

Memories Of Londonderry Band Revived By Picture

Memories of more than a half century ago were stirred a few days ago at the L. G. Thomas residence, Londonderry, when Mrs. Thomas, in ransacking the attic for old clothing for the European clothing drive, came across a forgotten picture of the old Londonderry Cornet Band, taken in front of the George Farabee residence.

This organization was perfected about 1892 under the leadership of the late Will Huff, local musician, composer and band director. In addition to the membership shown above it varied from time to time there being 22 members in the unit at one time.

There were three sets of brothers in the band at the time the picture was taken 49 years ago, the Francis boys, Thomas brothers, and the Meekers.

They played for various community affairs, with the parade on Decoration Day being one of the high spots of the year. They also were in demand for the old Ross county fair and the Civil War Veterans encampments which were conducted at the old fair grounds, the site now occupied by the Chillicothe high school.

They made many trips to neighboring counties and upon occasion played at points as far distant as Cincinnati and Cleveland. One of the big events in which the band participated was playing for Jim Murphy's "Hot Potato Minstrels," an institution in these parts a half century ago.

Of the 16 men shown in the picture that accompanies this article there are only five living. They are: L. G. and C. W. Thomas of Londonderry; Edward Wiltshire of Lancaster; William Meeker of Franklin county and Robert Francis of Santa Ana, Calif.

Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG — Mrs. Iva Hyer, Mrs. Franklin Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crabb attended the annual inspection of the Order of Eastern Star at New Holland Monday evening.

E. E. Spence, Circleville, was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Zurmehly. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Overly were additional afternoon guests.

Mrs. Mary McGhee has been employed as local collector for the Chillicothe Bell Telephone company succeeding the late Mrs. Frances Jones.

To Entertain W.S.C.S.

Mrs. Thomas Carter will entertain members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Brown's Chapel at her home on Thursday afternoon, May 17, with her mother, Mrs. Emma Anderson, assisting. Mrs. Alex

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