. It faced down the Sinn Fein gunmen and bombers, proscribed the political wing of the IRA, raided constantly for

arms and ammunition, and interned over 200 known republican activists.

By 1922 the situation was under control, and peace returned to the streets of the city, and to the rest of the Province.

Significantly, when the IRA carried out its campaign in 1956-62 it did not include Belfast at all.

If the Government is to break the hold of the IRA, and especially the grip it exerts through extortion, it must defeat the organisation in its strongholds.

It is all very well for Mr. Brooke and other Ministers to criticise Ulster businessmen

for paying protection money to the terrorists. The Government Ministers are well protected most of the time, whereas businessmen and traders have to return to their homes each night, many of them situated not far from republican enclaves.

Once again the Orange Standard appeals to the Government to study anti-guerrilla campaigns carried out by Britain in other parts of the world as well as Ireland in the past, and draw some lessons from these.

A great Ulsterman, Field-Marshal Gerald Templar, of

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Inept security

Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has indicted the Government's law and order policies which have allowed the growth of terrorism in Northern Ireland and the fresh eruptions of violence in Britain.

"The media has found no trace of 'the rustling' for which the Secretary of State has been waiting. The political quiet of August followed by a warm September provided few breezes to stir the undergrowth; apart from the dances of Northern Ireland Office puppets".

"The rustling of terrorists, however, has continued apace. The continuing ineptitude of security policies permits the ravaging of the country and the destruction of too many of its people".

Grand Lodge disowns vendettas but asks: "Must the people provide the posse because the sheriff has inadequate resources?"

Top Orange post for Black leader

Ulster Unionist leader Wor Bro James Molyneux has been elected Imperial Grand Master of the Orange Order.

Mr. Molyneux, who is also the Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution, succeeds Bro Eldon Brownlee, from Canada, at the World Orange Triennial Council. Bro William Irvine, an Ulsterman living in New Zealand, is the new Imperial President of the Council, succeeding Bro Magnus Bain, the Grand Master of Scotland. Togo Orange leader Bro Emmanuel Essien was elected senior vice-president at the triennial council meeting at Stirling in Scotland.

Others elected were: Imperial Grand Secretary - Bro Walter Williams; Imperial Grand Treasurer - Bro Alfred E. Lee, Londonderry, and Imperial Grand Chaplain - Bro S. Ernest Long.

Delegates to the Council unanimously passed a resolution expressing full support for the UDR-4 campaign.



Rt. Hon. J. H. Molyneux, M.P.

Stand for democracy

The Orange Institution is to organise a series of parades, rallies and vigils in November against the continuation of the Anglo Irish Agreement.

The position of the order has not changed and many in Northern Ireland look to it for leadership in expressing continued opposition and non-acquiescence to the Diktat.

District and private lodges are planning:

* **On the evening of November 15 to arrange torch light vigils in their local areas. Brethren and friends should assemble outside their halls or in villages/towns throughout the province. A suitable slogan is "Rekindle the light of democracy in Northern Ireland."**

* **On Saturday November 16 to gather at the local memorials or other suitable venues as Districts, and hold a service of remembrance for the slain, particularly through terrorist action, and pass a resolution calling for the restoration of accountable democracy in Northern Ireland.**

The protests have the full support of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Two leading Orange and Black brethren from Togo were guests at Craigavon Civic Centre, where they were received by the Mayor, Alderman Bro. Joseph Trueman. The Togo brethren are left, Bro. D. Attoha Mansah, registrar of R.B.P. No. 469 and Bro. Emmanuel Essien, WM of the same preceptory. Also pictured from left, Bros. Thomas Matier, Imperial Grand Lecturer; Councillor Samuel Lutton, Imperial Deputy Grand Master, and Mr. Charles Heaney, Deputy District Master No. 10 District. Co Down. Photo Portadown Times.

Tory double think slammed

The Rev. Martin Smyth, MP, vice-president of the Ulster Unionist Council, in a speech to Portadown Unionist on September 17, referred to the intrigue between the British and Eire Governments.

"The press has made much of Garret FitzGerald's so called disclosures of alleged discussions between Margaret Thatcher and Charles Haughey. When Unionists made similar statements years ago they were blithely ignored. Undoubtedly they were discussion points at that time."

"Margaret Thatcher, then a clear-headed Unionist, was not prepared to break the union. Charles Haughey, like de Valera with similar proposals by Churchill, knew that the



M.W. Bro. Revd. Martin Smyth

unionist people of Ulster could not be so bartered."

"It was the subtlety of FitzGerald, the diplomacy of the Foreign Office and the friendship of Ronald Reagan which led Margaret Thatcher up the garden

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PETER BROOKE

Mr. Brooke did add the rider to his promise on security that there would not be an early end to the terrorist campaign. That, Unionists will believe, because the Government has failed in 22 years to end the longest terrorist campaign in Irish history.

Indeed, the most disturbing fact of recent weeks and months is that the orgy of violence has been on the increase, and is taking in more and more territory of the province.

A Protestant man was wounded in Newry when shots were fired into his house, and as he is not a member of the security forces, the reason for this murder attempt would seem to be the fact that he is a member of the Orange and Black Institutions.

The North Belfast killing grounds, which have already claimed 600 lives - a horrible statistic - have claimed more victims, both Protestant and Roman Catholic.

But the violence has been



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Hugh turn-out for Lisnaskea

Lisnaskea in Co. Fermanagh hosted a "mini-Twelfth" parade on Sunday September 29 as Orangemen and women representing Orange Lodges from each of the six counties attended the Drumhead Service and 75th commemoration of the Battle of the Somme and Ulster Day.

An estimated 1,200 members of the Orange Order were on parade in glorious sunshine to the open-air service in the field at Cushwash where the sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. John Batchelor, rector of Killylea, in Co. Armagh.

The event was organised by Fawny Heroes L.O.L. No. 329 from Lisnaskea District No. 4.

Those on parade assembled at a field at Derryvree at the Maguiresbridge end of town and the parade was led by a colour party and the 36th Ulster Division Flute Band from Belfast. Among the officers at the head of the procession were Wor. Bro. Eddie Elliott, County Grand Master and Wor. Bro. Bill Morrison, District Master.

Among the other bands attending were Maguiresbridge Silver Band, which led the praise at the service; Ballyreagh Silver Band, Ligonil Accordion Band, Belfast; Killeen Pipe Band, Armagh, the Ulster champions, and Ballinamallard Accordion Band.

Members of the Orange Order travelled from as far as Killeel, Portstewart, Coleraine and Belfast to take part.

The service was conducted by Bro. the Rev Wallace Fenton, rector of Sallaghy Parish, assisted by Bro. the Rev. C.G. Walpole, Methodist minister in Lisnaskea, who received the colours.

The hymns sung during the service included, "What a Friend we have in Jesus," "All People that on Earth do Dwell," "O God our help in Ages Past," "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The Act of Remembrance was read by Wor. Bro. Councillor Sammy Foster, representative of the Fermanagh District Council Somme Development Committee, during which he said, "With solemnity we remember those who died at the Battle of the Somme - the flower of Ulster's manhood gave their lives 75 years ago."

"We also remember all who died in World War I, World War II, in subsequent campaigns and in the present campaign of

terror in our Province. They have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the defence of freedom."

During the playing of the Last Post, the Union flag was lowered by Bro. Billy Crawford. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Ernest Dalton and Richard Little, bandsmen with Maguiresbridge Silver Band, and the Lament "Flowers of the Forest" was played by Pipe Major Walter Morrison of Fawney Pipe Band.

Bro. Rev. John Batchelor, in his address, reminded members of the Orange Order that they were meeting to commemorate two great events in the history of their nation - the Battle of the Somme on July 1, 1916 and the Signing of the Ulster Covenant, Ulster Day on September 28, 1912.

"Both of these great events speak to me of victory and sacrifice," he said.

He recalled the consequences of the battle: In one day, 60,000 British Soldiers had been killed and by July 1, casualties had risen to 171,000. The campaign lasted for five months.

Bro. Batchelor said that the only thing that raised its head and survived in no-man's-land was the scarlet poppy, worth so little but which suggested the richer red which one day stained Flanders Fields, the Desert Sands and the ocean waves, the life-blood of the men who saved the liberties which they now enjoyed.

Among those commended for their bravery were the men of the 36th Ulster Division who were the cream of Ulster's youth, he said.

Bro. Batchelor outlining a history of the signing of the Ulster Covenant said they must again defeat the imposition of Dublin Rule.

"Like our forefathers we must not allow control of our lives and liberties to be transferred into the hands of our enemies by the Government of the day without the consent of our people," he said.

"We must enter into defence of our heritage in the same spirit that moved our forefathers to make such sacrifices on our behalf."

"I believe that the flame of that spirit is still burning in the Ulster people, and this flame will keep her sons at a high and steady pitch of resolution."

"If the sacrifices of the Somme and our present conflict are to be justified by results, measures must be taken to ensure that history will not repeat itself. The gun and the bullet are archaic ways of settling disputes. Dialogue must be the order of the day."

"We must learn to live in this world together as a family of nations. Each one recognising the others right to live on this earth. This is the ideal of the Christian Church, and it is in the light of this ideal that we must think of the future of our nation."

"The generation which has wrought the present iniquity in our land will pass away. All the more reason for us when the war is ended, to labour for a reconciliation."

"Since the first World War we now have the European Community. Those who were our bitterest enemies are now our friends. Cannot the same apply to the people of this island of Ireland?" he asked.

"When the war is over and nationalists repent, there will be a Christian forgiveness. The cost of victory in all our conflicts is so great. But as God has given us victory in the past, pray that it will be so in the not-too distant future."

"The 'V' for Victory sign, used by Churchill, that great statesman of the last war, is a symbol of our nation's faith and determination to carry on to a successful conclusion the task of defeating our enemies in this province of Ulster. The fortunes of our cause may waver to and fro and may be prolonged for a time but the final issue cannot be in doubt. Ultimate victory is certain."

Bro. Batchelor urged everyone attending the service and everyone in the community to give their support to the security forces in their battle against terrorism.

He said that with nearly 3,000 dead from the present Ulster conflict they are given a sharp reminder that every conquest has its cost.

"We may wave our banners and blow our bugles and beat our drums, but spare a thought for the victims of this world's victories."

"If victories in the political front are so costly, if every battle has to be won with blood and sweat and toil and tears, can we suppose that the great victory of the Cross which Christ has gained for us was gotten cheaply?" he asked.

The collection during the service was in aid of the Somme Association Orange charities and Hall building fund.



ORANGE PARADE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Greetings brothers and sisters!

The attached photographs were taken at the annual Orange parade held each September at the Orange home in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, USA.

The parade is held on Labour Day, a holiday on the first Monday of September each year, marking the end of the summer vacation season in the United States.

Orangemen and women from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New York states all marched in the parade with pipe bands, flags and banners.

I send you this information so that the Orange people of Ulster will see that we in the United States also say NO SURRENDER!

Orangemen carrying the three flags represent three generations of Orangemen. The Ulster flag (centre) is carried by my father Arthur Harron. His parents moved from Belfast to the USA in 1926. The Union Jack is carried by his son John Michael Harron, and the United States flag by his grandson Brian Arthur Harron.

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SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AT WARREN HOUSE

The McCrea Memorial Trust held an open-air service of thanksgiving in Donaghadee on Saturday September, 14 to mark the Anniversary of the opening of Warren House.

The service was preceded by a parade of juniors accompanied by senior members of the Order. It was conducted by W. Brother Rev W.S.K. Crossley, Grand Chaplain, assisted by Wor. Bro. Rev J.J. Wilson, Junior Grand Chaplain. The special preacher was the Grand Master of Ireland, Most Wor. Bro. Rev W.M. Smyth, M.P.

At the conclusion of the service many senior members of the Order were entertained to afternoon tea and the chairman of the Trust, Bro. Thomas R. Haire took the opportunity to thank the Treasurer of the Trust Bro. Hugh Conn for giving 20 years steady service. A special commemoration cut glass rose bowl was presented to him by Rt. W. Brother Walter Williams Imperial Grand Secretary.

Ballinran's annual parade

Kilkeel was en fete on September 7 for the annual band parade hosted by the Pride of Ballinran Flute Band, with the main thoroughfare packed with spectators from a very wide area.

A feature of the event was the excellent section for what is becoming known as the three part flute bands - a class in which the host band also excels.

The judges had no hesitation in awarding the top prize to that other excellent Kilkeel band - the Mourne Young Defenders - who were parading one of the largest combinations with 32 flautists and 10 snare drums.

They produced a very balanced sound, with the

percussionists complementing the flutes nicely, good dynamics all through - even from the bass drummer - and the melody as clean as a whistle.

THE WINNERS

Colour party - 1, Crosskeys Victoria, 2, Mourne Young Defenders; 3, Clogher P. Boys.

Senior D/Major - 1, Sir George White; 2, Millar Memorial; 3, Pride of the Raven.

B/T/D/Major - Finaghy True Blues; 2, Newtownards P. Boys; 3, South Down Defenders Newry.

Melody Drum Corps - Pride of the Maine; 2, Pride of the Hill; 3, (tie), Pride of Knockmore and Crumlin Young Loyalists.

Bass Drummers - Melody: 1,

Sir Geo White; 2, Mourne Young Defenders; 3, Omagh P. Boys.

Best Accordion - 1; Ballymageough; 2, Cranfield; Best Melody - 1, Mourne Young Defenders; 2, Sir Geo White; 3, Pride of the Raven.

Best Blood and Thunder - 1, Pride of the Maine; 2, Armagh True Blues; 3, Pride of the Hill.

Style and Appearance - 1, Mourne Young Defenders; 2, Crosskeys Victoria; 3, Millar Memorial.

Best overall Blood and Thunder - 1, Pride of the Maine; 2, Portadown Defenders; 3, Clogher P. Boys.

Best overall everything - 1, Sir Geo White; 2, Mourne Young Defenders; 3, Pride of the Raven, Belfast.

Brethren of Boardmills LOL 1662 have bade farewell and bon voyage to their Deputy Master Bro. Wm. Ewing who is returning to Melbourne, Australia.

The brethren marked the occasion with a dinner and social evening in Boardmills Orange Hall.

The W.M. paid tribute to all the work that Bro. Ewing had done over the years both for the Orange Lodge and the Black

Boardmills Orangeman sets sail for Australia

Bro. Wilbert Thompson (second left) presents a mantle clock to Bro. Wm. Ewing and Bro. Samuel Hanna (second right) presents a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Hazel Ewing. Also included is Annette and Alan Ewing.

Photograph Courtesy of the Mourne Observer.

Preceptory. He has been a member of Boardmills for the past 20 years and before that was a member of Ballymacarrett Junior Orange Lodge.

The brethren were joined in the Orange Hall by friends and guests and Bro. Ewing was presented with a mantle clock by Bro. W. Thompson, District Lecturer, and Mrs. Ewing was presented with a floral tribute from Bro. S. Hanna.



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Remain steadfast- Imperial chaplain

RIGHT Wor. Bro. Canon Dr. S. Ernest Long, Imperial Chaplain, gave the address at the opening session of the Imperial Orange Council at Stirling, Scotland, on September 23.

He took as his text:-
"Go on steadily in those things which you have learned and which you know are true..." (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
"The Apostle Paul is writing to the one whom he called his son in the Christian faith and doing three things, encouraging him in the practise of his religion; reminding him of his responsibilities as a Christian. Paul contends that Timothy should know the facts of the faith; have a sense of indebtedness to those who passed them on to him and a realization of his duty to present the faith to other people."

"The word to Timothy is a word to us! Like him from our earliest days we were the recipients of the truths of the Gospel - that God loves us so much that he came into the world as a man to live and die for us, that we defend our God for life and its necessities.

"As we grew up we enlarged our knowledge of God building on these premises. We were taught to see that God does so much for us we owe him a return in worship and service. We were encouraged to see that the God who gives, as Jesus gave, demands that we give him our lives. It is only as we are in the hands of God, doing his will, that we can be at peace with ourselves and enabled to live with the good life.

"The things we were taught are freely ours but so that they could be ours freely, many of our ancestors gave themselves even to death itself that the truth of the Gospel should be heard everywhere in our land. From them we learned that truth is all; freedom is worth fighting for; loyalty and fellowship are of life's essentials and in unity there is strength.

"Paul reminds Timothy of the

peace and purpose of the Scriptures. Our forefathers appreciated that fact and it was by the yardstick of the Holy Writ that they built their churches, did their work and moulded their characters.

"It was the fear that the faith would be hidden in a forest of superstition and spiritual impoverishment that they fought for the right to worship God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Their fears were well founded for there were spiritual dictatorships which refused the right of private judgement by compelling conformity to patterns of worship and conduct not authorised in Scripture.

"There is no greater tyranny than the enslavement of the mind. The thinking man will have his mind often to learn, always indebted to those who can teach him what he needs to know. He will listen for the divine voice as it speaks to him."

Bro. Long continued: "Our forefathers determination to leave us a heritage of civil and religious liberty makes us debtors to them. Insofar as we are safeguarding those things for which they lived, suffered

and died we are paying our debt to them and guaranteeing that our children will be beneficiaries after us.

"It is never hard to mouth the words of faith but we must show the reality of our faith in the worship of God and the service of our fellowmen in the fellowship of the Church. We shall not be profitable to God as surveyors of the Gospel unless we are true to God in worship to man in service and to one another in fellowship.

"The theology of Orangeism is Bible based. Christ centred and in the Reformed tradition. It condemns the liberal, atheistic, materialistic Protestantism of so many people. Its commission is to plead the claim of Jesus Christ on the lives of people everywhere.

"The morality of Orangeism" is its emphasis on civil and religious liberty for all; its participation in community life and to emphasis on Christian standards of behaviour.

"The witness of Orangeism" is in public worship and involvement in church and society.

"The Unity of Orangeism" is in its sharing, regardless of denomination, in the defence and advocacy of Reformed Christianity."

Ulster Clubs' memorial

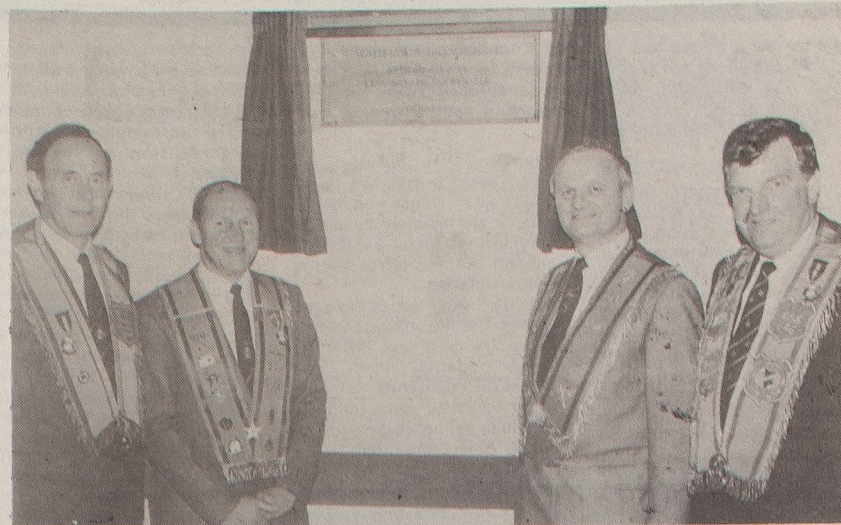
The annual ceremony of remembrance for Colin Abernethy, the late treasurer of the Ulster Clubs, took place at the graveside, Blaris Cemetry, Lisburn on Friday September, 6.

Colin was murdered in cold blood by the I.R.A. on September 9, 1988 on his way to work by train.

His widow, Carolyn, was present and the service was conducted by the Rev. William Beattie. During the ceremony, Ulster Clubs' general secretary Philip Black paid tribute to Colin's memory.

Ulster Club members from throughout the Province attended to pay their respects to a loved colleague and a true Ulster patriot. Many local politicians were also present, including Upper Bann, M.P. David Trimble.

Castlederg hall rededicated



Mid-Ulster M.P. Bro. Rev. William McCrea, second right after unveiling the plaque at the rededication of Whitehouse Orange Hall. Also pictured from left; W. Bro. Tom Reid, County Grand Master of Tyrone; Bro. Fred Gilchrist, W.M. of Whitehouse Purple Heroes L.O.L. 377, and Rt. W. Bro. Allan Rainey County Grand Master of Tyrone Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter.

Picture G. Montgomery, Castlederg.

New regalia for Castlederg Sir Knights

Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6 held its annual anniversary service and parade to coincide with its centenary year (1891-1991) on Sunday evening August 25, in Derg Parish Church.

The parade was headed by Whitehouse Pipe Band.

The service was conducted by Sir Knt William Montgomery, Diocesan lay reader, and the special preacher was Sir Knt Rev Gerald Sproule, Imperial Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth.

During the service Sir Knt Jack Burke, Deputy District Master, called on Rev. Sproule to dedicate new officers regalia for Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6. The offering in aid of the L.E.M.O.S.

WHITEHOUSE Orange Hall, erected in 1900 and the oldest Orange Hall in Killen District, has been rededicated at a special ceremony.

The event was organised by the brethren of Whitehouse Purple Heroes LOL No 377 who have just completed an extensive refurbishment programme on the building which overlooks the panoramic Derg Valley.

At the start of the ceremony W. Bro. Fred Gilchrist, W.M. of the lodge, welcomed all brethren and friends present and invited W. Bro. James Emery, deputy county grand master of Co. Tyrone Grand Lodge to preside at the ceremony.

A short silence was observed for members of the security forces who had given their lives in defence of Northern Ireland during the present I.R.A. terrorist campaign and W. Bro. Alexander Patterson, Past Master of the lodge who died on April 29 last.

W. Bro. Rev William Johnston a deputy grand chaplain of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and former rector of the nearby Drumclaph Parish

Church, led in the opening prayers. W. Bro. Norman McMullan, secretary of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12, read the scripture lesson.

Before the dedication ceremony W. Bro. Emery gave a short history of the hall and the opening ceremony on July 12, 1900. Bro. Rev William McCrea, MP for Mid-Ulster, unveiled a plaque to mark the dedication and afterwards addressed the gathering.

Wor. Bro. Tom Reid, County Grand Master of Tyrone, resulted 50-year membership certificates to Bro. R.J. Young and Bro. W. McMullan and a Past Master's certificate to Bro. J.J. Wilson. The appeal for the hall repair fund was made by Rt. W. Bro. Allan Rainey, Grand Master of Tyrone Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter.

Whitehouse Pipe Band led the parade of over 100 brethren and 11 visiting bands, along the parade route.

Pressures on families in the famous Fountain

Pressure on Protestant families living in the Fountain estate in Londonderry, last remaining loyalist stronghold on the west bank of the River Foyle has intensified to such an extent that the local Wapping Community Association has requested an urgent meeting with RUC Chief Constable Hugh Annesley to discuss security in the estate.

In the past 20 years over 15,000 Protestants have quit the west bank of the city for the Waterside and other parts of Northern Ireland, forced out by intimidation, with a resulting closure of churches, and greatly reduced enrolments in state schools.

During all this time of turmoil and great pressure, the people in the famous Fountain stood firm and refused to vacate their area which is a byword for Protestantism and Unionism in Ulster.

The redevelopment of the area reduced the population of the Fountain, and although over 200 dwellings were provided in the new estate, many of the young couples with children left the area.

Those still remaining, including many pensioners in flats, have had to put up with attacks on their homes and on the security forces. Bomb attacks on their homes and on the security forces. Bomb attacks have damaged houses near the famous St. Columba's Cathedral, and at times of loyalist celebrations, notably July 12 and August 12 residents in the Fountain often come under increased pressure.

PRESENCE

The latest attacks on the Fountain, resulting in windows being broken in several homes in the area, have resulted in the

Wapping Community Association calling for a greater police presence in the area.

A spokesman for the association said repeated calls had fallen on deaf ears, and he warned that unless action was taken soon to improve the situation, no amount of regeneration would prevent the West Bank's last remaining Protestants from moving to the Waterside.

"We are beginning to feel that the police want the Protestant people to leave the West Bank so that they will then not have to worry about the area", he said.

Several cars were also damaged in the most recent attack on the estate, carried out by the youths.

"We have decided to seek a meeting with Mr. Annesley because we are totally fed up with the ongoing situation. We have been calling for improved security for this area for years, but yet nothing has been done. It's got to the stage where something has got to be done. We simply cannot go on like this. We are entitled to police protection, just like any other part of the city," he said.

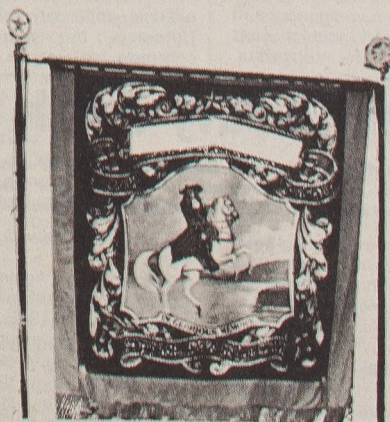
An RUC spokesman said the Fountain has received considerable attention from police resources throughout the summer, and he gave an assurance that the patrols would continue to give the area as much attention as possible in the autumn and winter periods.

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Terror in North Belfast

Ulster as a whole has suffered from terrorism since 1969, but there are areas which have borne the brunt of the IRA campaign, and where casualties from the "Troubles" are out of all proportion to the overall Northern Ireland population.

It has been said on occasions that the people who live in North Down or East Antrim, or the comfortable suburbs of East Belfast know little about the sort of tensions which Protestants living along the border with Eire in Fermanagh or Tyrone experience, or Unionists close to the South Armagh "Bandit Country". Or the Protestants in the Fountain estate in west Londonderry, or people in general living living in North Belfast.

It is a horrifying statistic that over 600 murders have been committed in North Belfast alone. No other area has experienced terror to this extent, especially in regard to tit-for-tat murders and bombings. It is easy to pinpoint the reason for this, with so many Unionist and republican areas lying side by side. There are the Protestant heartlands of Shankill, Tiger's Bay, and Shore Road and republican strongholds like New Lodge, Ardoyne, Unity Flats and Lower Antrim Road.

People live cheek by jowl with one another in these districts, and those who glibly call for the removal of peace-lines often live far removed from the areas which depend on the relative protection provided by such measures.

It puts families under tremendous tension, and it is hardly surprising that young people growing up in such conditions are often brutalised and form their opinions by the words and actions they see all around them.

The disturbing evidence of recent months is that the troubles are spreading out from the recognised flashpoint areas, especially in Belfast. Hitherto peaceful areas in South Belfast are being sucked into it, and this has been seen in the murder of a Roman Catholic man near Donegall Pass following the shooting of two Protestants in a bar in the district.

RESTRAINTS

The RUC do their best under the present restraints on manpower and freedom to act, but the stark facts are that the hold exercised by the IRA, and increasingly by their loyalist counterparts will not be broken until the British Government takes the firm and decisive action similar to that in the Falklands and Gulf War. Appeals to communities to reject the men of violence are fruitless, because all law-abiding people - and they constitute the vast majority - want nothing to do with the gunmen and bombers. But they are powerless in the fact of modern weaponry and the increasingly sophisticated armory of the terrorists.

Extortion from businessmen and traders proves the point. Those who refuse, on either side of the political divide, to contribute to funds, are quickly singled out for terror by the paramilitaries.

Failed security tactics have not beaten the IRA during the past 22 years, and will have the same negative result. The situation demands a new approach, new ideas, and the initiative being seized by the forces of law and order.

Those also call for constitutional politicians to "get together" and give a lead in combating the terrorist guerillas regard democracy and constitutional politics with contempt.

More words would never have beaten the Red Army Faction and Baader-Meinhoff gangs in

Italy and Germany, so how does anyone imagine that they will succeed against an even more formidable terrorist organisation in Northern Ireland.

As the Orange Standard has said before, there is nothing lacking in the calibre of the men and women of the security forces, and they would do the job - if allowed by the Government.

This situation demands new tactics, but will the Government listen to the people, especially those of influence on the ground in the areas affected, and change its approach? From past experience it seems unlikely, but Orange and Unionist leaders will continue to campaign for a new approach, and the same pressure should be applied by people from other political and civic standpoints in the community.

Hypocrisy of McNamara

For smugness, cant and hypocrisy, Kevin McNamara's pronouncement on Ulster at the recent Labour conference in Brighton would take some beating.

The meddlesome McNamara whose hostility towards Ulster Unionism is never more than slightly veiled, and comes through in most of his statements on the Province, told a party fringe meeting that Britain had what he called "a positive interest in a united Ireland".

He seized on Secretary of State Peter Brooke's statement last year that Britain had "no selfish or strategic interest in remaining in Northern Ireland" to suggest that this did not go far enough.

McNamara accused Brooke of being "agnostic" on the issue of the Province's constitutional status, and went on to make it clear that this would not be sufficient for Labour, if it were to achieve power.

He declared that the present situation was not in the real interests of anyone in any part of Britain or Ireland.

McNamara belongs to that fringe which has always existed in the ranks of the British Labour Party, but which really came to positions of influence in the late 1960s, and has increasingly dominated the party's approach towards Northern Ireland.

In the post-war period, when Labour ruled from 1945 to 1951, there was the Friends of Ireland movement in the party, with people like Bing and Foot, but it had little influence in party strategy. Premier Clement Attlee, and people like Morrison, Shinwell and Bevin had memories of Eire's wartime neutrality, and Ulster's loyalty during the war. They may not have shared the political philosophy of Ulster Unionists, but shared the common patriotism which

generated the British people in those days.

NOISES

Today it is the shrill voice of the left, or the pro-nationalist noises of people like McNamara and Claire Short which tend to make the running in the Labour Party when it comes to debate on television on Northern Ireland must have felt their hackles rise as they listened to teenage speakers walk to the rostrum and pronounce on a Province

New bannerette dedicated

A large gathering of Apprentice Boys and Orange brethren attended a special service in Castleberg Methodist Church when the recently-formed Kilclean Branch of the Mitchellburne Apprentice Boys Club dedicated a new bannerette.

The service was conducted by Rev. Denis Anderson, during which the congregation heard an inspiring address given by

Wor. Bro. George Browne, president of the Browning Club in Co Cavan.

After the service a parade was led by Killen Pipe Band.

Freedom of borough

The Ulster Special Constabulary Association recognise the conferment of the Freedom of the borough of Castlereagh as a tribute to all who served the Ulster Special Constabulary, and as guardians of the good name of that force are proud to accept the honour.

A proposal to that effect was unanimously approved at the 120th meeting of the Association's Council, attended by delegates from all branches in Northern Ireland. It is a unique honour sincerely appreciated.

The path to the presence of the Throne has been well trod through the reign of Her Majesty the Queen and Her most Gracious father and grandfather before her, by countless numbers of members of the Ulster Special Constabulary for honour to be bestowed upon them for service given to the community in Northern Ireland.

Seats in the House of Lords and in Parliament at Westminster have been warmed by many who served in a most humble capacity in the USC, these, with others elevated to high positions in the Province, all testify to the standing and character of men who joined the 'B' Force, but the first civic

honour of conferment of the Freedom of the Borough is the first civic honour to be bestowed on the Force, albeit in absentia and through the old comrades' association. The Association would wish to share the occasion with all ex-members of the Ulster Special Constabulary, particularly those who belonged to sub-districts within the boundary of what is now the Borough of Castlereagh, and would invite those not in communication with branches to contact Norman C Tulip MBE (Telephone 0232 614313), file 2 stor 3



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Judged by his actions

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Royal Irish Fusiliers fame, initiated a campaign and carried it through in Malaya in the 1950s and 60s, which resulted in the defeat of the Communist insurgents. The Mau Mau in Kenya by using similar firm methods - tough military methods to defeat terrorist strongholds, and rewarding those area freed of the hold of the gunmen and bombers, thus encouraging people to play their full part in the restoration of normality.

SOLUTIONS

The victories over terrorists in Malaya and Kenya were followed by successful political discussions and solutions would not have worked has the terrorists not been defeated first.

Here in Northern Ireland the Government, and some local naive folk believe that political solutions can be found while the bombs explode and while gunmen chose their victims almost at will.

That just will not work, and the Government, if it is really sincere in achieving a lasting political solution in Ulster will not bring this about until it tackles once and for all the terrorist problem.

The nettle must be grasped if there is to be any progress in Ulster, and if the patient people who have endured terrorism so long are to have a stable and peaceful Province once again.

There have been a few positive steps recently, and the Orange Standard applauds the decision to introduce a special RUC reaction force to tackle terrorism in North Belfast.

But the Standard shares the view of North Belfast MP, Mr. Cecil Walker that this force must be increased significantly from 26 in number in order to be really effective.

Likewise, the paper believes it is time the Government implemented the recommendation to increase RUC personnel by another 400 officers.

The Government just cannot afford to allow a situation to continue whereby the IRA and its gunmen make the running, and terrorism spreads to engulf more and more of the province, with counter-terrorism an added factor from the loyalist side.

Extortion, intimidation and general lawlessness flourish in such a climate, and only firm, resolute and decisive action will defeat this evil state of affairs.



Wor. Bro. James Molyneaux, MP Imperial Grand Master, unveils the memorial stone and plaque near the River Bann, Portadown, which honours the memory of the hundreds of Protestants who were drowned in the river during the Rebellion of 1641. Photo: Portadown Times.

Martyrs remembered

The Protestant martyrs who died through drowning at the River Bann, Portadown, during the rebellion of 1641 were remembered at a simple but poignant ceremony on Sunday, September 29.

A plaque dedicated to the glory of God, and in memory of the hundreds of Protestants who were driven off the bridge in Portadown in October-November 1641 was unveiled by W. Bro. James Molyneaux, MP - his first official engagement following his election as Imperial Grand Master of the Orange Institution.

The plaque, on granite stone, is situated in the Pleasure Gardens, a few hundred yards from the spot where Protestants were driven by the rebels into the river 350 years ago and perished - men, women and children.

In the early 1930s, when the bowling green in the Pleasure Gardens was being laid out, the remains of some of the victims of the massacre were discovered - the river's course in 1641 was where the Gardens now stand.

The memorial stone and plaque were dedicated by Bro. the Rev. William Forsythe, Deputy County Grand Chaplain who referred to the brave sacrifice made by the victims of the rebellion for their Protestant faith.

He said they were honouring the memory of those who were prepared to lay down their lives for Protestantism.

Also taking part in the ceremony were Bro. the Rev. Henry Holloway, district Chaplain, Portadown, and Bro. the Rev. Hugh Ross, Deputy County Grand Chaplain.

Members of all 32 lodges in Portadown district, and the women's Orange lodges paraded to the ceremony from Carleton Street Orange Hall, headed by the new Imperial Grand Master, Bro. Molyneaux,

the Grand Master of Ireland, Bro. The Rev Martin Smyth, County Grand Master of Armagh, Bro. Norman Hood, the Portadown District Master, Bro. Harold Gracey and other district officers.

Edgarstown Accordion Band and a colour party of Portadown Ex-Servicemen's L.O.L. led the parade.

Following the dedication ceremony, a lone piper played a lament as a representative of each lodge in Portadown District placed a red carnation into the River Bann as a tribute to those murdered in its waters 350 years ago.



Wor. Bros. James Molyneaux, MP Imperial Grand Master, and Wor. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of Ireland, lead brethren from the lodges in Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 in placing red carnations in the River Bann during a service to mark the unveiling of a memorial plaque in memory of the hundreds of Protestants drowned at Portadown during the 1641 Rebellion.

Donegal service

South Donegal Royal Black District Chapter No 3 held its annual Anniversary Service in St. John's Parish Church Rosstownlagh.

The Parade was headed by S. Snr Knights, Bertie Hutchinson W.D.M., Largy-more District Co. Down, W.A.H. Hilliard W.D.M. No 3 James Emery, Castleberg District, Bro. Alfred Lee, Orange County Grand Master, Londonderry, and Bob Griffith, D.D.M. No. 3.

The preacher was W. Sir Knight Rev Gerald N Sproule, Deputy Imperial Grand Chaplain.

The parade was led by Killaghtee Accordion Band from Dunkinelly, Co. Donegal and over 80 Sir Knights took part.

Everyone was entertained to tea in the parish hall.



Sisters of Orange lodges in Portadown placed carnations in the River Bann as a tribute to the memory of men, women and children murdered at the spot during the 1641 Rebellion.

Left to count the cost

Two Orange Halls in the Banbridge area were extensively damaged in two fires in early October.

Thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused after fires were started inside premises at Glascar and Whitehill.

In both incidents the culprits seemed set on destroying as much property as possible.

At Glascar the front door of the hall is believed to have been forced open sometime during the early hours of Saturday, October 12.

The intruders removed pictures from the walls, ripped the carpet off the kitchen floor and together with the lodge banner placed them in a pile in the storeroom before starting the fire.

Although there was no structural harm caused to the building at Ballynafern Road, initial damage reports put the cost at well over £3,000.

"It's the first time anything like this has ever happened since the hall was built in 1981," explained a member of Glascar Temperance LOL 1966.

"Thankfully the hall was not

completely destroyed although there was considerable smoke damage."

Whitehill Orange Hall at Warringsford Road was not so lucky with fire damaging the floor and the ceiling sometime between Wednesday, October 9 and Saturday October 12.

As well as destroying the lodge banner, a band uniform, snooker table, a wardrobe and some furniture were also burned.

"The arsonists broke their way in by bursting open fire doors," explained Assistant Secretary of Whitehill LOL 258, Bro. Bertie McRoberts.

"It's now just a case of getting started to clean up the mess. Fortunately we can use Magherally Parish Church Hall while the repairs are being carried out," stated Bro. McRoberts.

As well as the lodge, RBP 435, Whitehill Flute Band and a Keep Fit class organised by Magherally Parish Church regularly used the hall before the fire.

Banbridge Councillor Bro. Drew Nelson said he feared that the attacks were part of an "orchestrated campaign".

"The people who do this

should realise that the Orange Order will not be driven out by such tactics," he stated.

"Attacks on orange halls only strengthen the resolve of local Orange lodges to rebuild and expand. I call on the RUC to act quickly to apprehend those responsible."

Councillor Bro. Wilfred McFadden said the culprits were trying to "provoke the Protestant Community" while Ulster Unionist Bro. William McCracken said he could not understand the reasoning behind such attacks.

"These halls along with numerous others have been there for many years and give no offence to anyone."

"I cannot understand what satisfaction anyone would get by breaking into a hall and trying to burn it to the ground."

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Yours in the cause,
Bro. G. Williams

Tory double think slammed

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path of the Anglo-Irish Diktat to a dead end. A deeper tragedy is the impression given that those who espouse democratic methods of peaceful protest can be ignored while terrorists thunder demands attention," said the South Belfast MP.

"Thus Ted Heath denounced Unionist opposition through the ballot box. He preferred to tango with Jeremy Thorpe and allow Harold Wilson to be Prime Minister rather than submit to the vox populi which returned 11 Ulstermen against his Sunningdale Agreement (note again the dead hand of FitzGerald opposing self-determination), seven of whom were in receipt of the Conservative whip prior to dissolution.

"Note however, how Heath donned his anorak and joined in street protest, not because democracy was being denied and terrorism was being promoted, but because British Rail was planning a new route to link London with Ted's beloved Europe.

"The Conservative

leadership 'double think' was seen again when Margaret Thatcher, having denounced the peaceful 250,000-strong street protest of Northern Ireland citizens against the infringement of their democratic rights, denied them also a positive response both to their use of the ballot box and the petition to Her Majesty the Queen.

"She further heaped insult upon injury by calling the Russian people onto the streets to support their campaign for democracy and to thwart the denial of democratic progress by their recent coup.

"Now is the time for the new Conservative leadership with its caring image and people's charter to redress the wrongs of the past."

"Certainly within the next 10 months the people of Northern Ireland will by the ballot box be able to give a firm answer to the mayhem of terrorism and the denial of democracy. They will return people to represent them against bureaucracy and diktat," he added.

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With the Young Defenders in Canada

THIS year's Twelfth brought a change of scenery for the members of Mourne Young Defenders flute band when they left behind the Mountains of Mourne and the city of Belfast for a tour of Canada, based in Toronto and neighbouring districts.

The party of 49, including supporters, left Killeel in the early hours of Monday June 24, bound for Aldergrove Airport and a 7-hour flight before arriving at the Executive Inn, 621 West St., Toronto, which for almost three weeks was their base.

Hosts for their stay were the members of Highland Creek L.O.L. 2934, of which

Annalong man John McConnell has been a member since emigrating over 20 years ago.

During their stay the band was booked to participate in three parades as well as various concerts. The first big date was Canada Day, July 1st where they paraded in the

borough of Scarborough along with some 30 other bands.

This proved a most eventful day as the Young Defenders won best flute band and best overall band, collecting a prize of 600 dollars.

The Lady Mayoress presented the flag of the Borough to

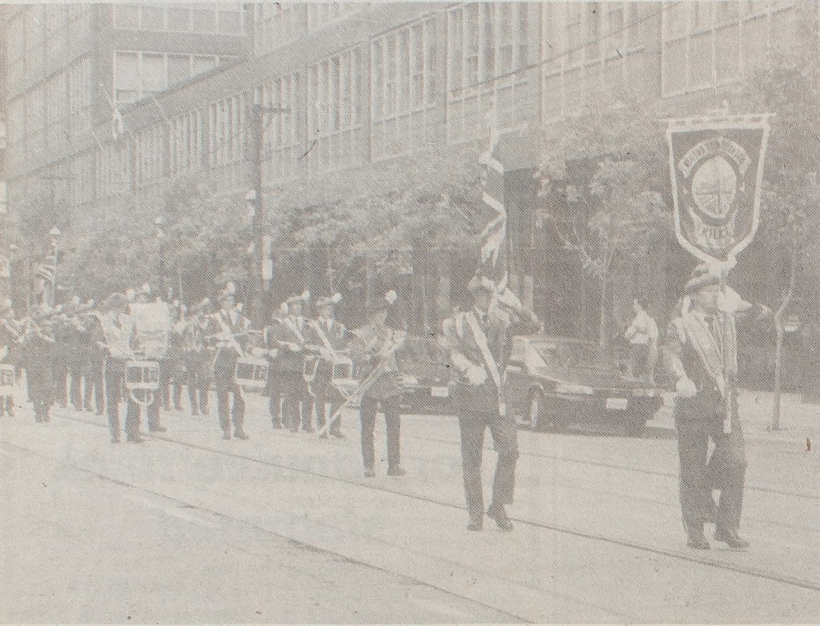
mark their visit, and this was received by W.J. McConnell, who in turn presented a memento to the Borough.

Saturday, July 6, was the next big day when the band headed north from Toronto to the town of Angus for the annual Orange parade, where over 30 lodges and bands participated. Once again they lifted the title of best overall band and a prize of 400 dollars.

Here they had the opportunity to meet folk of Ulster stock who have settled in Canada. One such person was David Henry Beattie, a former member of Seapatrik Flute Band, Banbridge.

Many sight-seeing trips were arranged and Canada's Wonderland, CN Tower, the Niagara Falls and the 7-mile long golden sands of Wasaga beach proved to be the most enjoyable.

On the 11th night when the bonfires were burning back home, the touring party was amongst the 55,000 spectators at the Sky Dome where Toronto Blue Jays were playing the Texas Rangers in a baseball game. A special message of welcome was flashed across the electronic screens from the Toronto Blue Jays to the Mourne Young Defenders.



The Defenders parading along Young Street, in Toronto on July 13.

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The Defenders pictured before the Twelfth parade in Toronto. Pictures courtesy Rathfriland Outlook.

The Canadian Twelfth

The Canadian "Twelfth" was held on Saturday, July 13 with 40-50 bands and lodges taking part.

The parade assembled at Queen's Park, Toronto, and after two hours on the march through the city centre it arrived at St. James' Park where the salute was taken by Wor. Bro. MacGregor Roulston, County Grand Master.

A farewell dinner, at which the band members were guest of honour, was held that evening in the Herron Leisure Centre, Scarborough. Trophies were handed over and the band played selections for almost two hours.

Bro. Derek Stronge, originally from Cullybackey, W.M. of L.O.L. 2934, presented a plaque to mark the bands visit and this was received by George Ballance, who returned a memento on behalf of the band.

Band drummer Norris Main presented a Tercentenary Scroll, on behalf of Mourne District Lodge No. 6 to the WDM of Ontario District Lodge and the band rounded off the evening by playing several favourite Ulster tunes.

Next it was bag-packing time for the long journey home to Mourne, with many wonderful memories of the land of the Maple Leaf.

Testing the band's new Andante drums at the Angus parade are (from left): Robert Stewart, George Hanna, David Henry Beattie (formerly Banbridge), David Graysmark and Alan McConnell.



Ulster Day Service in Newry

Six hundred members of Apprentice Boys of Derry organisation from various parts of Northern Ireland attended an annual Ulster Day service in Newry on Sunday September 29.

The service in St. Mary's Parish Church was organised by the local Frontier branch of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, whose president Bro Jack Moffett welcomed the Governor of the organisation Bro Samuel Sheppard, from Londonderry, and other parent club officers.

Before the service, Bro Sheppard led a wreath at Newry war memorial. The preacher was Bro the Rev. E.T. Dundas, rector of Kilmore in Co. Armagh.

Four bands led the parade - Commons Silver and Hunter Moore Memorial Flute, from Newry; Pride of Ballinran Flute, Killeel, and Pride of the Birches Accordion.

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Impressions of the Triennial Conference

Those privileged to attend the triennial sessions of the Imperial Orange Council must pay compliment as we do gladly - to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for they proved to be a most hospitable and sensitive hosts. Stirling and the Golden Lion Hotel proved to be an inspired venue. It was clear that careful planning had gone into the details of organisation so that everything had a logical size and shape. While many minds were exercised in the preparations for such an event the contributions of the officers of Grand Lodge were pivotal to the success it had. We are thinking of the Scottish Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Magnus Bain; the senior Deputy Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Ian Wilson; and Grand Secretary, Bro David Bryce. To say that they filled their offices very well is to recognise the reality that words are never adequate to express one's appreciation of good work and workers. The Grand Master of Scotland as president of the council had a particularly good presidency, for his chairmanship with its desirable ingredients of plain speaking, and good listening was most impressive. The Imperial Secretary, Bro. Walter Williams, showed again that competency which had brought him many admirers

over the years as a most meticulous master of the secretarial craft. The details of the sessions will be published elsewhere and the value of such togetherness in the Orange family assessed. We express a personal "thank you" for a week well spent in most congenial company. In the reports of the several jurisdictions there were no surprises to those who keep abreast of what goes on in them. They were uniformly frank in their reporting of their situations for no attempt was made to give wrong impressions. The tendency to extol one's virtues and to play up one's achievements was absent. This kind of honest evaluation of jurisdictions which have many differences and some similarities made a study of modern Orangeism and its influence on societies a useful and revealing exercise. The sharing of views and experiences has always been a prime benefit of the triennials. This sharing was not confined to the sessions and seminars but had its place as we travelled together in the most enjoyable social programme. The value of the Imperial Council as a consultative body was properly emphasised. It was good to meet old friends and to make new ones, to cement old friendships and to enjoy

new relationships. But there was regret for those who have happy memories of other triennials and of friends who were unable to be present this time. Especially missed were long serving members and former officers of the Council - the Canadians, Bros. Les Saunders and Gordon Keyes; the Australians, Bros. John Gowans and Ian Black. There were others, of course, whose absence was noted and few of them, the recently deceased, had complimentary reference made to them. The election of Wor. Bro. James Molyneux, M.P., and Imperial Grand Master, gave pleasure to the Irish and it was shared by all others for no Orangeman is better known and more respected among his fellows. He has now the unique distinction of being the leader of both Orange and Black Institutions throughout the world. Chosen to be an ambassador for Orangeism we have knowledge from past experience of the man that he will fully justify the confidence reposed in him. The Imperial President is Bro. Bill Irvine, New Zealand, the first from that jurisdiction. A former Grand Master he has the knowledge and experience necessary to fill the top executive post in the Council.

The double talk of the Tories and Labour on Ulster

The party conferences gave each of the main British parties opportunities to plead its cause and to pass judgements on the others. The attacks and counter attacks had a greater urgency and ruthlessness about them with the general election in the spring or early summer of '92. The Tory tactic of not going to the country in November because the time was inopportune for the party, may prove to be sound judgement but only if its fortunes improve with much better economic performance in the country. Our interest in politics over-by its intensified by the fact that we are affected for good or ill by decisions taken by politicians whose speeches at Bournemouth, Brighton, and Blackpool often makes us aware of their ignorance of the realities of life in Northern Ireland. We say this while admitting that Liberals and Conservatives make more agreeable noises in our ears than do the Socialists whose harping on a united Ireland as its expectation for the future shows a disregard of the unionists who will never say "yes" to such a destiny. But the Labour voice we heard was that of Kevin Mc-Namara, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, whose antagonism to unionists has always marked the man and demonstrated his incompetence for dealing with the Province fairly and objectively and for the good of all its people. Whether Labour wins or loses, and the result may be too close to call, we shall be the losers if he ever has an office in Stormont Castle. Whether Mc-Namara will be the voice of the party when in power is questionable for the other reason that Labour on its past record here has been less strident in tone and

more sensitive to reality than its McNamaras. We have reason to complain that the Tories by Peter Brooke talk, too, about a united Ireland "only by consent" and in so doing encourage the IRA and others to believe that Britain having no vested interest in remaining in Northern Ireland can be forced to leave the unionists to their fate. Attitudes which are governed by static situations in Ulster should not be described thoughtlessly. Our political leaders have had to strenuously argue that point with Peter Brooke.

Security concern

Security remains the most important consideration here and the constant concern of all good citizens. The murders and maiming continue to keep people in fear for their lives. The terrorists have so many targets that no one can feel immune from attack. It remains a worry that they can penetrate apparently secure buildings, sometimes simply to prove their ability to do so. The intelligence of the security forces is often less effective than that of their enemies. And that leads many to assume that the terrorists have allies in improbable places. Whether the assumption has merit or not there is suspicion and mistrust among people and community relations are worsened. There has to be the continuous pressure on the Secretary of State and the police and military to be more effective in obtaining the safety of the citizen. We echo their appeal to the people to give

information and every assistance to the lawful authorities in their fight against crime. And we condemn as trouble-makers those who make charges against the security forces in public places when misdemeanour has not been established. We hold no brief for anyone in any capacity who acts outside the law. Inquiry must be made and justice seen to be done in every circumstance where someone is killed or injured.

The right of life

The continuing debate on Capital Punishment brought Ludovic Kennedy and William Ross M.P. "face to face" on Sunday Sequence, Radio Ulster (October 6). Kennedy again produced the well-known arguments which can be summed up in the contention "better that a murderer live on than an innocent man die". He cited examples of innocents who had been hanged and others who would have been had capital punishment been used. Ross, for, made the equally well-known case that the murderer has forfeited his own right to life when he took away the life of another. There was the usual emphasis on the state's duties and responsibilities and the scriptural warrant to preserve or to take life. The responses and reactions were predictable so that not unexpectedly the listener was left agreeing with Kennedy or Ross and retaining the feeling that as in many other things right is not all on the one side. Mad experiences and strong emotions play a large part in one's thinking on this subject.

—Fraternal greetings to Pennsylvania—

Bro. Jeffrey Donaldson, D.D.M. of Mourne District was a special guest at the Pennsylvania State Grand Lodge Convention in the United States on August 8-10.

The 68th biennial Convention was held in the Valley Forge Hilton near Philadelphia. The brethren were joined by the Loyal Orange Ladies

Institution of Pennsylvania who were holding their 46th biennial session.

There was an excellent turn-out of brethren and ladies with increased

attendance on previous years. The meetings were very interesting and were conducted to the highest standards. Credit must be given to the State Grand Master Bro Harold Alexander and the State Grand Mistress Sister Jean Clarke for the excellent manner in

which they chaired their respective proceedings.

Indeed, the almost unprecedented re-election of Bro Alexander as State Grand Master is a tribute to his leadership in the Pennsylvania State.

In addition to Bro Donaldson, there were a

number of distinguished visitors present including the Supreme Grand Master of the USA Bro Derrick Mills and several senior brethren from New York State and from Canada.

"It was obvious from the meetings which I attended that the principles and traditions of our Order are being advanced by the brethren in America and they are taking steps to expand the Order especially amongst the younger generation," said Bro Donaldson.

"Although numbers throughout the USA have declined in recent years, the success of the Pennsylvania State Convention demonstrates that brethren in America are determined to consolidate and to extend the influence of the Order.

"The presence of a number of Protestant clergy at the Convention highlighted the desire amongst brethren to uphold and advance the Christian principles and beliefs upon which our Order is founded".

One of the most heartening experiences for Bro Donaldson was meeting Bro Sandy Elkin, from Virginia, who makes a round trip by road of some 720 miles to attend his lodge meeting. Sandy is over 70 years old. With the dedication of brethren like Sandy, friends in America must be commended for their resolve and determination to ensure that the future of the Orange Order is perpetuated in the most powerful nation on earth.



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Sir Knights of First Down Royal Temperance R.B.P. No. 3 Ballynahinch at Comber.



Sir Knights David Bready and Alex McCauley from
Rathfriland District at Comber.

Last Saturday Review



A welcome rest at Comber for Robin Butler, five on the
shoulders of Alan Wilson - both are members of
Downshire Guiding Star Flute Band, Banbridge.



Members of Fawney Fort RBP No.143 (Londonderry) with their new banner.



Israel's Truth Defenders R.B.P. No. 283, Drumiller
(Banbridge District) in Comber.



Rathfriland Blackmen at Comber.



Newry district Sir Knights at Comber.



Members of Glenn R.B.P. No. 27 (Banbridge District).



Lighting up the day for the Blackmen at Bangor - Claire
Cameron and Belinda McFarland of Ballynafeigh
Guiding Star Flute Band in Belfast.

Last Saturday Review



Officers of Ballynahinch District No. 5 lead their preceptories through Comber.



Corcrair Flute Band, Portadown on the march in Ballygawley



Donaghmore Accordion Band in Comber.



The head of the Co. Down parade in Comber



Royal Dysart R.B.P. No. 215 (Newry) at Comber.



Castlewella District No. 3 in Comber



Sir Knights of RBP No. 619 at Comber.

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Donaghmore R.B.P. 323, Newry at Comber.



Clockelt R.B.P. No. 449 (Rathfriland District) at Comber.



Karen Bunker and Wendy Henney of the Hunter Moore Memorial Flute Band, Newry at the Comber demonstration.



Star of Comber R.B.P. No. 186 at the Co. Down demonstration.



Members of Ardess Accordion Band and RBP pictured before the Castleberg parade.



Drum major Betty McCoubry uses the dig drum to lean on, but poor Robert Blowers had to carry it in the Bangor demonstration.



Britannia Accordion Band, Garvagh in the Bellaghy parade on August 31.

Black degrees in Brownlow House

A unique event in the annals of Covenant of Peace RBP No. 435, Banbridge District No. 6, occurred when the regular monthly encampment of the Preceptory was held in Brownlow House, Lurgan.

The W.M. Sit Knt. Samuel Osborne presided and was assisted in the deputy chair by Sir Knight D. McRoberts, D.M.

The W.M., extended a very warm welcome to all, especially the Sir Knights from sister preceptories in Banbridge District.

Outlining their reasons for the change in venue, Sir Knt. Osborne explained that the members decided it was

appropriate that the Sir Knights who were about to receive the degree of Red Cross should have it conferred in the headquarters of the Institution.

The following Sir Knights have received the degree:- Sir Knights K. McCahon, W. McCahon, J. Copeland, R. McRoberts, C. McCallister and I. Montgomery. The degree was confirmed by Sir Knt Garnet Chambers, R.B.P. 131, District Registrar, Banbridge No. 6 and Sir Knt. Tom Burns, R.B.P. 131, with Sir Knight W. McRoberts, R.B.P. 435 Chaplain.

Red Cross Certificates were subsequently presented to the Sir Knights by the W.M.

Letters to the Editor

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October 10, 1991

Sir,

It is not difficult to see why the Northern Ireland Office is so reluctant to introduce selective internment after over 20 years of bloody carnage engineered by a small band of dedicated terrorists and especially as their intelligence gathering machinery is working better than it did in 1971.

No doubt the British Government would have to get Dublin approval first and perhaps the Dublin politicians might have to agree to take similar action south of the border.

This, of course, they are willing to do despite the clear understanding enshrined in the Anglo-Irish Diktat to bring about peace, stability and reconciliation.

Nothing, in my opinion would contribute worse to a peaceful state of affairs in this beleaguered little province than the isolation on both sides of the community.

Surely those who so vociferously argue against internment would agree that paramilitaries and their supporters who have met such violent deaths recently would have been far better off in an internment camp.

The fact that the British Government took such swift action to intern innocent Iraqi nationals in Britain during the Gulf War demonstrates their blatant hypocrisy.

Perpetrators of heinous crimes are all well known to the authorities on both sides of the borders, yet they will not lift a finger to remove the cancer in their midst.

Yours sincerely,
Bro Wilfred Breen
Omagh Councillor

Dear Sir,

While certain so-called Protestant denominations openly seek unity with the Church of Rome, under the evil auspicious of the ecumenical movement, we as Christian Orange brethren must totally oppose any such act of unity with pagan Romanism.

Orange Ulster is the last true bastion of Bible Protestantism, therefore it is the duty of every Orangeman and sister to stand loyal to the Protestant faith, and defy any act of union with Rome.

The world should be aware of the evil that is the papacy, a world under the power of the papacy is a world won for the antichrist of papist Rome.

Romanism is totally unscriptural, therefore any act of union with the church of Rome, is unscriptural.

To conclude, while certain so-called Protestant denominations in Ulster, being members of the World Council of Churches, strive for unity with the papacy, these so-called Protestant denominations are no longer Protestant, as they have renounced the God given freedom of our Protestant martyrs and protestation against pagan Romanism.

Remember the open Bible brethren, yet more so, remember to remember to read that open Bible, our noble order is based upon the Word of God therein.

Yours fraternally,
Bro. Andrew C. Hynds,
Templemore True Blues.

THE AGHALEE HEROES

Ye Protestant heroes of Ireland,
Give ear to these line I pen down,
Concerning those Aghalee heroes
That marched through to sweet Portadown.

It being the twelfth day of July
Our music so sweetly did play,
And the Protestant Boys and Boyne Water
Were the tunes we played marching away.

Like the sons of King William we marched then
Till at length Lurgan Town came in view
And the church it was there decorated
With the Orange the Purple and Blue.

Round its spire our colour was flying
Small guns like canons did roar
Long life to those Aghalee heroes
For they are the Boys we adore.

Captain Blacker, like a bould Orange hero,
Came riding up on his grey steed,
And he asked what number we carried
And where were we did mean to proceed.

We told him from the County of Antrim,
Our number was six thirty two,
We are the bold Aghalee Heroes
That will soon make the rebels subdue.

We took off our hats to salute him
As boldly he bade us march on
And he rode like a hero before us
Till we came to the banks of the Bann.

And when we were safe back in Aghalee,
The brandy did flow like the Rhine
So long life to the Aghalee heroes,
For they are the boys crossed the Boyne.

Anglish election

The election of officers of Anglish Heroes L.O.L. 74 (Tandragee District) was attended by Tandragee District officers Bros. Sydney McIldoon (W.D.M.) and George Hamilton (chap) and Bro. the Rev Hugh Ross, County Grand Chaplain of Tyrone.

Officers elected were: W.M. - Bro. Samuel Hogg; D.M. - Bro. David Hogg; Chap. - Bro. James Patton; Sec. - Bro. Herbert Plunkett; Asst. Sec. - Stephen Patton; Treas. - Stanley Hammond. Committee - Bro. P. Robinson (foreman), Irlam Hogg, Henry Plunkett, William Conn, and Sammy Patton. T.Y.R. Fred Nills.

Junior Lodge representatives - Bros. Fred Nills (Supt); David Hogg (Asst Supt); and James Patton (Treasurer).

Lecturers' class

Brethren present at the Lecturer's class held in Ballyrashane War Orange War Memorial Hall under Coleraine District Lodge.

Left to right: back row - Bro. Trevor Creelman, Bro. Martin Chalmers, Bro. William McIntyre, Bro. William Smythe (tutor), Bro. John Sutherland, Bro. Samuel Quinn (tutor), Bro. Clark Platt (tutor).

Front row: Left to right - Bro. William McFetridge, Bro. Samuel Moody, Bro. Derek Cauley, Bro. Kenneth McCloy, Bro. Samuel B. Kane, D.C.G.M. District Lecturer, Bro. John McKinley, W.D.M. Coleraine No. 2, Bro. Norman Rainey, D.M. Ballyrashane LOL 431 (District Secretary Coleraine No. 2), Bro. Noel Lennox, Bro. Henry McCurdy W.M. Ballyrashane 431, Bro. Colin McAfee.

September 4, 1991
Dear Sir and Bro.,
Fraternal Greetings. I would like to thank the WM Officers and Sir Knights of RBP 781 Sandy Row, Belfast, for their hospitality and kindness during my visit for the Last Saturday parade. They made me most welcome. Special thanks to the Registrar, Sir Knight Tom

Tollerton for his friendship the years, and, the freedom his home whenever in Ulster.
Best wishes from London and Essex.
Yours fraternally,
Archie Richardson
PDM, Dist. No. 10, Eng.

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GRAND CITY OF LONDON DISTRICT L.O.L. NO. 63

CHURCH PARADE AND SERVICE

on Sunday, April 15, 1992

The above District will hold their annual Church Parade and Service on the above date.

Assembly will be at 12.30 p.m. at Stafford Place (near Victoria Station). Route details will be published when known, but will take in Central London including Victoria, Pall Mall, Trafalgar Square areas.

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SOMME VETERAN HONOURED

Bro. William Calvert, a 94-year-old veteran of the 1914-18 War, a bugler in the 11th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, is a member of Moss-Side LOL 136 in Derriagh District No.11.

Bro. Calvert, was one of the Ulster veterans who attended the Somme on the July 1 last to commemorate the 75th anniversary.

He had also the honour of being presented with a commemorative medal by the Duke of Kent.

To mark this special occasion, the W.M. Bro. Norman McMaster, on behalf of the lodge handed over an inscribed Bible in memory of his fallen comrades.

In reply, Bro. Calvert gave all present a brief account of the battle, and thanked the brethren for the lovely gift and hoped he would be spared for a long time yet to read it regularly.

FAWNEY HEROES L.O.L. 329 Lisnaskea District No.4

The W.M., Officers and members of the above Lodge wish to thank all those who supported our Somme commemoration parade in Lisnaskea on Sunday, September 29.

To all the bands and lodges who travelled from the various counties.

The Belfast Colour Party
To our Clerical friends.

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New uniforms for band

NEW uniforms for Ballintoy Accordion Band - the first since 1957 - have been officially presented and dedicated at a ceremony in the village.

One of the oldest and most distinguished bands in the North Antrim district, Ballintoy will now be seen wearing blue jackets and matching caps.

The presentation of the uniforms was carried out by Mrs. Eileen McAlister. A new mace pole was also presented to Drum Major, Bro. David Montgomery, one of the stalwarts of the band.

The main speaker on the platform was the Antrim Deputy County Grand Master, Bro. Robert McIlroy, who said it was his privilege to be present for the occasion.

"Ballintoy Boys is what they are affectionately known as in the district and they demonstrate a visible example of what Orangeism and Protestant faith stands for."

Bro. McIlroy said.

He added: "The band has reached another milestone in their history and on behalf of the County Lodge, I congratulate them on the purchase of their new uniforms and wish them continued success. I also thank Bro. David Montgomery for the generous gift of the new mace."

He said the Order provided a framework for individual Protestants to unite in defence of their faith, their freedom and their future.

However, it offered them an opportunity to witness for the

Protestant Reformed Faith, to accept a challenge of maintaining the union, to be proud of their heritage and to dedicate themselves to the Glory of God, the welfare of man and the honour of the Sovereign and prosperity of the province while, at the same time, giving and accepting civil and religious liberty for all.

"So long as there is a need for justice and a necessity to keep the public informed and alert to the various issues, Orangemen will continue to march and contribute to the preservation of the Protestant and British Heritage, stressing always equal rights for all and special privileges for none.

"We live in an ageing community where we ought to respect and honour our

seniors. Down the years they have done so much for us and continue to take a very active part in our lives and community responsibilities.

"Again, Ballintoy is an example and I am sure many young men in the village appreciate the tremendous Christian example and loyalty in the town to them as they carry forward our aims and objectives.

"Many young people are committed to them and I would like to see many of those young people committed to our Protestant faith because they, with so many others could rescue this province of confusion and sin and what a difference it would make to our roll books of the our Institution."

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Shankill band is tops

Agnes Street Silver gave the best overall performance at the contest organised in the Ulster Hall, Belfast on Saturday, October 19 by the North of Ireland Bands' Association.

The long-established Shankill Road outfit won the championship brass section, two points ahead of Laganvale Silver and three in front of 1st Old Boys' Silver, also from Belfast.

In the championship accordion section, the James Carroll Memorial Band from Newtownards triumphed, while the Dublin Concert Band picked up the championship military prize.

The adjudicator was Yorkshireman Mr. Dennis Willy, a leading personality in the brass band world in England. Thirty three bands took part in the nine sections were judged on Saturday.

The results were:

Championship Brass — 1, Agnes Street Silver 190 points; 2, Laganvale 188; 3, 1st Old Boys' Silver 187.

Championship Accordion — 1, James Carroll Memorial 189.

Melody Accordion — 1 Letterkenny 178.

Second Grade Accordion — 1, Aughavilly, Armagh 182.

Third Grade Accordion — 1, Carryduff 181.

Third Grade Flute — 1, Gahard 183; 2, Johnston Star 182.

Championship Military — 1 Dublin Concert 187.

Second Grade Military — 1 Tullylish Concert, Gilford 182.

Fourth Grade Brass — 1, St. Colman's 187; 2, Newtownards Silver 172.

The second session of the contest was held in the Ulster Hall in Belfast on Saturday, October 26, when the world

championship flute, melody flute and brass sections was to be competed for.

The world championship flute has an entry of 12 bands, 11 from Northern Ireland and one from Scotland — the Carluke Band.

Over the two days of the contest, 65 bands from both sides of the border and Scotland participated involving 3,200 bandsmen and women.

Award

The newest lodge in the Belfast County Star of the South LOL 1542, received a very special presentation from No.10 District Lodge Ballynaveigh on Wednesday, October 9.

On that night they were awarded the trophy for being the Best behaved and turned out lodge in No.10 District.

The idea of the trophy originally started with Wor. Bro. Paul McCullough, District Secretary No.10, who said he would provide a trophy.

This, he hoped would make the lodges in No.10 turn out for parades in a dignified and uniform manner, thus benefitting the Institution.

Ballynaveigh District agreed and also provided a monetary donation as a prize. Wor. Bro. Chris McCormick District Master made the presentation to Bro. Jim Scott, W.M. LOL 1542.

Wor. Bro. McCormick told the members present that the lodge turn-out had been very impressive on the 12th Day and he hoped that we could maintain these high standards. The membership of LOL 1542 are now working hard and looking forward to 1992, hoping to make it two in a row.

Lecturers' conference

Portlengone Orange Hall was the venue for the County Antrim Grand Orange Lodge annual lecturers' conference on Saturday October 1.

The Orange Hall was packed to capacity with 103 brethren attending to witness exemplification of the Orange and Purple Degrees.

The conference was opened by Robert McIlroy, Deputy County Grand Master with a prayer and portion of scripture by Bro. Walter Tougher, conference lay chaplain.

The brethren were very privileged and proud to have in their midst Wor. Bro. James Molyneux, D.G.M.I., M.P., Imperial Grand Master and Wor. Bro. Emmanuel Essien, Senior Imperial President of the grand Orange Council from Togo.

Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, County Grand Master welcomed all visiting brethren and thanked them for giving their time to join the County Antrim Conference.

Wor. Bro. John Curry, Grand Lecturer, then asked Portlengone's Deputy Master his team of lecturers to take over and exemplify the Orange and Purple degrees. Everyone agreed that the degrees were outstanding both in accuracy and the manner in which they were given to the Candidates.

Both Wor. Bro. Molyneux and Wor. Bro. Essien addressed the conference. Bro. Molyneux was given a standing ovation by the conference in admiration and congratulations to his recent appointment to Imperial Grand Master. Most Wor. Bro. Molyneux received a gift from the lecturers of Co. Antrim to mark this.

The conference secretary Bro. Glyn Forsythe was presented with a pen for his services to the conference. An invitation to Ballymena accepted as next year's conference.

Banbridge parade

THE Pride of Ballinran Flute emerged as the best overall at the annual Downshire Guiding Star Flute Band's parade in Banbridge on Friday September 13.

This was Downshire's 10th annual promotion and their largest to date with 72 visiting bands from all over the province. It was also their largest for another reason - a total of £2,100 was realised from the collection plus the disco.

Indeed it was the largest band parade ever in the town, which was packed with spectators, and the judges of the competitions had an outside task in selecting the winners.

In the best overall the Ballinran band took the melody section over another Kilkeel band, Mourne Young Defenders. And another band in the shadow of the Mournes - Rathfriland's Pride of the Hill Flute - was third.

The biggest class, blood and thunder, went to Clogher Protestant Boys, and the accordion section was taken by Tullymacann from Tandragee.

Officers elected

The election of Officers for Ballydunmaul L.O.L. 306 was held in Ballydunmaul Orange Hall, Randalstown on Thursday September 5.

The W.M. Bro. Fred Dowie welcomed to the meeting Bro. H.J.

Cameron, District Chaplain, Staffordstown District L.O.L. No. 15, and invited him to conduct the election of Officers.

He was assisted by Bro. James Dowie, and honorary member of L.O.L. 306. Elected: W.M. Bro. Robin Foster; D.M. Bro. Joseph McCracken; sec. Bro. James McKee; treas. Bro. Derek Davison; lay chaplain Bro. William Donnelly; Committee Bros.



Orange Lambeg drumming enthusiasts from Portadown and Lurgan Districts pictured at a recent competition held by Brackagh lodge, Portadown. Picture courtesy Portadown Times.

William's influence still felt

WILLIAM of Orange left an indelible mark on Irish history, both North and South, and not even 70 years of independence south of the border has eroded all the influence exerted by one of the greatest monarchs to occupy the throne of England.

On a recent visit to Dublin, an "Orange Standard" writer was among a party taken on a conducted tour of Dublin Castle, and there in the Throne Room of the magnificent state Apartments stands the golden throne presented by the victor of the Boyne



Our guide did not dwell on the significance of this gesture, but the point was not lost on a number of those in the group.

Earlier, on a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral, we saw the chair on which William sat when he gave thanks to Almighty God for his victory over James at the Boyne.

In the aftermath of independence in 1922, a number of statues honouring William were blown up in a juvenile gesture by republicans, including a fine one of the Prince of Orange on his horse which stood outside the former Irish Parliament Buildings.

Thankfully, more modern administrations in the Republic appreciate the importance of preserving historical associations with the past, even if only from a tourist point of view.

The chain worn by the Lord Mayor of Dublin was presented by William of Orange, and is a source of great interest to many visitors.

William was a monarch whose rule had a benign influence on Ireland, and some southern historians are

prepared to concede that fact. He was not an intolerant monarch, and the victory he won at the Boyne brought a long period of peace to Ireland.

TOLERANCE

It was over 100 years before Ireland was to experience the bloodbath of the 1798 rebellion, and had William's tolerance towards Roman Catholic and Presbyterians been followed by his successors, who knows what turn Irish history might have taken?

I am sure all Ulster loyalists who have visited Dublin Castle, and seen the State Apartments must feel, like the writer, a deep sense of history, and awareness of the part this building played in British rule in Ireland for eight centuries.

The castle was never captured by the rebels, and was held during the 1798 and 1916 uprisings, by the alertness and bravery of the soldiers who guarded it.

The building was handed over to the Irish Free State on January 16, 1922.

Royal visitors to Ireland invariably visited the Castle, and these included William IV, Queen Victoria and King

Edward VII and Alexandra, who paid a visit in 1907.

OPENING

The last Royal visit to Castle came in 1911 when King George V and Queen Mary visited Ireland for the opening of the College of Science in Dublin.

They, like other Royal visitors slept in the state apartments and wounded servicemen were treated there when the State Apartments were converted into a Red Cross Hospital during the 1914-18 War.

British troops were billeted there during the 1920 troubles.

One of the most impressive apartments in St. Patrick's where the Royal Standard, the banners of the Order of Knights of St. Patrick still hangs. The central panel in the depicts King George the Third seated on a dais between symbolic figures of Britain with the flag of Great Britain and Hibernia with her harp.

Lord Lieutenants of Ireland Vice-Regal Lodge in Dublin most state dinners and important ceremonial functions were held in the Castle building which has given historical associations with the people of this island, at least those who still honour the memory of William the Third.

New uniforms for Moneydig Band

The members of Laheney L.O.L. 271 and Laheney Flute Band were guests at Moneydig Orange Hall on July 12 morning when new uniforms were dedicated for Moneydig Lily Flute Band. Bro. Rev. Dr. W. Warren Porter, District Chaplain of Garvagh District L.O.L. No. 4 performed the short act of dedication. Congratulations and good wishes were expressed to the Lily Band by Bro. Robert McCahon, W.M. L.O.L. 271, and Bro. James Torrens, D.D.M. of Garvagh District No. 4.



LISTOODER ORANGEMAN HONOURED
Bro. James Patterson Kirk, (Centre) who has been a member of Listooder LOL 1607 for the past 58 years, was presented with a Long Service Certificate by Bro. George Marshall, W.D.M., of Saintfield District. Also included are Bro. Archie Cochrane, W.M.; Bro. Alan Brownlee D.M., and Bro. Kirk's brother Bro. William Jeffrey Kirk who was a recipient of a Long Service Certificate on a previous occasion.
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