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Tercentenary
of The Battle
of The Boyne



1690 — 1990

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"Lift up a standard for the people". — (Isaiah 62:10)

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Windows smashed in Moree Orange Hall

Thirty windows have been smashed in Moree Orange Hall near Rock village in Co. Tyrone.

Police are investigating the incident following the vandalism which took place in the early hours of April 14.

Beer and lemonade bottles were used to break the glass.

Police are asking anyone who knows anything about the damage to telephone Pomeroy police station, 58222.

Route march to Enniskillen

Thursday July 12, 1990, the 300th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, sees a daunting task for the brethren of Dromard LOL 284, situated near the lakeside village of Kesh in Co. Fermanagh.

These "nimble" brethren aim to carry their newly unfurled banner from Kesh to the ancient and historic town of Enniskillen, the venue for this year's "Twelfth" celebrations.

The distance of the march is, very appropriately, 16.90 miles approximately.

It is hoped that their efforts will not be in vain as any monies collected through sponsorship and donations along the route will be divided between their Hall Repair Fund and Orange charities.

So if you see the able bodied Kesh brethren on their way please make a donation and give them a little bit of encouragement to help them achieve their goal.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send donations to: Bro. Gary Wilson, 5 Mantlin Road, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh.

Eire will not extradite terrorists — Orangemen told

Eire has been confirmed in law as a haven for terrorists. This is the reality Unionist politicians have been spelling out on Orange platforms since the Dublin Supreme Court's recent rulings on extraditions to Northern Ireland for wanted IRA terrorists.

The MPs said Dublin court decisions on extraditions confirmed what Ulster people had always claimed — that there was no place for unionists in the republican scheme of things.

A strong attack on the rulings was mounted by the Grand Master of Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and South Belfast MP, Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, at the re-opening of Killadeas Orange Hall in Co. Fermanagh on April 20.

He said the Eire Supreme Court's anti-extradition moves had also confirmed "what British Governments conveniently ignore, what Garret FitzGerald cleverly obscured and what Charles Haughey constantly affirmed."

Bro. Smyth added: "In the view of republicans there is no place for unionism. That which they demand for a minority of nationalists they have not allowed a minority of loyalists in the 26 Counties and now deny a majority in Northern Ireland.

"To put it mildly, having encouraged the Provisional IRA, so long as it operated in

made their homes in the United Kingdom.

"A generous unionist people will welcome their return. A minority — repudiated both in the Republic and in Northern Ireland — cannot be allowed again to destroy the body politic."

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Meanwhile, Bro. William Ross, the Ulster Unionist M.P. for East Londonderry, said no court in Eire will extradite any Irish Republican terrorists to the United Kingdom as long as articles two and three of the constitution remain in force.

Bro. Ross was speaking at an Orange Soiree in the Old Gate Hall, Florencecourt, recently to mark the Tercentenary celebrations of the Battle of the Boyne.

The Westminster M.P. told the large gathering that the recent extradition judgments in Dublin's Supreme Court "smashed into the smug contentment of British politicians like a bucket of icy water."

"The government got it wrong and well they know it. It is the task of us all to keep the pressure up for with increasing knowledge among the English there is an increasing anger at how well they were fooled and great bitterness at the Irish

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Rt. Wor. Bro. the
Rev. Martin Smyth.

Northern Ireland, Charles Haughey obviously is delighted that the Supreme Court appears to accept the validity of such terrorism in pursuit of the Constitutional Imperative."

Bro. Smyth told his audience that Orangemen reaffirmed their convictions and message: "As in 1690 so in 1990 — the best way forward is within the United Kingdom and in Europe.

"The challenge to Charles Haughey as President of the European Commission is to use his undoubted gifts to lead his country from under the shadow of the gunman.

"Possibly the best way forward is to join the millions of Southern Irish people who have voted with their feet and

Workers from the Belfast shipyard and aircraft factories marching to the Europa Hotel from East Belfast on April 11 to protest against the presence of the Eire Premier Charles Haughey at an Institute of Directors conference.

TRIMBLE GETS THE VOTE

Queen's University Senior Law Lecturer, David Trimble, will be Upper Bann's new Member of Parliament. He landed the vital Ulster Unionist Party nomination at Brownlow House in Lurgan on April 19.

It was a close contest between Mr. Trimble and former Craigavon Mayor Samuel Gardiner who lost out in the third and final vote. Six other candidates sought the nomination.

The by-election will be held on May 17.

Accepting the nomination Mr. Trimble said: "We must win this election convincingly and deal a crushing defeat to stop their band wagon.

"In this the tercentenary year of the Orange Order it must be a superb Unionist victory."



David Trimble.

He added that he was deeply aware that he was following the late Harold McCusker, "and while there will only ever be one Harold McCusker, I am deeply aware that Ulster Unionists depend deeply on their Westminster members."

David Trimble is a member of the Orange Order.

No Government recognition of Boyne anniversary

Mr. John D. Taylor Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, in a Commons question, asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, whether the tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne will be officially recognised in Northern Ireland this year, and if he would make a statement.

Stormont Minister Dr. Brian Mawhinney, in reply, said July 12, 1990 will be a bank holiday in Northern Ireland, as in previous years.

"Substantial sponsorship has been provided for a major exhibition at the Ulster Museum, entitled Kings in Conflict, which examines the roles of William the Third, James the Second and Louis the Fifteenth in Ireland in the 1690s."

But John D. Taylor said, "I deplore the refusal of the Secretary of State, Mr. Peter Brooke, to give adequate recognition to our event of major historical importance to all in the British Isles and of special interest to the majority in Northern Ireland.

"It is utterly disgraceful that the Dublin authorities are doing more than the NIO to take note of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690."



Letters to the Editor

April 6, 1990

42 Ottawa Street,
Woodvale Road,

Belfast 13

Dear Sir,

It was with great interest that I read in the local newspapers of the change in political allegiance by Councillor Bleakes to Northern Ireland's fledgling Conservative party. I was interested because it does not seem that Councillor Bleakes has seen any glowing Tory blue light that would explain his conversion to Thatcherism, but his resignation from the Ulster Unionist Party seems to be "sour grapes", a case of putting dented personal pride at not being elected to the Glengall Street executive before his electorate who returned him to Lisburn Borough Council on an Ulster Unionist ticket.

My interest went beyond his political allegiance because Mr. Bleakes I understand is a member of the Orange Order

and I recall a prospective candidate in North Down resigned from the Tory Party prior to last May's local government elections because as someone who held his Orangeism dear to him he refused to bow to pressure asking him to sever his links with the Orange Institution.

As a member of the Orange Order I welcome the fact that now the N.I. Conservatives no longer discriminate against members of the loyal orders, but as someone who once supported the Conservatives I would ask Mr. Bleakes to resign his council seat and contest the council by-election on popular Tory policies such as student loans, health and education cuts, security (or lack of it) and of course the Anglo Eire Agreement which his new party contrived behind the backs of the most loyal citizens in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
Br. Wm. Humphrey (Jnr.)

125 Clanabogan Road,
Omagh

Sir,

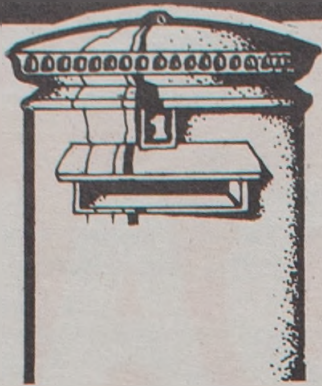
I write to congratulate all who participated in the recent Orange Tercentenary Festival of Music and Song in the Ulster Hall which was fully reported in the daily press. This was without doubt one of the best night's entertainment I have enjoyed for a very long time and I was so glad that the hall was filled to capacity the night I attended.

There was also so much that was dignified about the programme — the colour parties, the fanfares, and the splendid new musical compositions in honour of the special occasion. As I remarked to the Grand Master a few days later, it all

made me so proud to be a member of the Orange Order and of the Protestant faith.

For those who missed the truly moving experience in the Ulster Hall, I understand the organisers are producing a video tape which will be on sale very soon. Let's hope the BBC and UTV will make a point of purchasing a copy each and transmit some of the items from time to time in this Tercentenary year. This should go some way to help to project the British side of Ulster's culture which has been so sadly neglected in favour of gaelic culture by the TV media over the years.

Yours sincerely,
Wilfred Breen,
P.M. L.O.L.226.

56 Linley Drive,
Comber,
BT23 5DD

Dear Sir,

The number of Ulster flags that now confront the Northern Ireland population is now bewildering. They range from the red and yellow provincial flag of Ulster and much beloved by Ulster/Irish nationalists to the red and white flag of Northern Ireland which is beloved by Ulster loyalists.

But two other "Ulster flags" are now flying for the loyal of Ulster loyalists and they are the diagonal Cross of Saint Patrick with the Red Hand of Ulster in the centre of the diagonal cross which has become associated with the Ulster National Front and is even to be found printed on the front of the UDA magazine Ulster.

The other "Ulster Flag" is that of the Ulster Independence Committee (UIC), which is being billed as the Ulster National Flag, the make-up of which is a diagonal cross on a blue background with the Red Hand of Ulster in a yellow six-pointed star centred in the diagonal cross.

I wonder which of the above would readers of the *Orange Standard* vote for as the flag of our province if they were given a chance to vote for one of the above four. Although I myself do not believe that independ-

ence is the way forward for Northern Ireland I myself would favour the UIC flag as I believe it would be a more distinctive flag for our province than the one we have at present.

The colours of the UIC to me represent the following religious make-up of our province the diagonal red cross represents those of the Anglican faith the blue background represents those of the Presbyterian Reformed faith and the Red Hand represents those Roman Catholics who support the Union. So I ask my fellow Orangemen which "flag" would you vote for.

Yours faithfully,
James Annett (Jnr.),
P.M. L.O.L. 265.

Belfast and Glasgow R.B.P. lecturers meet on degrees

The 42nd annual inter-class conference of lecturers of No. 4 and No. 4, Partick (Scotland) and Belfast respectively held their Easter combined degree meeting on Saturday April 14, in the Orange Hall, Whiteinch. Sir Knt. David H. Boyd presided, assisted by Sir Knt. Alex Kernahan.

The President in his opening remarks welcomed all present, especially the officers and members of Ballymacarrett Class, Belfast, and gave a short address of the history of both classes since they were formed in 1947, more than 40 years ago.

Despite the many changes during all these years, through death and other commitments it was a pleasure to see degree work still going on with an added blessing, that will continue for many years to come, he said.

The following Sir Knights Belfast and Partick Class then proceeded to examine the ceremonial work in a capable and instructive manner: Sir Knights Dobbie, A. Kernahan, Allison, R. Wilson, McKay, J. Carford (Partick class); Thomas Campton, M. Creenahan, E. McVea, M. Buick (Belfast Class).

Recognition for Caretakers



Representatives of the eight South Down Orange Districts paid a surprise visit to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cowan to present them with a lovely pair of Tercentenary goblets in appreciation for looking after them during their 28 years as caretakers of Banbridge Orange Hall. From left: Bro. Harry Stevenson (Area Conference Secretary); Bro. William Gibson (Vice-Chairman); Bro. Norman Hutton (Chairman); Mrs. Cowan, Bro. Derek Bell (District Secretary Banbridge L.O.L. No. 7), and Bro. Jimmy Cowan. Photo: Clarence Wilson.

Donaghmore presentation

Members of Mount Horeb R.B.P. No. 27 (Banbridge District), who received long service medals at Donaghmore Orange Hall. The medals, which ranged from 20 to 60 years, were presented by Sir Knt. John Shannon, Deputy District Master, and Sir Knt. Norman Russell, Worshipful District Master. (Picture: Rathfriland Outlook).



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Orange Ball in Commons

To celebrate Tercentenary year the Commons Cumberland L.O.L. 45, Newry held a very successful Orange Ball in their hall on Friday, March 9.

The opening ceremony was conducted according to ritual by the W.M. Bro. David Andrews, assisted by the D.M. Bro. Derek Clements, and Chaplain Bro. Jack Moffett. The W.M. thanked the visiting brethren for their

support and wishing everyone an enjoyable evening. The Ball was then officially opened by the W.D.M. of Newry District No. 9, Bro. Joseph Agnew, assisted by the D.D.M. Bro. Robert Magowan.

The District Master thanked the brethren for their welcome and congratulated them on their recent renovation to the hall. He also thanked them for the support they gave to him and the Newry District.

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Whitewell Defenders Flute Band from North Belfast lead the Juniors on Easter Tuesday.

Juniors parade to Barnett's Park rally

The streets of Belfast echoed to the sound of almost 80 bands on Easter Tuesday as more than 6,000 junior Orangemen paraded through the city in the first major march of this tercentenary year.

The parade and rally was organised by the Junior Grand Lodge of Ireland and attracted participants from England and Scotland as well as lodges from throughout Ulster.

Heading the V.I.P. list was Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, who later addressed the marchers.

He was joined by representatives of the Junior Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The march was the first time since their 1975 Silver Jubilee that the four junior counties—Armagh, Belfast, Down and Tyrone—have united for such a parade.

Musicians from the 80 bands joined marchers at the House of Orange at Dublin Road before making their way to Barnett's Park for a short thanksgiving service.



Brethren of L.O.L. 633 parade with the Juniors.



Junior brethren on the march to Barnett's Park.



Pictures: Belfast Telegraph and Ulster News Letter.

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Leanne Jordan (9) and Linda Patton (7), from Scarva, were colourfully turned out as King William and Queen Mary at the Junior Orange demonstration in Belfast on Easter Tuesday.

Dromard L.O.L. 284 Kesh,
Co. Fermanagh

Unfurling of Banner

in Kesh on
Friday June 1, 1990

at 8.00 p.m.

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Tercentenary Service

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This service is also open to members of the
R.B.P. and Apprentice Boys.

Easter Monday in Bangor

Four thousand Apprentice Boys of Derry were on parade at a blustery Bangor on Easter Monday.

The parade of 80 branches and bands brought colour and pageantry and a large influx of people to the North Down coastal resort.

More than 100 buses conveyed the Apprentice Boys and their supporters to the demonstration and heavy tailbacks of traffic were reported on all roads in the area for most of the day.

The Apprentice Boys were led by the organisation's governor, Bro. Samuel Shepherd from Londonderry and general secretary Bro. Derek Miller. They were joined by Mid-Ulster DUP MP, Bro. the Rev. William McCrea, who conducted a service at the demonstration's rallying point at Valentine's Playing Fields.

Arrangements for the demonstration were made by the Co. Down Amalgamation of Apprentice Boys' Clubs and local branches.

A contingent of Apprentice Boys from Co. Cavan took part, headed by a band from Newtownbutler on the South Fermanagh border.

Two other Apprentice Boys' clubs from Co. Fermanagh and

a number from Londonderry and Co. Tyrone also joined the parade. A Londonderry contingent was headed by the Buckhaven Loyalist Flute Band from Scotland and in the ranks was former DUP Assembly member and Londonderry councillor Gregory Campbell.

Other civic dignitaries on parade were the mayor of Carrickfergus, alderman Jim Brown; the deputy mayor of Lisburn, alderman Ivan Davis, and the vice-chairman of Newry and Mourne District Council, Ulster Unionist, Andrew Moffett.

Most of the 80 bands were of the blood and thunder variety, but the musical tone was lifted by classier outfits like Articlave part flute band from Castlerock in Co. Londonderry; the Commons Silver from Newry, and leading Belfast Melody Flute bands the Millar Memorial and Ballyleson.

Only one pipe band was in the parade—Antrim Apprentice Boys of Derry Murray Club Band, while the blood and thunder bands which caught the eye and ear were Portadown Defenders and two from Kilkeel, Mourne Young De-

fenders and Ballinran Apprentice Boys.

The day in Bangor was interrupted by some heavy showers.



Young Lambeg drummers from Greyabbey Junior LOL 253, nearest camera is Scott Price with friends Stewart Long and Stephen McAvoy.

Protestantism Should Dominate in a Unified Germany

The impending reunification of Germany will bring significant changes in many ways and create a new situation in central Europe, the consequences of which are still very uncertain.

In Germany itself, the inclusion of 17 million East Germans in a new united nation will change the religious composition of the country, and in favour of the Protestants, a fact commented on by several influential Germans recently.

The post-war division of Germany by the victorious Allies saw two separate states formed. West Germany, which includes the Roman Catholic Rhineland and Bavaria, has formed an almost 50-50 religious divide since the war. But it has been the Roman

Catholics who have tended to dominate the political arena, with the predominately R.C. Christian Democrats winning most elections and holding key positions, including Chancellor for most of the past four decades.

East Germany, on the other hand, which includes the old dominant German state of Prussia, along with others like Brandenburg, Saxony, and part of Pomerania, is roughly 80 per cent Protestant or Lutheran.

Despite Communist rule since 1949, the Lutheran Church has had an important

part in the affairs of the nation and was often consulted by the Government and authorities, anxious not to come into conflict with the Protestants. There is a strong appreciation of history in East Germany and of the part Martin Luther played in the emergence of the nation and the Reformation.

Now the addition of overwhelmingly Protestant East Germany will restore the pre-war Lutheran majority and is bound to have an impact on national affairs and attitudes. It is a factor being watched warily by Roman Catholic rulers in Bavaria, for instance, where the influx of hundreds of

thousands of East Germans in the past few months has not been welcomed without reservation.

East Germans too, and the Lutheran Church will find changes in the new scenario, as the eastern part of Germany is still very conservative in attitudes and relatively untouched by the affluence and the materialism which has so affected West Germany. The East Germans are more churchgoing and one of the tasks of the Church will be to resist the influence of materialism, especially among young people.

Peace and deliverance from terrorists sought

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge has said that as King William brought peace to Ireland in 1688-1690, they too in Northern Ireland sought peace and deliverance from the terrorist.

Wor. Bro. John McCrea, who was speaking at the dinner organised by Cumber Claudy No. 2 District to mark the Tercentenary of the Order, said that they had been plagued by the terrorist for 20 years.

"The terrorist has sought to destroy us; to bomb us out of the United Kingdom. They had damaged property and brutally murdered members of our security forces.

"I hope and pray that our security forces will be able to overcome the terrorist and be allowed to overcome them so that peace can be restored to us," said Bro. McCrea.

He stressed that they in no way regarded the holding of a Thanksgiving service at the Boyne on July 14 as "triumphalism." It was a thanksgiving service to thank God for deliverance in 1688-1690.

Bro. McCrea who, with Bro. George Patton, Chief Executive Office of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, was responding to a toast "The Grand Lodge of Ireland."

This was the first Tercentenary event within the jurisdiction of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge.

District Master, Bro. William J. Reilly chaired the earlier part of the evenings proceedings and this was followed by a musical night.

In addition to Bros. McCrea and Patton, Bro. Robert Fleming, City Grand Master and Bro. Douglas Caldwell, secretary were among the guests. Canon G. F. Anderson, the Rev. John Martin and the

Rev. Ivan Wilson represented the churches in the Clontarf area.

A very enjoyable meal was served by the Leckpatrick Presbyterian Church, giving the ladies of the district the chance to join the brethren at this historic occasion. The hall was filled to capacity with about 160 in attendance.

The usual toasts were proposed and replied to. "The Queen" proposed by the District Master. The Grand Lodge by Bro. Alan Lindsay DCGM.

Bro. McCrea presented the District Master with a Belfast County Lodge tie and Bro. Patton presented the District Secretary with a Tercentenary tie.

The City of Londonderry Grand Lodge was proposed by Bro. S. McCombe, DDM, and replied to by the City Grand Master. Bro. Caldwell proposed "Cumber Claudy Lodge No. 2 District" which was replied to by the District Treasurer, Bro. George Thompson.

The visitors were proposed by the District Lay Chaplain Bro. T. Curry and replied to by the three local clergymen.

Bro. McCombe DDM made presentations of pictures of the geographical layout of the City of Londonderry Siege period to Bro. McCrea and Bro. Patton. Bro. McCombe presented flowers to the ladies.

A very enjoyable social evening then followed and continued into the small hours.



Four Sir Knights of Star of Liberty R.B.P. 95 have received long-service jewels at a ceremony in Blackscull Orange Hall, Dromore. Sir Knights William McDowell (60 years), Joe Murphy (40 years), Joe McKee (40 years), and Alex Whaugh (40 years), received their medals from the W.D.M. of Lower Iveagh Royal Black District Chapter No. 1 Sir Knt. Andrew McStay.

Boost for London Lodge

After only a year in existence the Rayleigh "Essex" Martyrs Memorial L.O.L. 780 in London has doubled its membership from six to 12.

Officers elected for the coming year are: W.M., Bro. Tom Robertson; D.M., Bro. Ian Nelson; Chaplain, Bro. William Logan P.M.; Treasurer, Bro. Stan Ferguson P.M.; D.D.M.; Secretary, Bro. Archie Richardson P.M.; D.G.S.; Tyler: Bro. Tommy Barbour; Auditors, Bros. Bill Iveson and Tommy Barbour.

Eire will not extradite terrorists—Orangemen told

Republic which deliberately sets out to deceive with fair words while bloody murder has run wild across Ulster," he said.

He told the gathering that the greater the unity the greater the strength of the loyalist people of Ulster and the swifter and more complete would be the final victory over the I.R.A.

Bro. the Rev. William McCrea, the M.P. for Mid-

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Ulster praised the U.D.R. for standing in the front line against terrorism.

He claimed the terrorists would be the prime beneficiary of the demobilisation of the U.D.R.

"The role of the U.D.R. to defeat the terrorist is absolutely essential because they

know the terrorist and they know the terrain. They have a genuine stake in the community and know the lives of their fellow citizens. Protestant and Roman Catholic will be enhanced as a result," said Bro. McCrea.

"Instead of listening to the bitter chorus of voices calling for the head of the U.D.R. the people of the United Kingdom ought to think of the men and women who leave the comfort of their families to stand on lonely roads in the foulest of weather doing the thankless tasks that has to be done to protect a free society," he added.

Bro. Sammy Foster, who acted as Chairman for the evening, told the members of L.O.L. 362 that they must feel a sense of pride in their history and background because of their association with the third Earl of Enniskillen who was Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

"Those early days were difficult because our faith and our people were under attack. Today the same type of situation exists," he said.

"Threats, cunning and treachery still prevail. Our way of life is still much under threat," said Bro. Foster.

He called on the gathering to show its citizenship to the Crown and expose its Orangeism.

"Be proud of what you are—Protestant, full of Christian ideals. Protect your Orangeism. So long as you never insult the colours you wear they will never insult you," he said.



The Aghanloo Junior Lodge team who were victorious in the Limavady Junior District Round Robin 5-a-side Indoor Football Competition, held at the Sports Centre, Limavady. It was a most enjoyable evening and all the games were fought out in a hard but sportsmanlike manner. Aghanloo were a well balanced team and ran out worthy victors. Aghanloo team members were: Bros. Simon Nicholl, Noel Sherrard, Rodney Martin, Philip Rodgers, and Clive Rodgers.

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Orange brethren's sacrifice

Many Orange brethren have paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the past 20 years serving in the security forces in the defence of freedom and this Province. They include members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and its Reserve, and the Ulster Defence Regiment.

The latest to give his life for Ulster was Bro. John Bradley, from Cregagh, who was one of four UDR men blown up in the cowardly IRA landmine explosion at Downpatrick earlier this month.

Ulster and its loyal people salute the memory of these brave men, and all the others who have given their lives in this province in the face of a terrible terrorist campaign which shows no sign of being defeated 20 years after its commencement.

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Siege 'snub' embitters loyalists

Apprentice Boys of Derry are bitter at what they say is a snub by the Council in London-Derry over plans to hold a pageant about the city's famous siege.

The SDLP-controlled Derry City Council is to hold an outdoor pageant on May 5 in Guildhall Square which will re-enact the famous 105-day siege — an integral part of the loyalist heritage.

The pageant is sponsored by the Educational Fund for Ireland, an offspring of the Anglo Eire Agreement.

The council, in its pageant publicity, claimed that Roman Catholics and Protestants would be taking part in the event.

However, Apprentice Boys of Derry general secretary Derek Millar said: "We have not been consulted in any way about this. We have been completely ignored."

Mr. Millar said he knew nothing about the event apart from what he had read in the newspapers.

"There has been no contact with us whatsoever," said Mr. Miller, whose own organisation held a re-enactment of some of the siege events last year on the 300th anniversary.

Others are adopting a wait-and-see attitude to the event, which has been conceived and written by Londonderry-born theatre director Andy Hynds.

Mr. Hynds, who taught at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts and who returned to his native city especially to produce the event, said the play would focus on the lives of three families inside the walls during the siege.

DUP leader Gregory Campbell said that since the announcement about the pageant people in the city had contacted him.

Mr. Campbell said everyone had agreed that the tercentenary should be marked, but he would have been better placed to make a comment had he seen a preview of the community pageant.

Boyne battle will be re-enacted near Cookstown

A re-enactment of the Battle of the Boyne will be staged at the grounds of Lissan Rectory near Cookstown on Saturday May 26.

Tyrone County Grand Lodge has undertaken to host what will surely be a memorable occasion and already the two armies are drawing up battle plans under the guidance of Bros. Joel Patton, Perry Reid, and Maurice Clements.

The parade will follow a route, leaving the Fairhill, marching along the main street and out the Money more Road to the battlefield.

Heading the procession will be King William and King James with their respective armies, followed by all the Tyrone Orange Lodges and some bands.

Admission to the sham fight will be by special programme which will cost £2 per adult. Children under sixteen will be admitted free of charge. Pro-

grammes will be available shortly from lodge members.

OTHER EVENTS

Other events to celebrate the tercentenary are already underway. The county quiz is in its final stages.

A bowls' competition has been ongoing in each district with the winners going forward to a grand final to be held in Omagh.

Omagh is also the venue for a seven-a-side football competition which has been organised for Saturday June 9. Entries have been received from all Tyrone districts.

A bannerette has also been commissioned by the County Tyrone Grand Lodge, from local man, John Jordan.

Cookstown District has organised a tercentenary dinner dance to be held in the Royal Hotel on Friday May 25, for which tickets are now available.



Co. Armagh Souvenir Launch

Officers of County Armagh Grand Orange Lodge pictured at the official launching of the county's Tercentenary souvenirs. Pictured front row are, Bro. T. D. Forbes, Loughgall; Bro. Joseph Campbell (County Grand Secretary); Bro. William Drennan (County Grand Lecturer); Bro. M. Hamilton (Convenor of Tercentenary committee); Wor. Bro. Norman Hood (County Grand Master); Bro. Robert Orr (Treasurer); Bro. Roger Gardiner (County Sales Co-ordinator); and Bro. Hamilton Mills (W.D.M. Newtownhamilton). Other members of the Tercentenary committee and district officers are in the back row.

Members of the County Grand Orange Lodge Tercentenary Committee recently launched the County Boyne Tercentenary Celebrations in Armagh Orange Hall.

At this special event the County Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Norman Hood, was presented with one of the County commemorative plates now on sale throughout the 163 Lodges in the County. The plates (priced £12.00 each) have also been given to the Sloan Museum at Loughgall

and the House of Orange in Belfast.

In addition to the commemorative plates, which carry the Grand Lodge of Ireland Tercentenary Logo and a colourful picture of the Diamond Memorial Orange Hall, the County Grand Lodge has also struck a badge showing William, Prince of Orange, crossing the Boyne and a collector's spoon with King William on it as well. These are also in circulation throughout the county. The badge and

spoon are priced £2.00 each.

The launch signalled the start of what will be a very busy year for Orangeism in Co. Armagh, and throughout the Institution worldwide. Within the county, a Banquet was held in Bessbrook Town Hall on Friday April 27, at which the Grand Lodge of Ireland was represented; as will all the districts and private Lodges.

The Twelfth demonstration, which will take on a special significance this year will be

celebrated in fine style in Newtownhamilton.

In November, the County will be staging a Boyne Tercentenary exhibition and Gala Night at the Craigavon Civic Centre.

Community-based events have also been organised within the 11 Districts of the county, and the brethren there will be playing their full part by their participation in the various events across the Province during this momentous year for Orangeism.



Orange Ball

Members of Dr. Kane's Crimson Star L.O.L. No. 417 who held an Orange Ball in Carleton Street Orange Hall, to start the Portadown Boyne Tercentenary celebrations. Photo: Portadown Times.

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NEW BOOK TRACES COURSE OF ORANGEISM THROUGH 300 YEARS

Writers look at Battle of the Boyne



The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has launched its full-colour publication, *The Tercentenary: A Celebration 1690-1990*, which highlights many facets of the Orange Institution and historical events dating from the landing of William of Orange in Brixham in 1688. In the picture are (from left): Mr. Billy Kennedy, compiler; Mr. Thomas Doyle, convenor of publication committee; and Mr. George Patton, Executive Officer of Grand Lodge.

A new publication to mark the tercentenary of the Battle of the Boyne—and the 300 years of Orangeism should appeal to many for its factual content, its folklore, and its contribution to Irish—particularly Ulster—history.

A Celebration: 1690-1990 The Orange Institution traces the events from William's arrival at Brixham in 1688 to his victory at the Boyne in 1690, and tells how those and other events of the period "confirmed parliamentary democracy in the British Isles and gave impetus to a Protestant reformed tradition which has stood the test of time for 300 years."

The specially commissioned Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland publication details the life and times of the Prince of Orange and examines the rise and worldwide spread of Orangeism, with North American Indians and black tribesmen in West Africa belonging to lodges.

A distinguished team of writers—churchmen, historians, academics and journalists—have contributed to the 100-page book, edited and compiled by Ulster News Letter journalist Billy Kennedy.

The foreword, *The Significance of William's Victory at the Boyne*, has been written by Rev. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of Ireland, and there is a detailed account by Canon Dr. Ernest Long of the founding of the Orange Order after the Battle of the Diamond at Loughall in Co. Armagh on September 21, 1795.

The battle was the climax to skirmishes and other conflicts which had been taking place around that part of Co. Armagh for some years. After their victory, the

Protestants banded together and formed a society to defend themselves and their homes against further attacks. The society became the Orange Order.

A separate description of the battle is given by Portadown journalist Douglas Sloan.

Dr. Long touches on the skirmish at Dolly's Brae in 1849—when the Ribbonmen were put to flight—and on the Party Processions' Act which followed, an Act which was defied by William Johnston, of Ballykilbeg, who was jailed for holding an Orange demonstration at Bangor, and who was later elected Member of Parliament.

Places associated with William's march from Carrickfergus via Belfast en route to the Boyne are listed by Cecil Kilpatrick in a highly informative Ten Days in June feature.

After a call at the Lisburn headquarters of Duke Schomberg, William's second-in-command, the King's next stop was Hillsborough Castle where he stayed the night, and next morning signed the Regium Donum, granting £1,200 to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Kilpatrick relates.

After passing through Dromore and Banbridge, the cavalcade encamped in two lines from Scarva to Loughbrickland. The royal tent was pitched under a Spanish chestnut which still survives in Scarvagh Demesne, and at Loughbrickland—off the main Banbridge-Newry Road—there is a commemorative stone at the lough side. Then it was on to Newry, through the Gap of the North, and so to Dundalk and the Boyne.

The Two Kings in Combat at the Boyne feature is an excellent account of this battle, again by Dr. Long.

William, he writes, had 36,000 men of various nationalities and languages, against about 30,000 on the Jacobite side. The losses on either side were not so great as might have been expected—about 500 Williamites and 1,500 Jacobites.

Dr. Long, a former Church of Ireland rector in Dromara and a noted Orange historian, chronicles the events of The Siege of Londonderry in 1689 which led to the conflict at the Boyne.

The Battle of Aughrim in 1691, the final and more bloody battle of the campaign, is vividly described by Belfast City Council member and historian Dr. Ian Adamson, while Drew Nelson, an Ulster Unionist candidate for the South Down parliamentary seat, writes graphically, backed up by full-colour pictures, on The Message of the Orange Banners.

The fighting prowess of the Ulster-Scot in the Americas and the British Empire is well documented in The Enniskilleners by former Church of Ireland rector Dr. Canon Michael Dewar, and in The Fighting Breed by Sandy Row Orangeman George Chittick.



In *The State of Orangeism in 1990*, Billy Kennedy writes that there are about 1,400 lodges in 125 districts in 12 counties—Cavan, Donegal, Dublin, Wicklow, Leitrim and Monaghan, in addition to the six Northern Ireland counties. Sixty of these lodges continue to flourish in the Eire counties, a remarkable statistic considering the sharp decline in the Protestant population in the 70 years since British rule ended there.

"In Northern Ireland, Orangeism is both an urban and rural phenomenon, with all the Protestant denominations and the various classes widely represented in the different strata of the organisation.

"The Presbyterian and Methodist non-conformist tradition sits comfortably in the lodge room with the more established Church of Ireland tradition, and the various strands of unionism find common cause in the policy of continuance of the link with the United Kingdom."

The book is well-illustrated, with many of the 102 photographs in full colour. Printed by Edenderry Print in Belfast, it sells at £2.50, and copies can be obtained at the House of Orange, 65 Dublin Road, Belfast, or from county and district lodge secretaries.

Jim Hawthorne, Mourne Observer.

Splendid New Orange Publication

There has not been an authoritative history on the history of Orangeism since Sibbett's masterpiece of the 1930s and in fact what should be a thriving field for writers has been largely ignored.

This is surprising, in view of Orangeism's impact on the political, cultural, and social history of Ireland since the formation of the first lodges after the Battle of the Diamond in 1795.

Happily, the rather meagre modern literary works on the Orange Order has been augmented by a splendid publication which should prove one of the outstanding contributions of Tercentenary Year.

The 100-page book, "A Celebration: 1690-1990 The Orange Institution," will most certainly be a bestseller. Its appeal to the tens of thousands of Orangemen and their families will be matched by an equal demand by people outside the ranks of the Order who are supporters of its deeds and principles, as well as by students of history, and readers in general.

Priced at what is a nominal cost of £2.50 for such a production, this book, edited and compiled by Ulster News Letter journalist Billy

Kennedy contains a variety of fascinating and readable articles on every facet of Orangeism, and the writers include prominent journalists and historians. Aughrim and Diamond, and the Siege of Derry—but there is much more than that within

the pages of this book which reflects great credit on the Grand Lodge of Ireland and its contributors.

The Orange Order has spread far and wide since those inauspicious and humble beginnings at the Diamond, a hamlet between

Loughall and Portadown, in 1795.

It has members in most of the English-speaking world, and the book contains articles outlining the development and work of the Order in England, Scotland, Canada, Australia, West Africa, and

other jurisdictions.

There are articles examining the Order's influence in politics and in the parliamentary process of the United Kingdom, and the book analyses Orangeism's role and place in society.

The Orange Order has experienced changing fortunes down the years since the Diamond, and its membership has fluctuated, with periods of ups and downs. In Canada, for example, membership and influence has diminished in recent times, whereas in Scotland and West Africa, new lodges are being formed. But one of the secrets of the Orange Order has been its ability to cope with changing conditions. The Order, for example, maintains its membership in republics like the United States of America and Eire, as well as in countries which give allegiance to the British Crown.

This splendid book will prove a standard reference work for many students of Irish history, who will search many modern books in vain to find the impact and influence of Orangeism in so many aspects of Irish society.

There are articles on a wide range of subjects associated

with the Order, including the Women's Order, the Junior Orange Institution, the Royal Black Institution, and the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society.

Some of the most interesting are those dealing with Orangeism, notably the bands and the followers of the Lambeg drum.

Many less documented aspects of Ulster and Orange history get a detailed account in this book, notably the Battle of Aughrim and the Sham Fight at Scarva.

The exploits of Ulstermen in the New World of the Americas is not overlooked, while those are placed alongside the deeds of arguably the Province's most illustrious warriors—the Inniskilleners.

Orange brethren including Bros. Rev. Martin Smyth, Canon Dr. S. Ernest Long, Billy Kennedy, Douglas Sloan, the Rev. Dr. Michael Dewar, and Drew Nelson, are among the contributors.

It deserves to occupy a place in every Orange and Protestant household in the Province, and already there have been advanced orders for 13,000. The book, printed by Edenderry Print of Belfast, also contains a wide range of fascinating photographs.



King William III, 'Prince of Orange', crossing the River Boyne.

Comment — Comment — Com

The Southern judgements and decisions of recent days have heightened tensions North and South, indelibilised suspicions, and left us in no doubt that Eire is a haven for terrorists. The decisions of the Supreme Court not to extradite the former Sinn Fein MP Owen Carron and the two other republicans wanted in Northern Ireland were on the grounds that in Carron's case the prosecution dated from 1985, and predates the 1987 Act which incorporates the 1977 European Convention on Terrorism, and was therefore then a political offence; and in the other, the jail-breakers from the Maze would not be well treated by the Northern Ireland prison service. The judges decided that the territorial claim in the Eire Constitution is legal and in doing so implied that the British forces who are the targets of the terrorists are in Ireland "illegally." It has been made clear that the Eire Supreme Court will find ways to prevent terrorists from being extradited. The claim of Charles Haughey and Gerry Collins that the judiciary is independent of government was to be anticipated. What would have been expected from the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary was an expression of concern that what the Supreme Court had done was to allow men wanted for serious offences in a part of Ireland to go free in Eire. The decision is made ridiculous when there is a law in that country which allows the courts to try prisoners

Eire confirmed as a haven for terrorists

for offences committed in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Haughey claim that cases brought under the 1987 Act will find a different result has to be questioned for that Act is yet to be tested. It could be that defendants charged with specific killings and bombings will be unable to plead "political motive" in their defence but those facing lesser charges like possessing a gun may continue to do so. Until cases come before the courts and are fought through to the Supreme Court there can be no certainty that Haughey's optimism is justified. Certainly the Eire Minister for Justice, Mr. Burke, has absolutely no justification for saying that his country "was not and never would be" a safe haven for terrorists. The evidence contradicts him! The gross impertinence of Southern politicians is breath-taking. Instead of feeling under attack for what is seen by the British as a serious break-down of trust in their Anglo-Irish dealings they are set to use the next meeting of the conference to charge the British

for not doing enough to give them confidence in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland. That the British listen patiently to such attacks, hypocritical and nonsensical, as they are, is an indictment of them for allowing this interference in their affairs by those who refuse to listen to their most serious criticisms of them. While Eire's government refuses to legislate to remove the legal loopholes uncovered by the Supreme Court there can be no trust in Anglo-Eire relations. To say this is to repeat our contention that the Agreement of 1985 was doomed to failure from the first for Eire is not to be trusted to act impartially, sincerely and honestly in its relations with the "oul enemy." The murders of the four UDR soldiers on Monday of Holy Week caused Mrs. Thatcher to lay blame at the door of the Eire Supreme Court for allowing a refuge to terrorists. Burke's denial of such an association lacked conviction and showed a refusal to face the reality of the Supreme Court's decision. The British has long delayed making their responses in words and actions which must be brutally frank and threatening when they deal with the Southern politicians. The quiet reactions of Peter Brooke are no counter to the belligerence of these Southerners whose conduct has totally discredited them. They must be told the truth to their faces and in language which cannot be misunderstood or misinterpreted by them.

Tercentenary book — a best selling and fine literary work

Orangeism has long been indebted to Tommy for his work always marked by an infectious enthusiasm. The printers, Edenderry Print Limited, have done some very good work for the Institution over several years. They excelled themselves on this occasion to earn the appreciation of the committee for a devotion to the task not less than their own. Ben Harrison, of Belfast, has done an excellent job in producing the cover illustration. George Patton, the Executive Officer, was always at hand to help in the essential behind-the-scenes tasks

which were necessary in an undertaking of the kind. His appearance on Radio Ulster's "Talkback" programme on media launch day, April 9, to talk about the book and to answer questions on Orangeism posed by David Dunseath, the presenter of the programme, displayed the Institution in the best possible light. Confident and articulate he was so impressive that we were assured again of his competence in media communication. "Celebration: 1690-1990" deserves to have a wide and large circulation and with an initial order of 13,000 copies the best seller status of the book appears to be ensured. Because it has a general public interest it is to be expected that many other than members of the Orange family at home and abroad will purchase copies of it.

Hopes for jobs in a beleaguered region

generally. There remains the very big problem that while the IRA terrorise these communities, jobs and the opportunity to earn a decent income are jeopardised. The Sinn Fein complaints about worklessness in West and North Belfast is a cynical, hypocritical, nonsense while the PIRA, its political wing, murders people, bombs shops and factories, and frightens prospective employers away from areas in which

they are especially powerful. It is incomprehensible to most people that so many residents in West and North Belfast prefer Sinn Fein to a better standard of living. It comes down to that when terrorists are tolerated by their victims and even succoured and supported by them. It will not be safer for the rest of us until those in slavery to the terrorists cast off their chains and cast out their tormentors, if life is going to be better for them. If saying that appears to suggest that peace in Ulster is dependent on such people that is a reasonable assumption. The present attitudes of Eire and the security policies of the United Kingdom government are most unlikely to bring terrorism to an end.

The promise of industrial development in West and North Belfast with a government commitment to providing jobs for the unemployed by persuading firms to settle there, and by encouraging local people to start their own businesses, has given hope to those who have been unemployed for very long periods of time. But the news has been tempered by a later revelation that 130 workers are to lose their jobs at Mackies. There are many young people in the areas who have never had a job. Because unemployment is recognised to be a cause of civil unrest in society and the unemployed are too available for recruitment into terrorism and criminality of other kinds, such a project must be welcomed by citizens

Privileged position of Eire citizens

Eire people must feel they are among the most privileged in the Western world, certainly in the British Isles.

While debates and arguments rage in Westminster over the merits of the proposal to allow 50,000 residents of Hong Kong into the UK as the time for handing over the crown colony to the tender mercies of Communist China draws near, there is not a reference in any of the debates to the open door policy which allows citizens of Eire to flood into the UK each year.

Eire insists it is an independent republic, and indeed it pursues this policy vigorously at every opportunity, proving it has severed all vestiges of links with Britain. It steadfastly refuses to join NATO or the defence of the continent, and yet it gets special treatment of privilege from the hated UK.

While citizens of Hong Kong, many of them who have given loyal service to the Crown, are denied entry, and even people from Canada and Australia find it far from easy to get into the mother country, and get into Britain without any difficulty at all.

There are huge populations of Irish living in London, Birmingham, Coventry, and all the other large English cities. Many join pressure groups and have a big say in Parliamentary elections, yet they leave nobody in any doubt as to where their real allegiance lies.

How foolish it is that Britain should still pretend that the Southern Irish are as part of the British family as Scots, Welsh, or Northern Irish. The sooner the Government faces up to the fact that the Southern Irish are citizens of an independent country with no great affection for Britain, the quicker it will be for a sense of reality to exist on the mainland.

Many MPs have expressed misgivings about the effect more Asians and West Indians might have on British, or especially English society, with their own cultural and racial allegiances, yet they conveniently overlook the effect that an estimated million and a half Southern Irish are having on the nation.

Recent poll tax parades which finished with serious rioting in London were conspicuous by the presence of Eire tricolours and Sinn Fein posters. Is this not more serious and rebellious than the unfounded and unproven fears concerning the arrival of 50,000 or even 250,000 loyal citizens of Hong Kong who only seek the protection they deserve from brutal and repressive Communism?

It is surely time the Government had another close look at the whole situation concerning the open door policy extended to the Southern Irish, especially in the light of the restrictions placed on citizens of the former empire and new commonwealth.



Grand Lodge, County and District Officers pictured with members of the organising committee and guests. Pictures: Rathfriland Outlook.

Rathfriland Orange Ball

Rathfriland Y.F.C. Hall was filled to overflowing last month for the Grand Orange Ball, organised by Rathfriland and District Tercentenary Committee.

Almost 200 sisters and brethren participated in the colourful opening and closing ceremonies, under the watchful eye of Bro. Harold Marshall from Saintfrent District No. 5.

Those present were delighted to see the return of this

splendid spectacle to Rathfriland. The last time brethren from No. 3 District participated in an Orange Ball was in Moneygore Orange Hall in 1945, so it is hoped this aspect of Orange culture and heritage will now become an annual event.

All credit must go to the Tercentenary Committee for the excellent arrangements and for the splendid way in which the hall was decorated.

Sister Annie Copeland, Grand Secretary, who declared the Ball open, receives a gift from little Julie Magennis.



Plight of Derry's Protestants highlighted by excellent TV documentary

For years, the "Orange Standard" has publicised the plight of the Protestant population on the west bank of the city of Londonderry, and the exodus of members of the Reformed Faith to the Waterside and other parts of Northern Ireland.

That is one of the reasons why we welcome the recent BBC documentary by Anthony Clare on the largely unreported fate of the Protestant community in Londonderry city.

The programme was factual, it was positive, and it did not attempt to gloss over the harsh facts regarding the Protestant and Unionist population. We would echo the call by many loyalists that this programme deserves a much wider viewing audience and should be broadcast by the BBC on its national network.

The facts have often been related by the "Orange Standard" and are shocking—a real lesson as to what Protestants and Unionists in a united Ireland could expect on a much larger scale.

Since 1968, the Protestant population on the west bank of the River Foyle in Londonderry has declined by 14,500, or an estimated 3,500 families. The percentage of Protestants on the west bank has decreased from 40 percent to five percent.

DISAPPEARED

Once thriving Protestant communities in Rosemount, Park Avenue, Northland Road, Belmont, Glen estate, Pennyburn, and many other areas have largely disappeared.

Only one Protestant stronghold of any consequence remains—the famous Fountain, which is situated close to the city centre, and the city's historic walls.

But even the Fountain is only a shadow of its former self. Many of the young families have moved to the Waterside, and the several hundred families who remain, in a new estate, contain a high proportion of senior citizens.

The Fountain estate is obviously regarded as a blot on the landscape by the republicans.

lican ascendancy in the city and the houses are constantly attacked, resulting in a protective wall having to be erected around the estate.

Churches like Great James Street, 1st Derry and Strand Road Presbyterian, and St. Augustine's Church of Ireland, or Carlisle Road Methodist have either closed or had once thriving congregations reduced to a fraction of what they were only 20 years ago. Protestant and State primary and secondary schools on the west bank have had their enrolments drastically reduced. Sporting organisations which had a strong Protestant membership have also had to move from the west bank to the east bank in the past two decades, the most recent the City of Derry Rugby Club.

While most of the Protestant families have moved to the Waterside, to new estates like Nelson Drive, Caw, and Kilfennan, others have moved out to New Buildings, and even as far away as Limavady, Eglinton, Ballykelly and Coleraine, or other parts of Northern Ireland.

All sorts of glossy propaganda stories about Londonderry's "new image" and its determination to succeed are broadcast on the media and published in national and international papers and magazines. But it is rarely mentioned that Londonderry's Protestant population has been largely expelled from the city of the famous Siege, and many of those who remain live under modern-day siege conditions.

Perhaps it is too much of an embarrassment, but Unionists and Protestants are under no illusion. They know that the honeyed words and reassurances from SDLP spokesmen and Roman Catholic Church leaders are meaningless when militant republicanism is rampant and triumphant. It has happened and is happening not just in Londonderry, although that is the most glaring example.

Along the Fermanagh and Tyrone border, Protestant farmers have been driven out, or live under great fear, while in South Armagh not even gospel hall congregations have been immune from the gunmen.

CHANGING

Belfast has changed greatly since the troubles, and the big increase in the Roman Catholic population in the city has been due to a great extent to the pressures put on Protestants

living in vulnerable or mixed areas to move.

One has only to recall the disappearance of once strong Protestant communities like New Barnsley, the New Lodge, Oldpark, Cliftonville, Lower Cavehill, Ardoyne, and lower Ormeau Road to appreciate the extent of the changing face of the capital.

A map of Belfast showing the religious and political composition of the city 40 or 50 years ago would reveal a startling difference to that of today. In 1955, a speaker at the Belfast Orange demonstration at Finaghy warned that Roman Catholics and nationalists were "taking over Belfast street by street," and that process has been accelerated by militant republicanism, as witnessed by the pressure in recent years on Protestants in Manor Street, Duncairn Gardens, and Roden Street, to name but three examples.

It is the same in parts of Lurgan, Portadown, Antrim, Ballymena and other large towns, and in every case the pressure on Protestants to leave has been caused by intimidation by republicans and their supporters.

Once Roman Catholics constitute a majority in districts previously occupied mostly by Protestants, the demands begin for a curtailment or abandonment of loyalist parades and celebrations, some of them going back over a century.

One of the best-known examples of this was in Portadown's Garvaghy Road district. Until the early 1970s this working class area had a strong Protestant majority, but new estates which had been integrated, were turned into mainly Roman Catholic areas by the intimidation of Protestant families who were forced to move to other parts of the town.

The transformation of the area into a majority nationalist one resulted in the sustained pressure by SDLP, nationalist spokesmen and Jesuit priests for Orange parades to be rerouted and this culminated in the decision by the Government to give in to most of the demands, culminating in the serious troubles in that town in the mid-1980s. Yet those Orange church parades had been going on from the early 19th century.

If Protestants now tend to set up home in parts of the Province, or in districts of the cities and towns where they form the overwhelming majority, it is understandable, given the record of the past 20 years. Glib talk of reconciliation, and

seminars and conferences designed to create a so-called better understanding are meaningless when what is actually happening on the ground is an entirely different picture altogether.

PARALLEL

The parallel with the plight of Protestants in the South of Ireland after partition is obvious, so it is not surprising Ulster Protestants are determined their fate will not be similar to that of so many of their co-religionists south of the border. They look at the street names in gaelic in Londonderry and West Belfast, and the closure of churches, and they recall the mass movement of tens of thousands of Southern Protestants from the Irish Free State in the years immediately following 1921 and the withdrawal of the British from the 26 counties.

In 1911, the Protestant population in those 26 counties was about 350,000. Today, it is believed to be under 100,000. Symbols of British rule, so often associated with Protestantism were removed in the South without delay. Queen's County, King's County, Kingstown, and Queenstown were renamed, while statues of King William in Dublin, and Queen Victoria either suffered the same fate or were blown up.

Orangemen were prevented in the 1930s from celebrating the Twelfth of July in their own streets in Cavan and Monaghan, while the Grand Lodge headquarters in Dublin was taken over by IRA gunmen in the 1920s.

The Armistice Day services in Dublin, attended by many thousands of ex-servicemen and their families, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, were attacked in the 1930s, and shops displaying the poppy had their windows broken.

All this is not figment of imagination, but real events which occurred during the lifetime of many people still living in Ireland. There are Orange lodges in Belfast which were founded by brethren expelled from the South, and many Southern Protestants were left destitute and penniless in England after being driven out.

These are harsh and for some, unpalatable facts, but they are the reality of what Irish Protestants have experienced under Home Rule, and no amount of whitewashing can gloss over the fact.

The experience of Londonderry's Protestant population, and that of other parts of Northern Ireland under pressure, prove that little has really changed since the 1920s, except the methods of intimidation which are often more subtle and difficult to pinpoint.

Keady presentations



Bro. Gordon Boyd, out-going treasurer L.O.L. 298, Keady, is presented with a gift for his years as treasurer. The gift was presented by Bro. Thomas Shilliday, District Secretary No. 8 on behalf of L.O.L. 298. Also in the photo is Bro. Samuel Jenkins, the new treasurer.



Bro. John Kinnear, outgoing secretary of L.O.L. 298 is presented with a gift for his years in office by Bro. Darle Wilson, W.D.M. of Killead L.O.L. No. 17 on behalf of L.O.L. 298. Also in the picture is Bro. Nigel Kinnear, the new secretary. These presentations were made at the Lodge's December meeting in the House of Orange.



Bro. Cecil Kinnear, was presented with two Tercentenary crystal glasses by Bro. Thomas Shilliday, Secretary of Keady District No. 8 on the completion of the account regarding the District Hall renovation fund which finished in September, 1989. Bro. Kinnear had been hon. treasurer of the Building Fund and had played a large part in fund raising. The hall is now completed with the final cost amounting to £35,000. The Hall is a credit to the Orange Institution and Keady District officers wish to thank the brethren and friends all over Northern Ireland who supported their fund raising.

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DATE	EVENT/VENUE	L.O.L./DISTRICT	COUNTY				
May 4	Orange Ball.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 14	Pageant of Arrival of William in Belfast.	L.O.L. 531,	Belfast
May 4	Treasure Hunt.	Markethill R.B.D.C.	Armagh	June 15	Banner Unfurling.	Ahoghill District	Antrim
May 5	Band Parade. Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim	June 16	Demonstration & Band Parade.		City of Londonderry
May 6	Open Air Service.	Lisbellaw District	Fermanagh	June 16	Sports Day.	L.O.L. 644 and 645,	Londonderry
May 7	Band Parade.	L.O.L. 22,	Antrim	June 16	Vintage Car Cavalcade.	Limavady District	
May 7	Accordian Band Competition.	Randalstown District		June 16	Lecturers' Conference.	Kilrea District	Londonderry
May 7	Sports Day & Band Parade.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 16	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	G.O.L.I.	
May 7		Cumber Claudy	City of Londonderry	June 16		L.O.L. 532,	Antrim
May 7	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 148.	District	Antrim	June 16	Garden Fete/Sports Day.	Braid District	
May 11	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 1025.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 16	Sports Day & Pageant, Kilkeel.	Cloughmills District	Antrim
May 12	Gala - Killyglen Orange Hall.	Cloughmills District	Antrim	June 16		Mourne District	Down
May 12	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 692 and	Antrim	June 17	Open Air Service	LOL No. 6	
May 12	Band Parade. Broughshane.	L.O.L. 197	Antrim	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Ballinderry District	Antrim
May 16	Presentation of New Drums to Eden	Cullybackey District	Antrim	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Antrim District	Antrim
May 16	Accordian Band.	Braid District	Londonderry	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
May 16	Band Parade, Ahoghill.	Eden L.O.L. 2028	Londonderry	June 17	Service and Dedication, L.O.L. 339, Omagh.	L.O.L. 249 and 291,	Antrim
May 18	Barn Dance.	L.O.L. 344,	Antrim	June 17		Larne District	
May 18	Treasure Hunt.	Ahoghill District		June 17	Scarva Orange Festival - Sports Events,	Omagh District	Tyrone
May 18	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 161,	Londonderry	June 18-23	Band Concerts, Williamite Period Banquet,		
May 18	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 175,	Londonderry	June 18-23	Exhibition.		
May 18	Drumming Match.	Kilrea District		June 18-23	Antrim Orange Festival - Sports Events,		
May 19	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 1184,	Antrim	June 18-23	Fancy Dress, Band Parade, Exhibition.		
May 19	Mini Twelfth Parade.	Braid District	Antrim	June 18-23	(Organised by various local Lodges).		
May 19	Churcher Service - L.O.L. 148.	L.O.L. 314,	Antrim	June 18-23	Ahoghill District Orange Festival - Sports		
May 20	Five-A-Side Football, Ballymena District.	Glenavy District	Antrim	June 19	Events, Concert, Village Fair, Treasure		
May 21	Historical Lecture.	Portglenone	Antrim	June 19	Hunt.		Armagh
May 21	Bar-B-Que.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 19	Pageant of the Arrival of the Williamite		
May 21	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Portadown District	Armagh	June 20	Army in Scarva.		
May 21	Treasure Hunt.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 20	Treasure Hunt.	Tamlaght O'Crilly	Londonderry
May 21	Sports Evening.			20th June	Banner Unfurling	District	
May 21	Demonstration & Re-Enactment of	Newtownards District	Down	June 21	Bannerette Unfurling.	Drumnaferry No. 8 District	Down
May 21	The Battle of The Boyne, Cookstown.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 21	Banner Unfurling - Tullygarley L.O.L. 473.	Braid District	Antrim
May 21	Sports & Festival.	Braid District	Antrim	June 22	Mountnorris Orange Hall - Centenary	Ballymena District	Armagh
May 21	Football/Bowls Competition.	Staffordstown District	Antrim	June 22	Celebrations.		
May 21		Randalstown District	Tyrone	June 22	Sports Day and Pageant, and Outdoor	Killylea District	Armagh
May 26	Darts Competition.	Magheragall District	Antrim	June 22	Bowling Competition.	LOL No. 7	
May 26	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 635,	Antrim	June 22	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 853, Drumquin.	Killen District	Tyrone
June 1	Sports, Bar-B-Que, Childrens Party, Slatt.	Braid District	Antrim	June 22	Sports Evening & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 984,	Londonderry
June 1	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 707.	Magheragall District	Antrim	June 23-30	Orange Festival Week, Newtownards	Limavady District	
June 1	Banner Unfurling - Drumard L.O.L. 284,	L.O.L. 176,	Antrim	June 23	District, Events include Exhibition,		
June 1	Kesh.	Randalstown District	Down	June 23	Vintage Car Rally, Fun Run, Gospel		
June 1	Band Parade & Sports Night.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 23	Concert, Band Parade.		
June 1		Ballymena District	Fermanagh	June 23	Sports Day & Band Parade, Mosside.	Ballycastle District	Antrim
June 1	Band Parade & Sports Night.	L.O.L. 1121,	Antrim	June 23	Sports Day & Pageant, Kilkeel.	L.O.L. 23	
June 1	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 206.	District 18	Antrim	June 23	Gala & Pageant, Antrim.	Mourne District	Down
June 1	Band Parade & Arch Opening,	Magheragall District	Antrim	June 23	Sports Day, Dunmurry.	L.O.L. No. 6	
June 1	Hillsborough.			June 23	Parade.	Organised by various	
June 1	Dedication of Band Uniforms for Kilclean	Killen District	Tyrone	June 23	Sports Day/Fancy Dress Parade.	local Lodges.	
June 1	Pipe Band, Castlederg.	L.O.L. 1121,	Antrim	June 23	Parade & Sports Day.	Derriaghy District	Antrim
June 1	Parade/Orange Fair.	Braid District	Antrim	June 23	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 11	
June 1	Bar-B-Que.	Randalstown District	Antrim	June 23	Church Service, Scarva.	Loughbrickland	Down
June 2	Church Service/Sports Day/	Macosquin District	Londonderry	June 23	Church Service, Dromara.	District	
June 2	Banner Unfurling.			June 23	Church Service, Donacloney.	Money more District	Londonderry
June 2	Co. Antrim Grand Lodge Parade,	Tobermore District	Londonderry	June 23	Mini Twelfth & Arch Opening, Ballyclare.	Glenavy District	Antrim
June 2	Ballymena.	Hillsborough District	Down	June 23	Festival of Flowers Exhibition,	Portglenone District	Antrim
June 2	Parade & Rally.	Castlewellan District	Down	June 23	Lower Iveagh West.	L.O.L. 116,	
June 2	Gala.	Newtownbutler	Fermanagh	June 23	Orange Festival, including Band Parade,	No. 4 District	
June 2	Orange Festival.	District	Armagh	June 23	Fancy Dress, Sports Events, Lambeg Drums.	L.O.L. 247,	Down
June 3	Tercentenary Service.	Bessbrook District	Armagh	June 23	Bushmills District No. 21.	No. 1 District	Down
June 4	Orange Festival Week, Kells & Connor,			June 23	Orange Festival, events include Fun Run,	District	
June 4	Ballymena District.			June 23	Gospel Concert, Sports Events, Garden Fete,	L.O.L. No. 8	
June 6	Banner Unfurling.	Macosquin District	Londonderry	June 23	Fireworks Display, Orange Ball. District No. 1,	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
June 7	Scavenger Hunt.	L.O.L. 1517,	Londonderry	June 23	Co. Down.	District No. 8	Down
June 8	Banner Unfurling, Henry Thomson Memorial	Kilrea District		June 23	Orange Festival, events include Sports Events,		
June 8	L.O.L. 129.	Newry District	Down	June 23	Lambeg Drums. Armagh District No. 5.		
June 8	Treasure Hunt.			June 23	Orange Festival, Ballylurgan, & Ferniskey,		
June 8	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 23	(Ballymena District).		
June 9	Pageant & Landing of King William III.	Braid District	Antrim	June 23	Lambeg Drumming Competition.		
June 9		Carrickfergus	Antrim	June 26	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	Kingshill L.O.L. 319,	Down
June 9	Seven-A-Side Football.	District		June 27	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 237.	District No. 8,	
June 9	Rally & Opening of New Field.	Omagh District	Tyrone	June 28	Cultural Evening.	Lower Iveagh West	
June 9	Band Parade, Carnlough.	Magherafelt District	Londonderry	June 28	Sports Night.	L.O.L. 83,	Down
June 10	Church Service.	Braid District	Antrim	June 29-July 7	Orange Festival, Rathfriland District, events	District No. 8,	
June 10-16	Orange Festival, Church Service, Sports Events,	L.O.L. 930,	Londonderry	June 29-July 7	include Fireworks, Band Parade, Sports Events,	Lower Iveagh West	
June 13	Fancy Dress Parade, Band Concerts,	Coleraine District		June 29-July 7	Fancy Dress.	Richhill District	Armagh
June 13	Kilrea District, Londonderry.			June 29-July 7		L.O.L. 75,	Down
June 13	Banner Unfurling. Lower Iveagh.	Waringsford L.O.L.,	Down	June 29-July 7		District No. 8,	
June 13	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	District 1	Antrim	June 29-July 7		Lower Iveagh West	
June 13	Tug-O-War Competition.	L.O.L. 532,	Antrim	June 29-July 7			
June 13		Braid District	Antrim	June 29-July 7			
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June 29	Parade and Pageant commemorating The Break of Killyleagh.	Killyleagh District	Down
June 29	Mini Twelfth.	Derriaghy District	Antrim
June 29	Mini Twelfth Parade – Killen.		Tyrone
June 29	Fife & Lambeg Drums.	L.O.L. 20, District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 29	Unfurling New Banner & Dedication of New Band Uniform – L.O.L. 2036.	Limavady District	Londonderry
June 29	Orange Ball.	Larne District	Antrim
June 30	Sham Fight, Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
June 30	Pageant & Sports Day.	Richhill District	Armagh
June 30	Garden Fete/Bands/Fireworks Display.	Newtownbutler District	Fermanagh
June 30	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 358, Garvagh District	Londonderry
June 30	Arch Opening – Kesh.	Pettigo District	Fermanagh
June 30	Mini Twelfth Parade, Raphoe.	District No. 3	City of Londonderry
June 30	Gala – Moira.	District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 30	Band Parade – L.O.L. 254.	Limavady District	Londonderry
June 30	Banner Unfurling – L.O.L. 122.	Tandragee District	Armagh
June 30	Sports Day & Bar-B-Que.	Ballinderry District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Bushmills District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Portglenone District	Antrim
June 30	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Staffordstown District	Antrim
June 30	Family Day with Sports, Barbecue and Band Parade.	Bessbrook District	Armagh
July 1	Divine Service in each District.		
July 2	Brownlow Orange Festival, Lurgan District, Co. Armagh. Events include Orange Ball, Exhibition, Sports Events.		
July 2	Somme Anniversary Parades – Various Districts.		
July 2	Band Parade.	Ballyronan District	Londonderry
July 4	Orange Fete and Parade, Broughshane.	L.O.L. 489 and 503, Braid District	Antrim
July 4	Re-Opening, Magherally Orange Hall.	Banbridge District	Down
July 4	Arch opening ceremony.	Kesh	Fermanagh
July 6-11	Gosford Orange Festival, Markethill, events include Band Parade, Mini Twelfth, Sports Events, Orange Exhibition.		
July 6	Banner Unfurling – Derrykeighan	Ballycastle District	Antrim
July 6	L.O.L. 1986.		
July 6	*Bar-B-Que.	Newtownards District	Down

July 7	Rosstown Demonstration, Co. Donegal.		Donegal
July 7	Its A Knockout Competition, Dungannon.		Tyrone
July 8	Unfurling and Dedication of new Bannerette for Tempo District L.O.L. No. 16. (7.30 p.m.)	Tempo District	Fermanagh
July 8	Services in various Districts.		
July 9	Pageant and Fireworks Display, Lisburn.	G.O.L.I.	
July 9	Mini Twelfth Parade.	Ballymena District	Antrim
July 11	Eleventh Night Bonfires etc.		
July 12	Twelfth Demonstrations.		
July 13	Scarva R.B.P. Parade & Sham Fight.		
July 14	Religious Service – Boyne Site.		
July 28	Sports & Carnival Day.	Larne District	Antrim
July 28	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	Portglenone District	Antrim
Aug. 13	Darts Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Aug. 18	Fun Run.	Portglenone District	Antrim
Aug. 31 – Sep. 2	Banner and Floral Display and Service of Thanksgiving.	Lurgan District	Armagh
Sep. 5-9	Lecturers Trip to London.		
Sep. 8	Clay Pigeon Shoot L.O.L. 339.	Omagh District	Tyrone
Sep. 9	Tercentenary Service – Irvinestown.		
Sep. 9	Church Service.	Ballyronan District	Fermanagh
Sep. 11	History Lecture.	Ballymena District	Londonderry
Sep. 13	Musical Evening – Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Sep. 19	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Sep. 23			
Sep. 21	Orange Ball, Bessbrook Orange Hall.	L.O.L. 959, Bessbrook	Armagh
Sep. 23	Reformation Rally, Aghadowey.	Garvagh District	Londonderry
Sep. 29	Grand Lodge Parade – Belfast.	G.O.L.I.	
Sep. 30	Tercentenary Service.	Portadown District	Armagh
Oct. 5	Harvest Dinner Dance, Divernagh L.O.L. 77, Bessbrook.		Armagh
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28	Evangelistic meetings in Articlave, Ballywillan, Coleraine District		Londonderry
Oct. 11	Musical Evening – Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Oct. 16	Reception for Holders of 50 Years Service Medal. (County Armagh).		Armagh
Oct. 17	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Oct. 19	Supper Dance L.O.L. 339.	Omagh District	Tyrone
Oct. 22-26	Evangelistic meetings, Bessbrook Town Hall.	Bessbrook District	Armagh
Oct. 30	Fashion Show.	Markethill W.L.O.L.	Armagh
Nov. 4	Church Services – Various Districts.		
Nov. 9	Tercentenary Dinner – Bessbrook Town Hall.	Armagh	
Nov. 15	Bessbrook District L.O.L. No. 11		
Nov. 19-21	Musical Evening – Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Nov. 21	Tercentenary Exhibition, Craigavon Civic Centre.	Co. Armagh	Armagh
Dec. 31	Historical Lecture.	Grand Lodge	
	Burial of Time Capsule.	Newtownards District	Down
		District No. 1	Down

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Brothers in the cause

The four Lennox brothers from Garvagh, Bros. Andy, Harry, Tommy and James, have given more than 200 years of loyal service to the Orange Institution.

During the late 1920s the family came from Tamlaght O'Crilly and bought a farm of land in the townland of Ballynacally in the Blackhill district of Co. Londonderry.

Brothers Harry, Tommy, Andy, and James were initiated into Blackhill Royal True Blues Loyal Orange Lodge No. 350 in Garvagh District L.O.L. No. 4.

Bro. Tommy was lodge secretary for a number of years until his employment took him to Co. Armagh where he



The four Lennox brothers from Garvagh, Bros. Andy, Harry, Tommy and James.

transferred to Rockmacreaney L.O.L. No. 114 in Richhill District No. 2. He is still active in that Lodge.

Bro. James Lennox emigrated to Canada during the 1940s and has been home on several occasions. He is still a member of Blackhill L.O.L.

Bro. Harry was Deputy Master for a number of years

and was Worshipful Master for 41 years which must be a record. He is very active with his brother Andy in Lodge affairs. Blackhill L.O.L. have benefitted on numerous occasions from their very generous financial support.

Bro. Harry was elected to the Garvagh District L.O.L. Committee in 1963 and installed as

District Chaplain in 1967. He was elected Deputy District Master in 1969 where he served for 17 years when he was installed as Worshipful District Master in 1986 and served in that office for two years. He has served on the District Committee since, and is also on the Londonderry County Committee.



Junior Bannerette

Officers and members of Tandragee Junior L.O.L. No. 190 pictured following the unfurling and dedication of the lodge's new bannerette. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Kenneth Wilson, Junior Grand Master of Ireland, and was dedicated by Bro. Rev. Percy Patterson, Deputy County Grand Chaplain. Photo: Portadown Times.

Clogher Valley Spiritual Uplift

One of the highlights of the Anahoe District Tercentenary Orange celebrations was a Gospel Mission held in a beautiful new Orange hall which had been opened in June, 1989.

Loughans Orange Hall is situated in lovely hill country a few miles off the Aughnacloy to Ballygawley Road.

In the autumn of 1989 a mission committee had been set up consisting of a member from each of the 15 lodges in the district with the District Master Bro. Ivan Duff as chairman.

Bro. Alex Reid, the District Chaplain, who is also a lay preacher along with the District Master, led in the work of prayer convenors. Their work was to arrange prayer meetings during January and February in different Orange and Church halls right across this fairly large Orange District and also early Sunday morning prayer meetings during the mission which ran on March 4-18 with a praise service on March 19.

Each night of the mission individual singers and groups from various parts of Northern Ireland ministered in song and people gave their

testimonies telling how God had transformed their lives since they had accepted Christ as Saviour.

One of the highlights came on the second Monday of the mission when a group of 10 Orangemen from the Braid District in Co. Antrim ministered in song and the Braid District Master Bro. Drew Davidson told how God had saved him and lifted him from a life of sin and alcoholism and transformed his life.

Bro. Rev. Wilbert Dunn, minister of Donaghry Congregational Church and Deputy Chaplain of Co. Antrim Grand Lodge, was the preacher. God greatly blessed the mission and by the close five souls had professed salvation, other people had been counselled for various spiritual problems in their lives and many Christians had been greatly encouraged in their service for Christ.

The nightly attendance averaged over 100 and at two of the Sunday services which were held in the afternoon around 300 people were present.

One very pleasing feature of the mission was the co-

operation of all the local churches with many different denominations working together in great harmony under the Tercentenary Orange banner.

Because of this, an Orange prayer fellowship has been formed and another committee has been set up to explore the possibility of organising meetings on perhaps a coffee-bar style in the autumn for people in their late teens and twenties as there seems to be a need in the area.

At the praise service a number of Orangemen sang a gospel hymn and have now decided to form a singing group to be known as Anahoe Testimony Singers.

They are willing to go to sing and testify at church services and missions also at Orange services especially in this special Tercentenary year. They can be contacted by phoning Andrew Condry on Donaghmore 61392 after 6 p.m. or Jim McNeill on Donaghmore 61280.

Already more Orange links have been forged as the new group have been invited down to sing and testify during a mission in September organised by Braid Orange District.



Ballyward Purple Guards L.O.L. 761 (Rathfriland District) has honoured seven of their long-serving members by presenting them with certificates. Seated (from left) are Bros. John Moore (63 years), Robert Martin (70 years), Robert Singer (52 years), Stanley Bingham (52 years), and Matthew Trimble (55 years). Unable to be present were Bros. W. J. Bingham and Robert Kerr (both 56 years membership). Standing (from left) are Bro. Colin Rowan (W.M.), Bro. W. J. Young (W.D.M.), Bro. Samuel Walker (P.W.D.M.), and Bro. David Bingham (D.M.). (Picture: Rathfriland Outlook).

Lecturers Tyrone Conference

Co. Tyrone Grand Black Chapter held the seventh annual lecturer's conference in Garvetagh Orange Hall, Castlederg on Saturday March 10. Sir Knight Samuel Glasgow, Co. Grand Master of Tyrone, was the chairman and welcomed the lecturers and visitors from Killyman No. 1, Strabane No. 2, Aughancloy No. 3, Omagh No. 4, East Tyrone No. 5, and Castlederg No. 6, representing all districts in the County.

Distinguished visitors were Rt. Wor. Sir Knight Samuel Foster, Assistant Sovereign Grand Master; Air Knt. Thomas Matier and Sir Knt. Thomas Matier; Sir Knt. Charles Heaney; Sir Knt. Samuel Lutton and Sir Knt. James Slaine, all members of the Irish examining board. Exemplification of the degrees was carried out Killyman, Castlederg, and Aughancloy Districts.

After the conference tea was provided by the ladies and Sir Knt. John Taggart, Deputy County Grand Master of Tyrone moved the vote of thanks to the ladies and Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter, the hosts.

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Memorial service

A religious service in memory of the late Keith White was held at Mourneview Community Centre, Lurgan, on Saturday April 14, the fourth anniversary of his death. The service was organised by Lurgan Ulster Club in conjunction with the Keith White Memorial Flute Band.

During the service, wreaths were laid at the Keith White mural at the Centre by members of the band and Lurgan Ulster Club, along with wreaths from several local bands and Ulster Clubs.

A wreath was also laid on behalf of the general council of the Ulster Clubs by the Chairman, Mr. Andrew Park. The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Ross, the Co. Tyrone Presbyterian Minister.

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Sir Knt. Hedley Armstrong (extreme right), pictured here with his father James, brothers Billy and Nicholas. Sir Knt. Hedley left to work in Canada in October and Articlave R.B.P. 439, Articlave L.O.L. 1017, and Articlave Mitchelburne Apprentice Boys of Derry Club in Co. Londonderry wish him every success with his work in his new country.

Sandy Row Juniors lead the way

Three new lecturers from Sons of William Junior L.O.L. 34 were presented with their certificates in Sandy Row Orange Hall on March 8.

The presentations were made by the Past Grand Lodge of Ireland lecturer, Bro. Harry Williamson to: Bro. Alan Hamilton, aged 11, Bro. Robert Stoke Jnr., 12, and the Superintendent of the Lodge Bro. Robert Stoker Sen.

Another five boys are undergoing training which augers well for the future of lecturing in the Sandy Row

district, with a new team around next year.

After a very close contest between the entered teams in the Belfast Junior County Lecture competition the final was between two teams who had already fought it out at the No. 2 Junior District competition. Once again, Rising Sons of Ulster Junior L.O.L. 74, Crumlin defeated Hope of Ulster Junior L.O.L. 33, Sandy Row. It only takes three boys to make a team and more lodges are encouraged to participate in next year's event.

The venue for the County

Scripture Competition was Ballymacarrett Orange Hall on Saturday March 31.

Results were: age group 8-10: Burnside's Rising Sons J.L.O.L. 278 (Bros. John Smyth, Andrew Coburn, Andrew Graham, and Paul Graham); age group 10-12: Fernisky Rising Sons J.L.O.L. 265 (Joseph Boyd, Mark Boyd, Andrew McClean, Ryan McClean). Thirteen and upwards age group, trophy was retained by the Rising Sons of Ulster, Crumlin J.L.O.L. 74. County Chaplin, Bro. David Bryans, set the questions.

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Festival of Music a resounding success

The wide range of Orange culture was brought together in a rich musical extravaganza at the Ulster Hall in Belfast on Friday and Saturday nights March 30-31.

The 3½-hour Tercentenary 'Festival of Music and Song' demonstrated just how diverse the musical tradition handed down 300 years from the Battle of the Boyne is.

The Ulster Hall was packed to capacity on both nights of the festival, organised by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, and the musical pieces on offer varied from The Sash and Derry's Walls to Stout Hearted Men and the Green Glens of Antrim.

But though the traditional party pieces were well aired, the 2,500 who attended heard some new musical scores, written specially for the 300th Boyne anniversary.

One such item was "Fanfare for William," written by Ballymena man Eric Russell, and played as the festival opener by trumpeters of the Murley Silver Band from Five-miletown.

Leading Belfast Orangemen Bro. Mervyn Patterson was compere and Mr. Edgar Pierpoint was on the Mulholland Organ as Orangemen from all parts of Northern Ireland and their friends relaxed in the cosy laid-back atmosphere.

The standards of Sandy Row District LOL No. 5 were paraded into the hall by Lambeg drummer Bro. Derek Rea and fifer Bro. Victor Simpson from Waringstown — the standards received on stage by the Festival Committee Chairman, Wor. Bro. Councillor Sam Foster, from Fermanagh, and Wor. Bro. Kenneth Watson, the Grand Master of the Royal Arch Purple Chapter of Ireland.

The Millar Memorial Flute Band, which leads the Belfast Twelfth parade, got proceedings into top gear with some traditional Orange marches. And Glaswegian Anne Smyth — professing she was "Orange and proud of it," — performed, with accordion accompaniment, her Tercentenary tribute "We will remember the Boyne, and her latest song "Ulster Means So Much to Me." The Staffordstown Accordion Band, from Randalstown, and the Glenageeragh Pipe Band, from Co. Fermanagh, represented

their band tradition with a programme of marches and medleys.

Castlederg country singer Bro. Derek Hussey raised the roof with a song he had written in tribute to a flute band he belongs to: Castlederg Young Loyalists, while quick-fire Ulster humour was passed on by veteran entertaining 'troopers' Marjorie Rea and Jackie Geddis.

The Queen's Island Victoria Male Voice Choir brought a sharp contrast in style and tempo. The choir's musical director Richard Laird made it clear male choirs did not normally sing pieces like "The Sash" and "Dolly's Brae," but thought their opening song "Stout Hearted Men" was most appropriate. Later, the choir added solemnity to the occasion by singing "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross." Gospel music was also provided by the Sword of Gideon Group from East Belfast.

Bakerloo Junction, joined by Scottish-born singer Helen Mansfield, sang the five-verse "My Sweet Boyneside," the winning entry in the Tercentenary song contest sponsored by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. The song was written by the group leader

Noel McMaster, who has handed over all rights to the Orange Order for its Tercentenary celebrations.

Murley Silver Band rendered a new piece "Enniskillen," written by William McBride, organist of St. Macartin's Cathedral in the Fermanagh county town and dedicated to the courage and dedication of the loyalist people of the region from the time of the Boyne.

The high point of the evening was the contribution by world class flute band Corcrair. This was Orange music at its classiest and with young Caroline Weir, at the baton, deputising for conductor Drew Rowan, the Portadown flautists found orchestral perfection on their high-priced instruments with the march "Old Comrades," "The Green Glens of Antrim," and a Tercentenary piece written by Drew Rowan "The Battle of Aughrim."

Appropriately, for such a gathering, proceedings ended with the audience joining the various artists and bands in a hearty rendering of "The Sash," before moving into "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Tercentenary celebrations had been well and truly launched with this festival of music and song and some new tunes introduced that will be whistled and played across Ulster in the months ahead.

B.K.

To the artists, our thanks

The Festival of Music and Song is now over. However it must be said that this Festival would not have been anywhere nearly as successful if we had not had such a high level of support from all the artists involved.

To put this Festival of Music and song on stage involved in total well in excess of 200 people, and of the people who took part, we could also see a commendable range of ages. We had representing the youth, all those wonderful young members of the bands, and on the other hand, we had people like Francis McCaul, who is approaching his 80th birthday, and still singing with the Queen's Island Victoria Male Voice Choir.

Every single one of these people, be they man, woman or child, carried out their performance with great pride and a real sense of professionalism.

We take this opportunity to thank all the artists, from Edgar Pierpoint on the Mulholland Organ, to the Lambeg drummers and fifer from L.O.L. 83, from Waringstown. Also all the bands who acquitted themselves so well. Millar Memorial, Staffordstown Accordion, Glenageeragh Pipe Band, Moneygore Pipe Band, Corcrair Flute Band, and Murley Silver Band, also Bro. Mark Smyth, our "Lone Piper" for the festival.

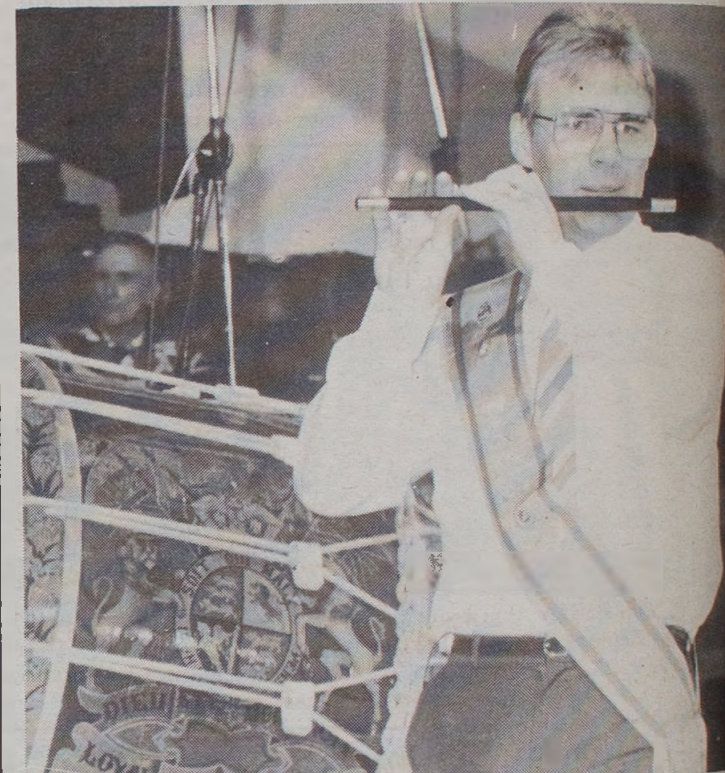
To Marjorie Rea, and Bro. Jackie Geddis, who brought their own "bit o' crack." To all those who came and sang songs old and new, Anne Smyth, Derek Hussey, the Sword of Gideon Group, Bakerloo Junction with Helen Madden, and the Queen's Island Male Voice Choir.

To you all we say a warm but humble thank you.

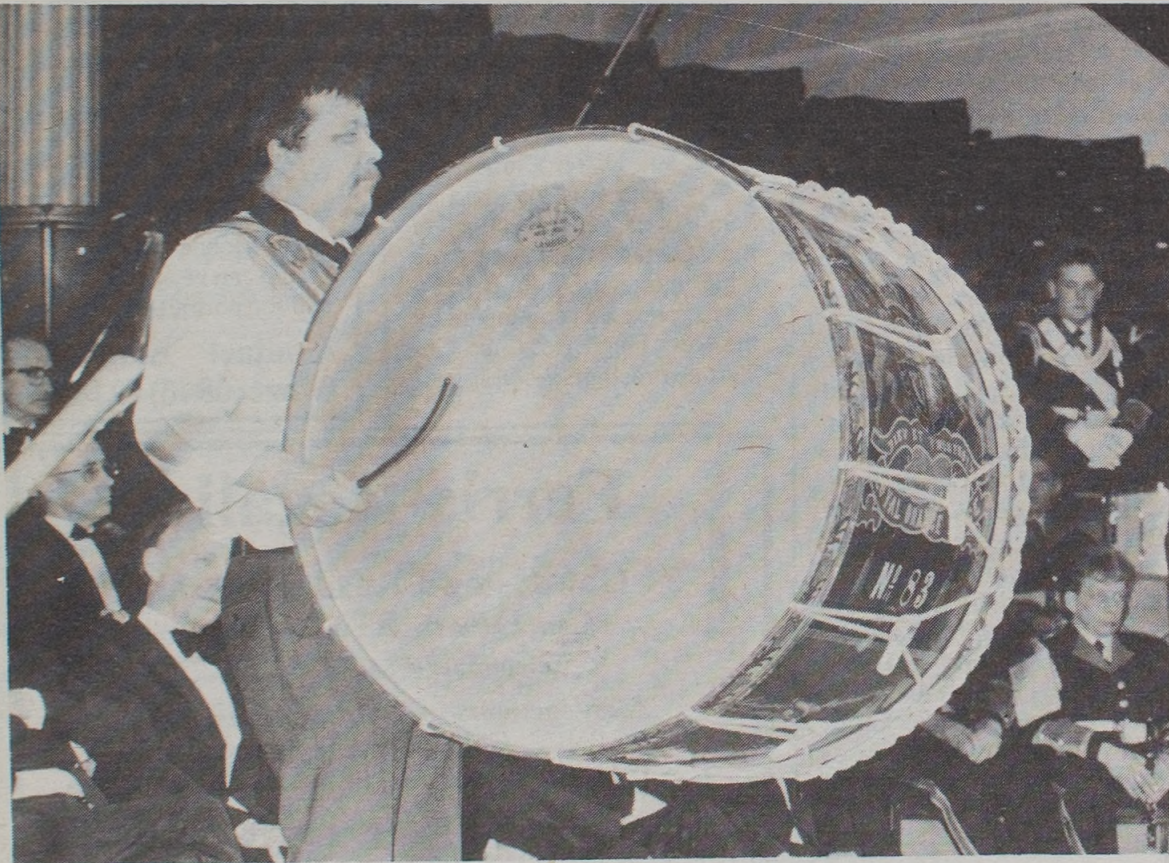
A.J.C.



Anne Smyth tells how she's Orange and proud of it. (Pictures Courtesy of Ulster News Letter).



Bro. Victor Simpson on the fife.



Bro. Derek Rea beats out a tune on the Lambeg drum.

Francie stole the show

Those who attended the Saturday night performance of the Festival of Music and Song experienced a rare treat. The festival was held to celebrate in music and song the events of 300 years ago.

However, due to an impromptu performance by Wor. Bro. Francis McCall we were also transported back in time to the 1890s.

Although the show was running behind schedule, compere Mervyn Patterson called Bro. McCall out from his seat with the Queen's Island Victoria Male Voice Choir, and asked him to sing his version of The Sash.

Bro. McCall informed the audience that this version of the Sash was originally published in the "Ireland's Saturday Night" about 1890. It was cut out of the paper and kept by his mother, who taught

Francie the words when he was about nine or 10 years old. It was shortly after this that as a young lad Francie first sang the song in public at the opening of an Orange Ball in Clifton Street Orange Hall.

The small figure of Francie, standing in the centre of that large Ulster Hall stage, singing with a voice many people half his age would be proud of, accompanied only by Edgar Pierpoint on the piano, caught the imagination of the packed house. The response that the audience gave Francie was a fitting loud and prolonged round of applause.

On June 14, 1990, Wor. Bro. McCall will become an "Octogenarian" and he has now got well in excess of 62 years services with the Orange Order. Francie is a committed and outstanding Orangeman.

When appearing at the

Festival of Music and Song with the Queens Island Victoria Male Voice Choir he was proudly wearing his 50-year membership medal which is normally displayed with great pride on his Orange collarette.

Wor. Bro. McCall is lay chaplain of his private lodge, L.O.L. 1960, and of Holywood District No. 14. He is also lay chaplain of R.B.P. No. 177 where he has been a member for 51 years. Francie has also been a member of Holywood Baker Club of the Apprentice Boys of Derry for 45 years.

Francie says that the March 31 festival will be a night that he will remember for a long time. I am of the opinion that this will be echoed by all those who were present and witnessed outstanding performance.

M.P.

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