

Main Street Comments

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In the year 1908 Lindsay Junior O.H.A. Midgets lost in the finals to Stratford Midgets. In the following year, both these teams turned to the Intermediate category and again both teams met in the finals but this time Lindsay overturned the tables and won the Ontario championship. The Manager of the team was Artie Perkins, who worked in the produce plant operated by Flavelle in the building where Rosedale Plastics are now located.

A room mate of Artie Perkin was Bill House, then a clerk in the hardware store of McLennan Brothers. In fact a year or two later House became the manager of the Midgets and saw the team go a long way up the ladder. This same Bill House took a stroll along Kent Street last Saturday and also renewed some old acquaintances. Naturally he saw many changes.

In the days of yesteryears, House played baseball in Lindsay with the Wideawakes, a formidable team in the town league, a team which included such baseball players as Bill Cinnamon, Herb Workman, George Miller and Norm McGill. Bill house was one of the originals in the Lindsay lacrosse organization and coming from Ct. Catherines he was not only a lover of the game, but a fairly good player. However lacrosse did not catch the imagination of Lindsay people.

Bill House recalled the formation of the Lindsay Rotary some 63 years ago and later on when he moved he became president of the Rotary Club of that town. His chauffeur to Lindsay was another former resident of Lindsay "Ossie" Newton now a prominent Trenton businessman. In his younger days Newton clerked in the Sutcliffe store in Lindsay. He was also interested in sports.

For several years Bill House carried on a successful hardware business in Trenton and with him was associated his brother-in-law Rod Maunder. The business is now operated by a son of Mr. House and Bill is to be found in the store practically every day. In casual

conversation he said, "Lindsay was always a fine town and I am pleased to learn the town is progressing. I can see the improvement on the main street and have noticed how the town has spread its wings in four directions".