

Bill Breese Day, October 24th, 1964, will go down in history as one of the red letter days in the annals of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute, the day when members of the 1934 championship team paid tribute to a great coach.

This, however, was not the first football championship celebrated in Lindsay. In the year 1908 a team representing the town romped triumphantly through Eastern Ontario and annexed the Junior O.R.F.U. championship. It was a notable achievement in Sportingdom in Lindsay in the early days of rugby. In the following year Lindsay Midgets won the Intermediate O.H.A. championship and at the same time the Lindsay Curling Club hung up a gold and red Ontario tankard

Dan McQuarrie, former County Registrar and former Industrial Commissioner recalled the day when Lindsay won the football championship. He was a member of the team.

"This team was organized by Lindsay Bankers and players included "Duke" Cotton, Byron Green, Boyd Sylvester Bob Murdie, who were bank employees. Other players were

Parnell McHugh, Leonard Nesbitt, Leon Koyl, Frank Green, Harvey Beecraft, Joe Killen and others.

"We played at the fairgrounds and the team did well. It was tough and rough football and teams from Peterboro, Belleville and other outfits were hard to subject — but Lindsay did come through".

"Somebody got the bright idea of challenging the old Toronto Canoe Club who were playing in a higher group. Fans piled onto a special train and the hundred or more travelled to the big, BIG city of Toronto. We put up at the old Walker Hotel and we had a great time. However, we were no match for the team on the gridiron and we were walloped. I was also walloped when one big guy stuck his big fist in my face and I saw stars. I think I was the only player to return to Lindsay that night, the rest of the gang stayed in the city overnight".

Mr. McQuarrie added that he had always played old time football or soccer. "Every lad tried his hands and feet at soccer and Lindsay had some fine players. Rugby was more or less new at the time and we had a good team. I was pleased to see Coach Bill Breese recog-

nized the other day, for the importance of a good coach is sometimes forgotten".

It is recalled that Parnell McHugh, was a son of Senator McHugh and he was a graduate of Ottawa College. Duke Cotton was a graduate of St. Andrew's College, Jack Dougan was a graduate of Queen's at Kingston, Joe Killen is a graduate of St. Michael's College Toronto and is living in Lindsay. Leonard Nesbitt is residing in Calgary, where he was for a number of years secretary of the Albert Wheat Pool. Leon Koyl is living retired in Saskatoon. Byron Green will be remembered as a son-in-law of Sir Sam Hughes. Harvey Beecroft lived on a farm near Woodville and Frank Green was for a time associated with George O'Neill, proprietor of the Hotel Benson.