

# THE ORANGE

# STANDARD

"Lift up a standard for the people."

(Isaiah 62:10)

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## "Black" Re-elect Sovereign

The leader of the Ulster Unionist MPs at Westminster, Mr. James Molyneux, has been re-elected Sovereign Grand Master of the Royal Black Institution.

More than 100 delegates attending the Institution's annual meeting in the Albertbridge Road Orange Hall in East Belfast gave him a standing ovation after his re-election.

Delegates were present from all parts of Northern Ireland, as well as Eire, Scotland and England, and two new Deputy Grand Masters of the Institution were elected.

# SAVAGE FIGHT TO SAVE THE

## UNION - Grand Master

Addressing the members of St. Pauls (Toxteth) No. 7 District Orange Lodge in Liverpool on July 4, the Imperial Grand Master and Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth B.A., B.D., said the fight for the Union was being fought most savagely in Ulster.

Bro. Smyth stated that the Americans make much of the 4th July as their Independence Day. But they also make much of the Union of which they are justifiably proud — the United States of America.

### PRIDE IN THE UNION

"Tonight" he said "we think specifically of this famous Liverpool Orange District. But it is not without significance that we have here the Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The Orange Institution

which has contributed much to our way of life is proud of the Union of the United Kingdom, and the liberties for which it stands, based on the Reformation.

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"In the words of our illustrious forbear, William III, we are still pledged to defend 'The Protestant Religion and the liberties of England.'

"These liberties are being attacked on all sides from the picket lines of Grunwick to the very basis of parli-

mentary democracy which forms our Government.

"This fight for the Union is being fought most savagely in Ulster. Although terrorism has not been completely defeated I am happy to report to our Liverpool brethren, who have stood firmly with us in these awful years, that the tide is steadily turning. At long last the Government is displaying a will not only to fight for the Union, but to defeat the I.R.A."

"If successive Governments had done this earlier we would not have suffered so terribly. Fewer lives would have been lost and less destruction caused, he said.

"At the same time I must report that in the justifiable claim for adequate representation at Westminster and the restoration of devolved government for Northern Ireland, they are dragging their feet too closely.

"Still the S.D.L.P. refuse to give proper support to the

R.U.C. and the Army. They say they cannot do this until they are part of the Government. The logic of this really means that Peter Hail and the Young Liberals have a mandate to terrorise the country by demonstrations and worse because Liberals are not in the government — apologies to David Steel.

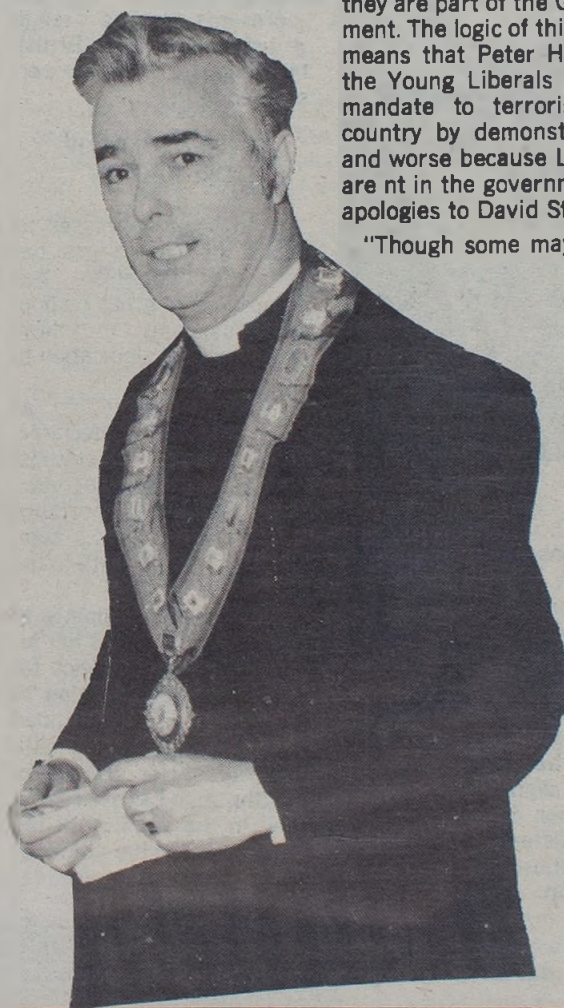
"Though some may think

Communists, Maoists and others are already in the British Cabinet, it would mean that the Angry Brigade, Leninists and such would have the same mandate since they are not elected to power by the people.

"The time has come for Westminster to govern the United Kingdom on the same franchise and basis. The people must have the right to choose their government without any in-built right for particular groups who must, in their own eyes, be in, no matter who else it.

"Nevertheless perhaps the greatest danger to our heritage stems from the apathy of so many Protestant people, and even Orangemen, who have lost something far more important. They have lost their positive commitment to Christ and Bibleal Christianity, which should guide their whole life and shape the destiny of our Nation.

"In this Centenary Year of St. Paul's (Toxteth) and the Silver Jubilee of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II, may we return to faith in Christ and service for Christ in serving our follow-up."



## ON PARADE WITH FIFE AND DRUM



Whistle and drums to lift the feet.

## Passing of Prominent Orange And 'Black' Member — R. W. Bro. J. Bell

Mr. Joshua Bell, Killycormain Road, Portadown, who served the Orange Institution and the Unionist Party with devotion and assiduity for more than half a century, died last month at his home following a brief illness.

In his seventies, he is survived by his daughter Eleanor, who resided with him, a brother and sister.

A Native of Portadown and the son of a prominent Loyalist, the late Mr. R. H. Bell, Joshua Bell showed early indications of his love for the Orange Cause, and throughout his life he was an articulate and well versed member. As a plat-

form speaker in earlier days he had few compeers.

The late R.W. Bro. Bell was Imperial Grand Treasurer of the Royal Black Institution and Imperial Deputy Grand Master for the past 42 years.

He was Deputy District Master of both the Orange and Black Institutions in Portadown, and was greatly interested in their lecturing work.

Until his retirement, he was a clerk of works for Portadown Borough Council and was founder chairman of the Institute of Clerks of Works.

He was a member of Harmony LOL No. 500 and a founder of Epworth RBP No. 232.

In the Masonic Order, he was Past Master of Lodge 263, Past King of Royal Arch Chapter No. 24, and Sir Knight of Council 31.

As a leading officer in the Black Institution, Bro. Bell travelled extensively throughout the British Isles, and 17 years ago he and R.W. Bro. Alex Cushnie, Imperial Grand Registrar, made a special visit to Canada to help draft the Constitution of the Order there.

Mr. Bell, was a life long member of Thomas Street Methodist Church in which he had held a number of offices.



# INDEPENDENCE — Never An Orange Way Out

In his address at the Orange demonstration in Enniskillen on June 12, the Rev. S. Ernest Long, L.Th., J.P. said: "The Orange institution has a two-point programme — it stands for the Christian Faith and for the Union with Great Britain."

## ULSTER'S DESTINY

"It has never for a moment considered 'independence' as a way Ulster should travel. While often angry at bad Government decisions and constantly strong in condemnation of Westminster security policies it has never doubted that Northern Ireland's destiny is linked with Great Britain."

"Recent happenings have given us reason to hope for better things ahead, among them the successes of the security forces in apprehending terrorists and in discovering terrorist arsenals; the promise of proper Northern Ireland representation at Westminster; and the acceptance of the devolution principle for the Province. Last week's disclosure by the Secretary of State that an interim assembly is envisaged suggests that serious effort is to be made to implement the devolution promises — albeit in stages."

"The Orange Order's contribution towards better government has been considerable over the troubled years. Without any militaristic ability or intention it has tried to influence those in authority to adopt policies which were based on an unequalled knowledge of what the greater number of Ulster people want."

"Its influence, and strong argument, did not prevent the watersheds like the acceptance of a Hunt Report which destroyed the Province's well proved security forces at a stroke — who would deny now that the decisions of 1969 which disbanded the Ulster Special Constabulary and disarmed the RUC was totally irresponsible?; the 1972 Northern Ireland Government's reaction to Heath measures which produced the prorogation of Stormont is now seen as the second disastrous event of the post 1969 period — how deeply successive Westminster Governments must have deplored that precipitate decision of most questionable legality."

"The Order could not prevent those things from happening. It was not listened to by Stormont or Westminster and it had no way to compel attention. More recently its overtures have appeared to bear fruit."

## STORMONT RECORD

"It is an indictment of the politics of our age that those who influenced decisions were often the enemies of the State, the antagonists of law and order, or people who were so concerned to placate the violent that they consented to measures which were inimical of the common good."

"One of the least edifying

spectacles of recent years has been to see some so-called liberally minded politicians and people approving the condemnations of Unionist Administrations by those whose reputations for obstruction and destruction in Northern Ireland politics are well known. Any fairminded observer of the Irish scene must admit that the Stormont record was very much better than its critics would allow."

"In this Jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen it is but right to any that no matter how intense has been the distaste for Her



Majesty's Governments the Queen has retained the love, devotion and loyalty of her Ulster subjects."

"In other days Royalty compelled loyalty by force or bribery but the Queen has compelled loyalty by endearing herself to her people, by being herself, a most sincere, dignified lady who knows her duties and responsibilities. 'Oh, happy Kings, whose thrones are raised in their subjects' hearts.'

"The Queen is in debt to her family, George V, 'the Peacemaker,' and George VI, 'the Good,' who never expected to succeed to the Throne but who succeeded very well as King in a reign when the country had very mixed fortunes in war and peace. And the ladies in her life, mother and paternal grandmother, the friendly and extroverted and the regal and autocratic. She has been fortunate in her marriage. Prince Philip is a man of humanity and humour. And happy in her family. The Royal Family is an example for family life in our society."

"The Queen is a unifying presence in the United Kingdom and in the British Commonwealth of Nations. That fact was underlined, and by Her Majesty after the devolution debates at Westminster and at the recent Commonwealth Conference. She binds the diverse people together for she represents what is best in British life and in British thinking. The ideals are personified in her."

## QUEEN'S LIFE OF DEDICATION

"And what impresses us about the Queen are her sense of vocation; her acceptance of great responsibilities and mundane tasks; and her dedication to her work."

"Her attitude to life, as she has constantly declared, comes from her steadfast faith in God, her recognition of the place and importance of the Church as the communicator of the Faith to the world."

"While we pay homage to the Queen and thank her for her work, her influence for good, and her devotion to her people, we are reminded that like us she has a faith that works. Her practice of the Christian Faith is readily seen in the worship of the Church, and in her stand, by word and example, for Christian standards of morality and industry."

# BAD NEWS FOR ENEMIES OF ORDER!

In his Twelfth of July address at Ballymena the Imperial Grand Master M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A.B.D., said Orangemen looked forward to the visit of their Sovereign. This had been long overdue, no fault of the Queen, but in keeping with the bungling pattern of successive advisors who have added tragedy to Ulster's terror. "When she comes she will have a tremendously loyal welcome. While we recognise the need for high security, we nevertheless hope that an opportunity will be given for the people to welcome her," Bro. Smyth said.

"For centuries the United Kingdom has been bound together by the principles for which the Orange Institution stands. The cementing force of the Order in Ulster has been long recognised."

It is tragic that through some understandable frustrations and because unscrupulous manipulators have spread whispering campaigns some who looked to the Order are faltering. That which would bring delight to our enemies is being attempted by professed friends — the splintering of the Orange Institution.

Nevertheless I am happy to report that the news is bad for those who look for the demise of the Orange family. My knowledge, not only in Ulster, but in the rest of Ireland and the United Kingdom and throughout the World, tells me that she is still bearing sons despite her ripe old age. The recently formed Grand Lodge of Ghana - Togoland reports tremendous strides since achieving this status.

Furthermore, despite the claims of some, we have not



Little Miss Jill Harrison, of Woodlands, Gilford, unveils a plaque in the local Orange Hall in memory of her father, the late Bro. Bobbie Harrison, who was gunned down by terrorists. From left — Bro. Rev. A. J. Finch, M.A., who dedicated the plaque; Bro. Harold Tomlinson, W.M. of L.O.L. 1901, and Bro. Thos. Harrison, D.M., brother of the deceased. Photo: Saul Barr, Banbridge.

# "Emulate Queen in Our Devotion to Country"

A County Armagh Orange leader has suggested that Ulster people should emulate the Queen in her devotion to her country.

R.W. Bro. William C. Moody Deputy County Grand Master of Armagh, said at the Killylea demonstration that loyalty was an unselfish thing and was not just words

"One of the things which worries us here in Ulster is that we have people who call themselves Loyalists who do not know or care about loyalty," he added.

## NO SENSE OF COUNTRY

"They are the Protestants who are without sense of country or faith. They have a name, but they are misnamed. They bring disgrace and discredit on all that we hold dear. Away with the traitors in our midst."

Bro. Moody, who was proposing the resolution of Loyalty demonstration, said that as Orangemen they had a standard to live up to, a cause to maintain.

"It takes a real man to be one of us in reality and in

truth. It should cost to be loyal to one's Monarch, to one's country and to one's God," he continued.

"The Queen is always reminding us that she has a loyalty that transcends everything—loyalty to God. She has the same faith as we have," he told the Orangemen. "Her devotion to God, her dependence on Christ and her love of the Church are of the qualities which we as Orangemen are encouraged to copy."

"The qualifications of an Orangeman set a course for us which takes all there is of us to implement."

## PERSONIFICATION

Bro. Moody said the Queen was the unifying presence in the United Kingdom and in the Commonwealth. "That fact was underlined in the Scotland-Wales devolution debates and at the Commonwealth Conference," he said.

"She binds the diverse peoples together for the British life and in British

thinking. The ideals we hold dear are personified in her person."

"Our regard for the Queen is real. We wish her and the Royal Family all God's blessing for the days ahead," he added.



deviated from our basic position. Our resolutions confirm our position. And the resolution of our brethren which has seen us through these eight years, and worse times previously, will see the victory again.

Let no-one rob you of hope. Sometimes Jeremiah's note is needed. Realism is important, but not when it blinds us to hope. And for the first time since 1969, I see hope in that at long last world opinion and Westminster politicians no longer go for the big lie — "Ulster Protestants victimising an oppressed minority."

"In fact one of the pertinent dangers which face us now is not the I.R.A. threat and failure of military strategy to defeat it. That has changed for the better."

"The great danger is inverted discrimination in favour of Roman Catholicism. This is seen in overbuilding of houses, e.g. in Border areas where they are not needed for Northern Ireland people. It is seen in some Grammar Schools taking Roman Catholic pupils before better qualified Protestant children. It is seen in the suggestion by officials of the South Eastern Board that voluntary Protestant Grammar Schools should come under State control while Roman Catholic Grammar Schools should be independent."

"But perhaps the greatest danger lies in the drift from a consistent practice of the Christian faith. The subtle undercurrents which drag us down — the growing intemperance, aided by illegal drinking dens; the pollution of minds by porn-

ography, both in book and film, the pressure of Sunday work, and the break up of the home — are far too obvious to leave us comfortable."

"Now let Ulster plan to build on the true foundation which is Jesus Christ."

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## HELD OVER

Due to pressure on our space this month some reports and photographs have been held over for our next issue.



# FATHER FAUL LAYS DOWN GUIDELINES!

Many Catholic people are being arrested, brutally ill-treated and compelled to sign statements admitting crimes of which they are completely innocent. The following advice I believe to be the legal rights of detained people and the most prudent and sensible course to follow when they are in the grip of the RUC under Section 10 (three days) or Section 12 (seven days).

1—When brought in, ask for your solicitor and a daily interview with your family doctor or a doctor nominated by him.

2—When they ask you any questions say: "I want that question in writing and when my legal representative is present and has checked the question and offered me advice, I shall answer it in writing."

3—Do not sign your name to any bit of paper while in an RUC station (three days or seven days) unless you are advised to by the solicitor of your choice.

4—Always have a medical examination before leaving the interrogation centre and/or at the special court (Watch out for bigoted J.P.'s) by a doctor of your choice or your family's. This should be arranged by your solicitor.

5—Ignore all documents presented to you as confessions of your friends implicating you. These are usually forgeries. You cannot be convicted on another man's statement: it is a statement signed by you that they want and they usually beat you to sign a statement concocted by themselves which the judiciary accept. Suffer patiently while they beat you up; do not accept bribes or promises; do not hold any conversation with them as they will make it into a verbal statement," and produce it in court.

6—Families of prisoners should assume the worst and take immediate steps to get a solicitor, doctor, priest, politician, journalist, alerted to stop the brutality. Please ring me — Dungannon 2165 and leave name and number if I am out, as I am anxious to collect this material about torture of Catholics for the attention of the Vatican and Human Rights Bodies.

7—Families can visit their tortured one in the Crumlin Road Jail, without a ticket as soon as he gets there. When you are beaten up by the RUC make an official complaint (for statistical and legal purposes) a civil claim for damages and publish your story.

JUNE 1977FR. DENIS FAUL.

Members of Primrose Junior L.O.L. No. 20 Ballymena with their leaders. Left to right: R. L. Balmer, Superintendent; T. Pedlow, J. Clyde, R. Lewis, Assistant Superintendent. Picture: "Ballymena Guardian."



Officers of Banbridge District Royal Black Chapter leaving for Scarva.

## LONDON APPLICANT

An Englishman who saw the Orange parade in Portadown on the Twelfth and the Royal Black Institution's outing to Scarva on the Thirteenth is applying for membership of the Order in London.

We wish the applicant every good wish with his proposal, having contacted a number of Orange officials in Ulster before leaving for home.

His decision to join was also motivated by his reading of the "Orange Standard" which recently carried a report on the Orange Institution in England. He had not realised until then that the Order was operating in his homeland.

# Canadian French Separatists Given Orange Viewpoint

Not for the first time in its history Canada — the great Dominion of the West — is in the throes of a wave of separatist ideology.

Its protagonists are the French-speaking section of the population, whose claims bear a striking resemblance to some of the ambitions of the republicans of Ireland.

The French Canadians allege that there has been "discrimination and domination" by the English-speaking sector and a certain element has always "opted out" when it came to becoming involved in the mainstream of Canada's development.

There has just come to hand some material produced by the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada on the situation. The document is

entitled "National Policy," and was approved at the National (Orange) Convention on June 16 at Vancouver, British Columbia.

The paper, which outlines the basis of the French claims, bears the signatures of M.W. Bro. Raymond Reside, Grand Master and Sovereign, and R.W. Bro. Norman R. Ritchie, Grand Secretary, our copy coming from M.W. Bro. Gordon Keyes, a name as universally known through Irish Orangeism as in the land of his adoption.

The document points out: The Orange Association, whose membership is drawn from every province in this Dominion, feels that a united Canada is in the best interest of all Canadians. We cannot contribute to national unity by merely opposing all efforts by

French Canadians to acquire what they may feel is their just due. On the other hand, legislating language rights will not automatically provide us with success in that direction. It ought to be evident to all — English and French Canadians alike — that those who wish to take Quebec out of Confederation will not be greatly influenced by any measure taken by the rest of Canada to induce them to stay. We strive for the support of the people in that province by showing them that there is a place for them in Canada.

To this end the Orange Association supports the following policy:

(1) a shift of emphasis in the federal programme from institutional bilingualism to public access to service in both languages. In so doing, it would be possible to accommodate unilingual employees looking after the needs of those of their own language, supervised by people who are fluently bilingual. These services should be housed in a common physical layout, so that the interaction of the two groups in operating an integrated system would have, in due course, a greater influence on creating bilin-

gual employees than the present costly system. At the same time, it would allow for the opportunity of each to carry on his daily work in his own mother tongue. This arrangement would automatically adjust the ratio of French-English employees to the population ratio.

(2) a strong commitment by the Provincial Governments, including that of Quebec, to adopt a similar plan as quickly as possible.

(3) a concentrated effort by the provinces to improve the teaching of the second language in all school systems.

(4) a gradual but marked shift of financial support from the federal bilingual teaching program to the provinces for their use in second language training.

At the same time we will continue:

(1) to oppose any legislation that does not reflect the spirit of the British North America Act.

(2) to uphold the Parliament of Canada as the legislative body for our country, and the Constitutional Monarchy as our system of Government.

(3) to promote a better understanding of all the groups which make up our nation by recognizing their right to be different while, at the same time, encouraging them to adapt to our system and custom of living, so that our country might continue to prosper to the benefit of all.







By

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# PC Dies, Jack Lynch Calls For Declaration

July 6 was a remarkable day in at least three ways. First we had the tragic shooting of three policemen in Aughnacloy, in Co. Tyrone, in the early morning... one killed, one very seriously injured, and the other not so gravely hurt... then we had Prime Minister Jack Lynch in his first major interview since his return as Parliamentary leader in Dail Eireann, talking about a British withdrawal from Ulster, and, finally the ubiquitous Father Faul of Dungannon.

## MURDER GETAWAY

It was, therefore, a day of contradistinctions. The brutal and calculated murder of the police officer, married with two young children, indicated once again the awful lengths to which the Provisional IRA will go in order to wreak vengeance on unsuspecting officers of the Crown in the performance of their daily duty, this time putting down "cones" on the roadway in order to facilitate the traders at the weekly market in the Co. Tyrone town.

Once the murderers had committed their dreadful deed, in a motor van highjacked — we used to call it stolen — in Dungannon, hotfoot they scurried along a narrow road and made their getaway into the friendly territory of Co. Monaghan.

No qualms at all, no prick of conscience, at leaving a trail of blood and anguish in their tracks.

And so to Mr. Lynch. He had hardly received the seal of office from President Hillery until he was at it again, seeking some British indication of a move which would bring the patriots away from the Wailing Wall and lead them in hope towards the "re-unification" of Ireland.

Mr. Lynch must know that for all his sizable majority in the Dublin Parliament he is far from being the darling of the mass of the people in the Irish Republic. There are many thousands of the electorate who will be watching anxiously over the next year or so to see how the economy will stand up to the very heavy demands which will be made upon it through the implementation of the policies of Fianna Fail who conned them into giving Lynch and Co. such a handsome lead at the end of the day.

One cannot recall such frenzied activity as Mr. Lynch demonstrated on his first day in office when a policeman or a soldier of the Crown Forces lost his life in troubled Ulster. His stance on this occasion was hypocritical in the extreme, as well as in very bad diplomatic taste.

Clearly the Lynch leopard hasn't changed its spots.

## ARE THEY INNOCENT?

And finally we see Father Faul on Television trying to establish a case for the innocence of the six Irishmen presently serving long sentences for the Birmingham bombings.

Father Faul made a very unconvincing case in the face of the arguments of the reporter from Birmingham who, unlike Father Faul, had the benefit of sitting throughout the trial in a completely detached manner, making his own assessment and judgement as to the guilt or innocence of the prisoners.

In the reporter's view the men now in jail are guilty of one of the most horrible crimes known in Britain for years.

## Altnaveigh Remembers Its Honoured Dead

"As well as remembering those who were cruelly murdered in this townland some fifty-five years ago, we are also here to-day to remember the late W. Bro. R. L. Mitchell, who was murdered on the 26th February last," stated the Rev. Martin Smyth when he was the special preacher at the annual memorial service held at Altnaveigh, near Newry.

### TRADITION

This was a traditional Altnaveigh assembly, under the auspices of the local Altnaveigh Loyal Orange Lodge No. 37, said M.W. Bro. Smyth, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, but in his opinion it was not only an Orange occasion but also a community one, as all those who had

been murdered had been involved in the district.

The murders had taken place in the district some fifty-five years ago, but in that space of time the enemy, in one sense, had not changed, but he wanted also to stress that during that time God had not changed either.

Although the murderers of Bro. Mitchell may not necessarily have been the descendants of those who had committed the Altnaveigh murders in the twenties, his killing was certainly committed by those who stood in that lineage.

Continuing Bro. Smyth said that he had been told that those who had perpetrated the murders at Altnaveigh never prospered, and he wanted to stress that "those who com-

mitted such crimes may escape temporal judgment but in the authority of God's word they will not escape God's judgment."

Basing his sermon on Proverbs, Chapter 24, verse 21, "My son, fear not the Lord and the King, and meddle not with them that are given to change," Bro. Smyth said that if any man or woman wanted to live right with God, he or she should read either one of the Psalms or a verse from the Book of Proverbs each day, as in his opinion these verses were full of practical instruction for life.

The meaning taken from the text is "consistency" continued the preacher, and he added that "if the men who had formed the State of Northern Ireland had yielded to threats then we

would not be here at Altnaveigh on this beautiful June afternoon in 1977. But there are some of us in life who have opted out of things because we are not prepared to pay the price."

"I am not being unduly critical but there were people in the 'twenties when they were threatened opted out of our country and never came back, and the same thing has happened in the present troubles, but I can tell you that the success of our country will only stem from the steadfastness of those who stand for our text of this afternoon regardless of the cost," he said.

The preacher hit out strongly at the complacency and the inconsistency of many of the Ulster people, and said that before the present troubles started many people thought that the IRA threat to Northern Ireland was just Unionist scaremongering but it in fact turned out to be a reality.

"Our forefathers were punished and even murdered for going to their places of worship, but nowadays in this free

## Neave Takes to The Air!

It was a little ironic for Mr. Airey Neave to castigate certain leaders of the Ulster Unionist Party about what he deigned to call "an unholy alliance" with the British Labour Party and the Government in keeping the present Government in power in order to secure increased representation for Ulster at Westminster.

Mr. Neave, who has visited our shores on several occasions in recent years since the Troubles started, is no stranger to the Ulster situation. He is indeed the Conservative Party spokesman on Northern Ireland, and, therefore, well versed on the Ulster Unionist point of view.

### WHAT HAS NEAVE DONE?

All this begs the question: what has Mr. Neave done in the past seven or eight years, to go back no farther, about advocating Ulster's valid claim to more MP's and, therefore, a fair share of representation in the Mother of Parliaments?

Can he claim to have been in the vanguard of the Ulster move for that fair share? I doubt it.

Do we in Northern Ireland not remember that it was Mr. Neave's Tory Heath-led Government which terminated the life of our provincial Government at Stormont, was a party to the destruction of the Ulster Special Constabulary, and toyed with the IRA at one stage before they realised that they were being led up a very sinister path.

### DECIDING FATE OF ULSTER

It is not the fault of the Ulster Unionist Party and its leaders that a rift has been caused between them and the Conservative and Unionist Party. The traditional link-up may well have received its first shake-up in 1949 when Labour Prime Minister Clement Attlee placed on the Statute Book the Act which specifically laid it down that Northern Ireland should remain a part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland so long as the people of Northern Ireland so willed it.

YES, it was a Labour Government which saw to it — not Conservative — that it was for Ulster to decide her destiny and her fate, and not the Government of the Republic of Ireland.

Even now the Conservative Party as such has much to answer for in its treatment of Northern Ireland whose Loyalists played the game honestly and decently for more

than half a century of the lifetime of the present State.

But after 50 years the old ties have become strained, and even the dynamic Mrs. Thatcher is not forthright with Ulster.

### TRUE SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

For the moment I suggest that Unionist Leader James H. Molyneux is truly interpreting the views of the middle of the road Ulster Unionist and Loyalist when he indicates that the way ahead for Ulster Unionists at Westminster is to work hand in hand with both Labour and Conservative Parties.

In this way he exemplifies not only a spirit of interdependence but also highlights the fact that Ulster Unionist members of Parliament can, when the time is opportune, display some of the rugged independence which has carried this country through periods of difficulty and peril.

Politics in Ulster, as in England, is the art of the possible. For far too long Ulster Unionists were prone to disregard this. The lesson has been learned. And it is bearing fruit.

## Drummed Up Bid

There would seem to be a well orchestrated attempt to besmitch the leadership of the Orange Institution and the Institution itself at the present time.

It made its appearance over the Twelfth holidays, and a number of people expressed the opinion in the newspapers that the time had come for the Institution to get rid of its present leaders and elect new officers in their place.

This spate of letter writing came, in a number of instances, from men who had either been expelled, or suspended, or had resigned from the Order, and their chagrin can therefore be excused as qualms of conscience for putting themselves outside the pale of Orangeism at a time when the rest of the country was joining in celebrating the victory of the Prince of Orange on the green grassy slopes of the Boyne.

The Orange Institution is a democratic organisation which, unlike some other bodies we know of, submits its leaders to the democratic processes year by year.

It is competent for the Orange brethren, in Private, District or County Grand Lodge and in the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland itself to change its officers when once a year all offices are declared vacant.

That is the time and that is the place for changes in leadership to be advocated, if need be, not through the columns of the daily and weekly newspapers.

Obviously, the people concerned who have put pen to paper claiming superior knowledge to those who have remained loyal to their obligations when they entered the Orange Order, were unable to make their views acceptable when they enjoyed the fellowship of their Orange brethren in Lodge assembled.

Now that they are outside the fold they ought to leave the affairs of Orangeism in the hands of those who have stayed the course and who have not disavowed their allegiance to the cause for which Orangeism stands today as the authoritative voice.

country of ours many of us don't even go near our places of worship, and our inconsistency has also been seen at our parades and services.

"When the Government order went out, 'No parade,' the reply came, 'No Service,' but then when the Government don't put a ban on this parade and that parade in many cases it is a fact that we don't bother to come out at all.

"Then, there are some of us who are inclined to put the Queen before God, but I

tell you it's the Lord before the Queen. Christ is first, and the State comes second. Don't disobey God, or the laws of the land."

There was a large turnout of Orangemen for the service and the Newry, Bessbrook, Markethill and Carlingford Lough Districts were well represented. There was also a contingent of brethren from the Dublin and Wicklow Districts, and they received a special welcome from the Grand Master.



# 800 YEARS IN THE ORANGE ORDER

## COMMENT : A Glorious "Twelfth"

A glorious Twelfth! No-one will deny that this year's celebrations were most happy, most impressive, demonstrations of the Institution's continuing strength in the Province. Observers could hardly fail to be impressed by the occasion, and aware that such a show of numbers and influence in a community demands attention by all who are concerned with its well-being.

The Twelfth demands that its critics understand that Orangeism and its recollections of past events with their peculiar influence on the thinking and living of Ulster people, is no anachronism but an expression of the feelings of Ulster Protestants on religion and politics as up to date as the present moment.

The two things for which the Order stands are the Reformed Faith and the British Connection. It is as necessary today as it was in other days to declare that this is the case. The annual walk of witness to these beliefs remains an impressive way of saying things which have to be said year by year. The pageantry of the Twelfth allows for this witness in ways which speak to eye and ear. There are the messages of the banners and the testimony of people publicly declaring their beliefs by a movement which for centuries has encouraged religious unity among those who belong to the Protestant Churches, embrace the Christian Faith in its primitive purity, and whose church orders are founded on Reformation principles and practices.

Whatever the critics may say the Orange Institution has its own place in the hearts and lives of Ulster people. Anyone who seeks to undervalue that influence is patently unaware of what motivates the greater number of Ulstermen and incredibly naive if he thinks that the suppression voluntarily of the emotions which take lips and legs at the Twelfth would do anything to solve the Ulster problem. People have a right to declare themselves. No-one should be expected to accommodate to the extent of hiding his own beliefs that others may not be offended. To argue for such an attitude is to muzzle conscience and to disapprove of the church's witness to the world. It is to deny a basic human right.

One Nationalist paper on July 11 declared that the Twelfth was on the way out, that it had no place in an Ireland of the future. The viewpoint is revealing. The paper clearly has no sympathy for the aspirations of people who are two-thirds of the population of Northern Ireland and a quarter of the population of all Ireland. Anyone who thinks that the Protestant is to be little regarded in any political settlement which involves his country is ignorant both of Protestantism and Government.

The politicians were conspicuous by their absence from many Orange platforms this year. There has been a growing tendency to make the platform proceedings more religious, more Orange and less party political. The reasons for the different emphases are because politicians often used the Orange platforms for selfish purposes — some of them no longer walk with us — and because there is a growing recognition that the fundamental weakness of our society is its failure to recognise spiritual realities and to be governed by Christian ethical standards. The Order remains as a watchman at the gate, warning people of the dangers of Godless materialism and secularism and pleading for attitudes to morality which are squared by the Bible and Christian morals based on it.

The Institution is convinced that there can be no Ulster settlement of lasting value until there is an appreciation of the twin loyalties to God and country. This was the theme of many of the Twelfth speeches. It is no new discovery, just a rediscovery of what is integral to the Orange philosophy and programme.

The media coverage of the day was reasonable. The newspapers had many pictures and "thoughts from speeches" were plentiful. Radio and television played their small part with a half hour showing of the Belfast walk and on radio R.W. Bro. Aiken McClelland giving his views on the Twelfth on Radio Ulster. There were interviews with the Grand Master of Scotland and the WM of a Dublin Lodge and brief extracts from some speeches, those of the Belfast County Master and Bro. Jim Molyneux, M.P.

It is regrettable that the field proceedings are no longer televised. In order to get a balanced insight into what the Twelfth is about it is necessary to read the Resolutions and to hear the speeches as well as to watch the men go by. Bro. Bill Craig spoke on Unionist unity. We know of the efforts the Order made to bring the parties together and how for a time they managed to work reasonably agreeably and to mutual advantage. We have been forced to recognise that Unionists, like churchmen, are not to be moulded to one pattern and while it remains the desirable thing for them to speak and act unitedly on matters of crucial concern to the Province it is better that they should divide than that they should stay together suspicious and distrustful of one another. And it has to be admitted that the Orange sponsored unity of the UUUC was an incredible thing because some of those who joined were never unionists of the old mould but independents in the pattern of the Sloans, Nixons and Hendersons of other days.

The Order remains to include all sorts and conditions of Unionists. Its comprehensiveness is its strength. There is reason to believe that Orange ideas are being seriously considered again. If that is so the promise is better for the future of the Province.



Members of Ballykeel L.O.L. 472, Ballymena, who have given over 800 years of service to the Loyal Orange Institution pictured with Bro. Rev. W. M. Smyth, B.A., B.D., Grand Master and Bro. Rev. John Brown, M.A., B.D., County Grand Master of Antrim.

Back Row: Left to right — C. McFadden 23 Yrs; R. McCartney 55 yrs; R. McAuley 43 yrs; S. Harrison 58 yrs; D. Turtle 56 yrs; A. Richardson 42 yrs; B. McDowell D.M. and H. Nevin Secty.

Front Row: Left to right — J. Burch, W.D.M. No. 8 District 47 yrs; J. Spence 68 yrs; D. Gaston, Dist. Treas. and Treas. L.O.L. 472; Rev. W. M. Smyth; Rev. J. Brown, G. Logan 60 yrs; W. Murray 61 yrs; A. Pedlow 66 yrs.

Four members were unable to be present because of illness — W. Allen, sen. 48 yrs; R. McIlwaine 60 yrs; D. Cotter 54 yrs; S. Turtle 51 yrs. Picture: "Ballymena Guardian."

## Scots Orangemen Urge RC Schools in State System

A call for the integration of Roman Catholic schools into the non-denominational school system was made in one of the three resolutions proposed for adoption at the July Orange demonstrations in Scotland.

The resolutions read:

### OUR PROTESTANT HERITAGE

We acknowledge our debt to those reformers and martyrs who gave their lives and liberties to free us from yokes of political and religious bondage.

We also acknowledge that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Therefore, we dedicate ourselves to give unstintingly of our time and talents to main unsullied our protestant heritage.

### THE STATE OF THE NATION

We take note of and heart from the growing demand within many groups and bodies in Scotland for the ending of segregated schools — the unacceptable face of Scottish education.

Deploring the consequences on the non-denominational

schools of the disproportionately high expenditure absorbed in the maintenance of the separate Roman Catholic schools, we call for a repeal of the divisive and blighting elements of the 1918 Education (Scotland) Act and the integration of the Roman Catholic schools into the non-denominational school system.

### LOYALTY

We the Members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Scotland gathered in commemoration of the 287th anniversary of the battle of the Boyne at this day of July, 1977 render unto her Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, our expressions of devotion, deep affection and unswerving loyalty.

We congratulate Her Majesty in this he Silver Jubilee Year for her 25 years of Christian example and standards which are the envy of every nation.

As the Members of our Orange Institution are her most loyal subjects, it is with great pride and admiration that we offer sincere thanks for her noble manner and great charm. We pray that Almighty God may grant to Her Majesty continued health and strength to reign over us and that He may richly bless the Royal Family.

## EIRE LODGES LED THE PARADE

A band from Co. Donegal led the parade of almost 100 lodges and bands, many of them from Eire, at E. nis-killen where the County Fermanagh demonstration was held.

The leading lodge was Tievemore Lodge from Pettigo, South Donegal.

There was a good contingent from the border counties of Monaghan, Donegal, Cavan and Leitrim.

After the parade along a three-mile route the meeting, mainly of a religious nature was held at Celtic Park.

The address was given by R.W. Rev. S. Ernest Long, Imperial Grand Chaplain, who told the large crowd that the Orange Order had never considered independence for Ulster.

He went on: "While often angry at bad government decisions and constantly strong in condemnation of Westminster security policies it has never doubted that Northern Ireland's destiny is lined with Great Britain."

There was now hope for better things ahead, he went on, referring to the success of the security forces in Ulster, the promise of proper representation at

Westminster and the acceptance of the devolution principle.

Bro. Long also praised the role of the Royal family and its unifying presence.

### HEAT WAVE

During the day several people had to be taken to hospital by ambulance having been overcome with the heat.

The County Grand Master, Lt. Col. George Liddle, presided and among those on the platform were Bros. Harry West, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and Lord Brookeborough.



"Hot Spot" for Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., at Killylea.



# New Banner for Newbliss RBP



The platform party at the unfurling of the new banner of Eldon R.B.P. No. 33. They are (from left) Sir Knights Robert J. Wright, W.M., Samuel Farrelly, County Grand Master, Cavan; James Molyneaux, Sovereign Grand Master; Rt. Rev. Robert Heavener, Bishop of Clogher, County Grand Chaplain, and James Hall, County Grand Master, Monaghan.



The members of Eldon R.B.P. No. 33 (Newbliss Co. Monaghan)

## Scots-Ulster Lecturers Conference

The annual Inter-Lecture Conference of the Belfast and Partick classes took place in the Orange Hall, Ballymacarrett.

On arrival at York Road station, after completing the journey from Scotland, the Partick members were met by their hosts, and escorted to a nearby Hotel, where breakfast was served.

The conference was very well attended.

Sir Knt. Thomas Campton, President Belfast Class, extended a warm welcome to the Partick class members, also to the Examining Board members of the Imperial Grand Chapter.

Apologies for absence were accepted, and intimation of the passing of members from both classes

was received with regret.

A silent vote of condolence was observed, the Chaplain offering obituary prayers.

The ceremonial work was of a very high standard and was special praise given to both Class lecturers, by Sir Knt. James McConnell, I.G.L.

Other Board members who congratulated the Classes, were Sir Knts. Wm. J. Moorhead, J. Patterson and Thomas Malcolm.

Encouraging remarks were expressed by Sir Knts. Fred McGuigan, R.W.D.M., Mo. 4, Belfast and James Hamilton, R.W.D.M., No. 4 Partick.

At the close of the Conference a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and those who made it successful and pleasant.

A special function followed in the Orange Hall Ballynaveigh, Belfast, when both Classes and friends set down to a first class meal, and then enjoyed a programme of dancing and singing.

Opportunity was taken to recognise the good work of the Past President of Belfast Class, Sir Knt. John Patterson, who occupied that office for the past 10 years. He was presented with an electric clock by Sir Knt. Thomas Campton on behalf of the Class members.

A further surprise came when Sir Knt. Campton, paid a special tribute to the Class Secretary for all his good work. Sir Knt. George Tel-

ford, was presented with a similar gift of a clock. Both officers suitably replied, and each of their wives was presented with a bouquet.

During the Weekend the Visitors were entertained to a Coach tour of the Antrim Coast.

Sir Knt. James Hamilton on behalf of his class conveyed his sincere and very best thanks for such a lovely week-end in Ulster.

Sir Knt. D. H. Boyd, a founder member, commenced the continued good work, and fellowship of their Beloved Institution which as proceeded for the past 30 years. An invitation to visit Partick next year was accepted.

## WISE MEN MOTIF ON BELFAST BANNER

The first unfurling of a new banner in the House of Orange, Dublin Road, Belfast, the headquarters of the Orange Institution was held on Friday, June 24.

A large gathering of members and friends of the Star of Bethlehem Temperance L.O.L. 971 met in the main hall for the occasion.

After welcoming all present, the W.M. of L.O.L. 971, W. Bro. Thomas Keery handed over the chairmanship to W. Bro. David Boyd, P.M., Secretary of No. 1 District, who presided for the remainder of the evening.

After the singing of the hymn "O God our help in ages past," the youngest member of the Lodge, Bro. Roy Clarke, presented gifts of a pan and pair of scissors to the County Grand Master, Rt. W. Bro. Thomas Passmore, J.P., D.G.M.I., who spoke of the importance of practising the high christian principles of the Orange Order and of the fellowship experienced among the brethren.

He then unfurled the new banner which portrays the Wise Men approaching Bethlehem, guided by the star.

Thanks to the officiating

officers was conveyed by W. Bros. John Davison, P.M. and Robert Cummings, P.M. whilst W. Bros. S. A. Armstrong P.M., and Leslie L. P. Stewart, P.M., conveyed thanks to the guesys and artists.

Sone were sung by Mr. William Moreland and the pianist was Bro. George Spence of L.O.L. 149. Following the singing of "The Lord's My Shepherd," those present partook of high tea.

On arrival each lady received a lovely carnation to attach to her dress, a pleasant gesture which was greatly appreciated.

The guests included M.W. Bro. John Bryans, Past Grand Master of Ireland; W. Bros. Wm. Murphy, Edward Hughes, Robert Chippendale, J.P., D.G.M.I., the W.D.M. D.D.M. and Treasurer, respectively of No. 1 District.

The officers of L.O.L. 971 for 1977 are: W.M., W. Bro. Thomas Keery; D.M., T. Scott; Secy., W. Bro. W. McKee; Treas., W. Bro. J. Davison, P.M.; Lecturer, W. Bro. L. P. A. Stewart, P.M.

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# 100 Years of Protestantism In Taree, NSW



The weekend of 19-20 February 1977 was a very interesting and enjoyable one for those who travelled to Taree for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Protestant Hall in Manning Street, New South Wales, Australia.

Wor. Bro. Strange, secretary of McGibbon L.O.L. 96 and other members of the lodge are to be congratulated on the organising and success of the functions connected with the anniversary.

Members travelled from Sydney and Newcastle in the cars of Most Wor. Bro. Gowans, V. Wor. Bro. Boggiss, Wor. Bros. Rae, Chase Chapple, Murdock and members attended from Wauchope, North Haven and Port Macquarie to join their Taree brethren for the celebrations.

On the Saturday afternoon all met on the lawn outside the hall, members and interested citizens of the community, along with special guest, the Deputy Mayor, Ald. Alan Cowan.

Four generations of Mr. John Clever, one of the first trustees for the hall, were present for the celebrations.

After admiring the freshly painted hall, the door was opened by Miss Ann Cleaver and all followed her into the building to enjoy a programme with Wor. Bro. Clem Jones as master of ceremonies. He welcomed the local guests and those from further afield, especially the Rt. Wor. Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Gowans.

The programme commenced with prayer by Brig. Boaden, followed by short speeches by the Deputy Mayor and the Grand Master, each congratulating the lodge on their successful 100 years. Wor. Bro. Strange, trustee and secretary of the lodge, read a brief resume of the 100 years of the property and the lodge. His remarks were followed by a programme of music, song and dance by local artists. The afternoon concluded with prayer by the Presbyterian minister, Rev. C. Jones, then all adjourned

to a nearby church hall for a meal prepared by the lodge members.

A huge birthday cake, suitably inscribed, was cut by Wor. Sister Minnett, a still active member of the lodge although she is not far behind the hall in years — she is 90.

On the Sunday morning the lodge members held a church parade, attending the Service of the Free Presbyterian Church held in the Protestant Hall, whilst their church is being built. During the Service, V. Wor. Bro. W. Boggiss, Deputy Grand Master, read a lesson and V. Wor. Sis. Gowans, Grand Treasurer, recited the Orange Qualifications.

Probably noticing that lodge members had a wondering look, Rev. Mr. Lee announced that the church folk were not "queer," but the service was conducted according to old Scottish reformed worship, as held in the days of Calvin and Knox. No flowers, no music. The Psalms were sung with a "lead singer" to lead the

congregation.

Upon hearing the Qualifications recited, Mr. Lee said nobody could take exception to them, "are they not the very things that we as a church stand for." He extended a very warm welcome to the members of the Institution to his church service, and thanked the local lodge for permitting them to have the use of it.

After the service visiting members were provided with a delightful luncheon at the homes of Wor. Sis. Cleaver, Wor. Bro. and Sis. Jones and Wor. Bro. and Sis. Strange, before they set off on their journey home, a journey of over 200 miles

each way for the Sydney folk.

The Taree Protestant Hall is the town's oldest existing building; the handmade brick construction still has the original hardwood floor boards and cedar door. Records show that the hall cost \$500 to build. The windows were of stained glass although unfortunately several have been broken over the years. The original building had a roof of shingles. The back portion of the building was built on about 50 years ago. The workmanship of those early days was such that there has been very little deterioration.

## Defenders of the Faith

Never before have greater inroads been made into our Protestant heritage. Many sincere and faithful Protestants have been misled by the Ecumenical movement, and all kinds of claims have been made in support of Ecumenism.

Protestants who even questioned the Ecumenical movement were said to be either bigots or dragging their feet.

If you are determined to defend your Protestant Faith you must not sit on the fence and be silent and watch your Protestantism being pulled from under your feet. Now is the time to speak out and expose the danger of Ecumenism.

A number of years ago another determined attack was made on our Protestant Faith, albeit in a less subtle manner. Our forefathers met the evil in those days by forming a group of determined and faithful Protestants to defend Protestantism in Ireland, the year being 1795. It was known as the Orange Order.

The same Institution is still in existence to-day, and if you are interested in defending your Protestant Faith it is your duty now to become a member of this Order.

No greater protest can be made against the enemies of Protestantism than by joining the Orange Order, the only bulwark of Protestantism today.

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## SCOTTISH ORANGE PUTS ON SPLENDID

### SHOW

The one easily observable fact which strikes the on-looker at Scottish Orange Order parades these days is the large percentage of young people in the ranks.

The Institution in Scotland is a young movement with all the enthusiasm and excitement of youth. Many of the top officials are youthful people who are deeply concerned for the good of the Order and anxious that it should grow in the great principles of Orangeism which have been pithily enunciated in its slogans — "Civil and religious liberty," "Equal opportunities for all: special privileges for none."

The Order in Scotland has shown its concern in practical ways for the spiritual welfare of the nation by declaring its Protestantism in the supreme court of the church to which the great number of its members belong. It has been a "watchman at the tower" warning against attitudes and alliances which would destroy the Reformed Churches, in the land. It has encouraged other people to demand that the church be true to itself and its formularies.

The Order in Scotland has been concerned about the physical well-being of people, too. Its community and charitable work has received wide and high recognition in recent years. This church and society awareness has made its appeal to people who are concerned that the old Christian values should remain

And it has been peculiarly helpful to Ulster in its troubled years. Sympathy has been practical in the open-hearted way of people who have earned that truer reputation, for generosity; and in its encouragement of Ulster unionists to stand firm for the British connection. The ties which bind Scotland and Northern Ireland in the British and Orange families have never been stronger.

The pre-Twelfth parades and demonstrations of 1977 at Bathgate and Glasgow were very impressive affairs by all accounts.

I attended the 2nd July gathering of the County Grand Lodge of Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and Argyllshire at the ancient town of Blith. It has everything — a most disciplined and colourful parade, easy to watch and easy to listen to; an excellent reception by street lined crowds; a delightful "field" in a small park with its panoramic view of surrounding hills; a good day weather-wise; and a platform audience of such size that it encouraged good speaking.

The first of the two Resolutions, on Loyalty, was proposed by M.W. Bro. the Rev. S. E. Long, L.Th., P., Imperial Grand Chaplain and Grand Chaplain of Ireland, and seconded by W. Bro.

Owen Smith, Senior Deputy Grand Master, Scotland. The second was proposed by M.W. Bro. Thomas Orr, Grand Master of Scotland and seconded by W. Bro. Peter Downie, D.C.G.M. Lanarkshire. It was on the theme "Our Protestant Heritage." R.W. Bro. Robert Galbraith, County Grand Master, was chairman.

The Address of Welcome was by W. Bro. Hugh Stewart, District Master No. 43 and County Grand Treasurer. Sister Mrs. I. Reid, W.M. L.L.O.L. No. 222 spoke for the Ladies Orange Institution and the Blith Sisters, "small in number but large in heart."

The comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the day was proposed by W. Bro. Robert Brennan, County Grand Secretary. He had a special word of congratulation and commendation for W. Bro. Hugh Hamilton, a native of County Londonderry, but for very many years a resident of Blith, the last surviving founder member of the local lodge. (S.E.L.)

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## Scotland Has More RBP Men

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland was held in the Orange Hall, Lorne Street, Govan, Glasgow.

Sir Knt. Alan Lindsay, M.W.G.M. presided, ably assisted by Sir Knt. Peter Downie, D.G.M. in the vice-chair.

Devotional exercises were carried out by Sir Knt. William Gray, P.G. Chaplain.

The P.G.M. welcomed a large attendance particularly those attending for the first time.

In token of respect to those who had departed since the last meeting a vite of Condolence was passed and the Chaplain led in prayer.

A report of the Imperial Grand Chapter meeting was given by the P.G. Registrar.

An invitation was received

from No. 6 District, Motherwell to hold the 1978 Demonstration and Divine Service, under their auspices, and this was duly accepted.

Annual membership returns, from all districts, showed another increase.

Sir Knt. W. Walker, Chairman of the Demonstration Committee, reported on final arrangements for 1977 Demonstration and Divine Service.

Auditors reported a sound financial year and congratulated Provincial Officers on progress made.

The annual election of officers was conducted by Sir Knt. D. H. Boyd, I.D.G.M., and this resulted in no change in principal officers.

The M.W.G.M. and Grand Registrar were appointed to attend the June meeting of the Imperial Grand Council.



Brethren of Gilford Lodge.



# Marching Off To Killylea

Armagh Ex-Servicemen's L.O.L. Officers



Bessbrook District L.O.L. Officers



## "Black" Rules Out "Flirtations" With United Irelanders

Any idea of an independent Ulster was ruled out by the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, Rt. Wor. Bro. James Molyneaux, MP, when he was the principal speaker at the annual demonstration by the Royal Black Institution, and the Sham Fight at Scarva on July 13.

Sir Knight Molyneaux, the Sovereign Grand Master of the Institution, told an assembly estimated to number 30,000, that the Black Institution's a very name "ruled out flirtations with those whose aim is an Ulster outside the United Kingdom, either as an independent unit or absorption within an Irish Republic."

### ALLEGIANCE TO THE QUEEN

"We are not United Irelanders, nor are we little Northerners. As members of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth our allegiance is to the Queen in her position as Sovereign of that part of the Commonwealth in which we happen to reside."

He added that it was up to the Institution to "reclaim those who had been led into the paths of lawlessness and had sailed very near to the rocks of criminality."

Mr. Molyneaux was proposing the resolution of loyalty to the Queen. The second resolution which pledged the Institution to maintain its defence of the principles of the Reformed Faith and to hold fast to orthodox beliefs and Scrip-

ture teaching was moved by Sir Knight Rev. A. J. Finch.

The Sham Fight re-enacting the battle between the armies of King William and King James went ahead as usual.

Earlier, there were fears that the battle might be silenced when the Police Authority decided not to provide the organisers with obsolete weapons. They were thought to be unsafe and the present security situation was also a consideration. The guns had been modified to fire only blanks.

In the end a compromise was reached between the RUC and the organisers allowing some of the participants to use their legally held shotguns and "blank" ammunition in the "fight." Their firearms certificates were temporarily amended for the occasion.

### FROM TWO COUNTIES

The demonstration was attended by members of the Royal Black Institution from every area of Co. Armagh (with the exception of Lurgan, whose members went to Bangor) and Preceptories from several parts of Co. Down, including Newry and Banbridge.

The meeting was presided over by the Co. Grand Master of the Co. Armagh Grand Black Chapter, Sir Knight J. A. Anderson, J.P., and the religious address was delivered by Sir Knight Rev. T. Henry Holloway, Belfast.

Other speakers included Sir Knight Herbert Whitten, J.P., District Master of the Portadown District Black Chapter.

From the spectacular point of view the main event of the afternoon was the Sham Fight, a re-enactment of the Battle of the Boyne, in which the rival armies were led by King James (Charles Whitten) and King William (Charles Dillon). As ever victory lay with the Williamites, the rival Kings fighting out the final swordplay before the green flag was shot down from its mast-head.

It was a colourful day, with the Sovereign Grand Master taking the salute at the main door of the old Manor House in Scarvagh demesne, the home of Sir Knight Bill Buller, and Mrs. Buller.

Here for many years Mrs. Olive Buller, widow of Sir Knight Alfred W. Buller, entertained the distinguished guests on each succeeding "Thirteenth." She died earlier this year, and before the main proceedings took place a short service in memory of a gracious lady and generous hostess was held.

R.W. Bro. Rev. W. S. Forsythe speaking at the demonstration in Killylea.

## Serious Loss to Scottish Ladies

It is with deep regret that the Scottish ladies learned of the passing of Sister Lena Thomson, mother of the County Grand Master of Glasgow, Bros, John Thomson, at her home on Monday April 25.

Sister Thomson was a lifelong member of the Orange Institution, beginning her membership in Ladies L.O.L. 83 in Anderson District No. 12, where in later years, she was to serve as Worthy Mistress in a new Lodge named after the Lodge named after her Mother. This Lodge later transferred to Govan District No. 42.

Sister Thomson also service a term as Most Worship Grand Mistress of the Ladies Orange Association, and was the Youngest Sister, ever to hold high office.

If proof were needed of the high regard in which she was held, it was provided on Wednesday, April 27th when over 600 sisters and brethren, attended the funeral. Tears were shed unashamedly for a true friend, lost to the Order.

The deepest sympathy of all our Scottish Sisters and Brethren, go out to Bobby, District Secretary of No. 422 District and to John and Robert, her sons.

Our God works in mysterious ways

And it's He who will decide When your days on earth are ended,

Then he calls you to his side. Now Lena's gone to join him As we all must do some day, She's happy in His Mansions "Glory to God," we pray.

## GREAT ORANGE WORKER

On Saturday, May 14, the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland, lost an outstanding servant in the cause of Orangeism, with the passing of Bro. William Ewart, who served as an H.D.G.M. in the Grand Lodge and was the former Grand Superintendent of Juveniles and Juniors.

It was in this section that Bro. Ewart came to the fore, travelling with his wife, all over Scotland to lecture the children on the wonderful works of God's Holy Book, and was never without a story of interest for the young ones.

Bro. Ewart, apart from his Orange connections, was a member of the Royal Black Institution. His lodges were L.O.L. 169 and R.B.P. 280,

Govan. The minister of Plantation Church of Scotland, Rev. Mr. Ross, paid a striking tribute to the devoted service to the Church.

The Minister of Plantation Church of Scotland Rev. Mr. Ross, paid a striking tribute to the devoted service to the Church where deceased worshipped for many years.

The large attendance at funeral on 17 May to Craigton Cemetery, to pay their last respects testified to the high esteem in which Bro. Ewart was held.

Deepest sympathy goes out to his sorrowing wife, left to mourn the loss of a dear husband and brother Orangeman.

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Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

