

Main Street Comments . . .

What do you think of the traffic law regarding Yield streets? It seems to us that they are confusing and that there are more car accidents at the Yield corners than at any other corner. Why not make all Yield streets Stop streets? There has been considerable property loss occurring from streets which are named Yield. The police may have the answer.

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If the town council adopts the idea of doing away with the present system of parking on Kent St., in favour of parallel parking there will be a big holler against the idea, even by motorists. After all it is better to have Kent Street crowded than otherwise. Many motorists who complain of the traffic on Kent street would very likely take a side street and avoid the main street. They can at least park on off-Kent street parking. Let us keep the merchants happy and pack the people in on the main street.

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Although the Chamber of Commerce is acting quickly in demolishing the old band stand at Victoria Park, there is still time to utter an objection to the insistence on the part of the Park's Board to close out the softball diamond. This in our opinion would be a mistake — a serious mistake. Take a vote of the people and we

wager they would be four to one in favour of retaining the park for recreation, rather than spending thousands of dollars on flower beds and perhaps an artificial stream. The park is being used. Several times we have noticed picnic parties and we have seen small tykes playing on the ball diamond. Besides the park is central and that is why softball games draw crowds. Many of these fans are senior citizens out to enjoy the only sport they can follow in Lindsay. The idea of creating a flowerbed park will definitely kill softball in Lindsay as far as many citizens are concerned.

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Councillor David Logan gave a good answer regarding Mayor Holtom's remarks on county assessment. The young councillor believed that it was all right for Lindsay representatives at the county council to stand up for the rights of Lindsay but at the same time the same representatives at county council should bear in mind that as county councillors they should seek to represent the county as a whole. Sounds logical. Many people today fail to see the greatly increased benefits and privileges taxpayers of today enjoy compared with some years ago. To mention a few which we would not care to be without, first class highways and good roads in the town, the best lighting facilities, excellent water supply, police and fire protection,

beautiful parks, shorter hours and more pay. In addition the people of today have radios, TV sets, electric washers and dryers, vacuums, a couple of telephones, a couple of motor cars and a boat. We have wandered away from the original statement, but only to point out that people of today have practically everything and if they pay more taxes it is because they get more for their money than several years ago. It is hard to pay taxes with a smile, but actually we should.

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When the Canadian National Railway brings in a modern train at the invitation of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, as well as an old wood-burner locomotive, it is understood that the people of Lindsay and district will have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the caravan when it takes an overnight rest on Victoria avenue. It will be something to see the old woodburner mogul of former years and to hear the old time railway men tell of the days when large piles of slabs were piled up in stacks along the railroads. Firemen in those days had the laborious task of piling up the wood on the engine tender and of tossing these heavy cordwood sticks into the furnace. How the smoke stacks emitted hot cinders to the heavens. According to one old timer, many a fire was started in nearby bush by these old time locomotives.