

# Groups AND Service Organizations



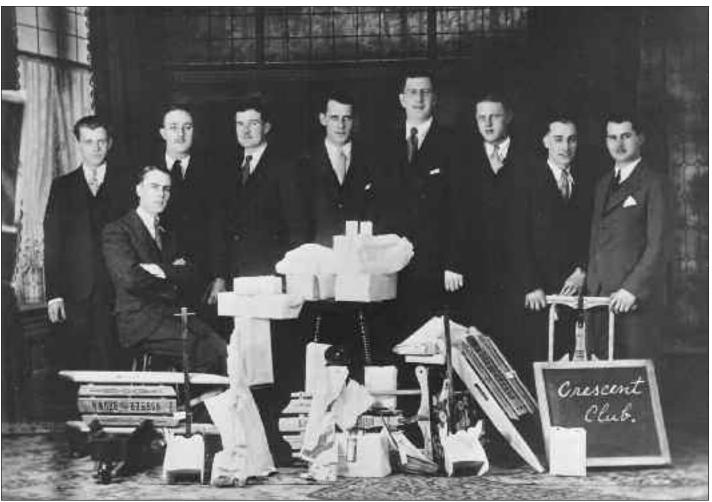
A gathering of Liberal association members in the Mitchell opera house, which was on the second floor of the building that anchored the southeast corner of the main business block, at the intersection of Ontario Road and St. George Street. Built in the 1880s by Henry James, the opera house was destroyed in a fire in December 1943. Two of the men sitting cross-legged on the floor are holding small dogs.



1502 District Deputy Grand Master John A. Hill (sitting, centre) of District 13, Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1916. The other officials are, from left: John Roger, District Deputy Grand Warden; William Martyn, District Deputy Grand Secretary; Ralph Babb, District Deputy Grand Marshall; and William Forrester, District Deputy Grand Treasurer.



**1503** The officers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows District 13 in 1929. Standing, from left: A. Hanna, DGC; I. McDougall, DDGM; and William Martyn, DDGRS. Sitting, from left: G. Soeder, DDGG; A. Donald Cameron, DDGT; P. Harlow, DDG Master; and John A. Hill, DDGFS.



(4) In the early 1930s there was a Crescent Club in Mitchell. It was a service group that devoted itself to needy children, particularly during the Christmas period. For two straight years the club was tops in the province at collecting cigarette boxes that could be redeemed for toys. Club members in this photo, with their selection of Christmas toys in 1930, from left: Clarke Moses, Ken Cameron (sitting), Carl Homuth, Harold Stoneman, Wilfred Herbert, Dalton Davidson, George Casey, Martin Mikel and Ted Stoneman.



(3) The Mitchell-area branch of the Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 908, in the 1920s. Back row, from left: William Dungey, Thomas Earl, William Hoflich, Bert Tubb, William Thompson, August Ronnenberg, Mervin Linton, Frank Skinner, William Winslow, ????, Jim Tubb, Ed Boyd, Wilbert Elliott, Garnet Adams, William Rodgers, Lorne Boyd, Con Werner, Jack Lawrence and ????. Middle row, from left: William Chaffe, Ivan Linton, Tom Clarke, Harry Chaffe, George Herbert, Thomas Linton, ????, William McKnight (Pete Stewart?) and William Bennett. Front row, from left: Clarence Staffen, Cliff Fuller, Les Fielding, Louis Seebach, Rev. W. H. Robarts of Trinity Anglican Church, Ed Chaffe, Jack Paris, Walter Bennett, David McKnight, William Babb, August Ott, Sam Clarke, Melvin Herbert, Stanford [Sparky] Linton and Alex Linton.



Members of the Mitchell Lions Club erected new signs at the town's entrances in the late 1930s. Standing, from left: William A. (Jerry) Cameron, Ab Whitney, George S. Seigner, Loyd Edighoffer, Wilfred Soeder, Norm Schaefer and A. W. (Bud) Blowes. Kneeling, from left: Manny Walther, Wilfrid C. (Dick) Thorne, Henry Teutsch and Clarence Prueter.



**1508** Dave Eizerman (1887-1957), a member of the Mitchell Lions Club, worked without fee in overseeing the club's construction of a municipal swimming pool on Blenheim Street, just east of Nelson Street, in 1948-49.



1509 Fundraising chair F. Adair Campbell (left) and construction supervisor Dave Eizerman (centre) are on hand as excavation begins on Blenheim Street, just east of Nelson Street, for construction of the Lions Club swimming pool in 1948. The man on the right is possibly Alvin Jordan.



1510 Members of the Mitchell Lions and other volunteers clean up the property on Blenheim Street purchased in 1948 by the club for the purpose of building a community swimming pool. The project was supervised by Lion Dave Eizerman (at extreme right, with back to camera).