

McWatters, Dobbin and Wetherup were familiar names in Lindsay many years ago and they came to the fore last Tuesday night when members of the Faithful Brethren Lodge No. 77 extended a welcome to Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Jackson of Omemee, District Deputy-Grand Master in Victoria District. Bert McWatters and Willard Wetherup of Toronto, and Ross Dobbin of Peterboro were among the visitors introduced.

William McWatters and his son, Walter ran a popular bakery and confectionery store on Kent Street in the location now occupied by Henry Houzer, Haberdasher. The pastry and bakery (bread and buns) had the wonderful old-time flavour. The staff of life was sold in large loaves and for seven cents and the mouth-melting buns for a dime a dozen. Home-made ice cream made in the long tin can, surrounded with chunks of ice and contained in a well packed long tub, was a real treat, small dishes sold for 5 cents and big dishes for 10 cents.

Ice cream sodas by McWatters were something to rave about, delicious mouthfuls, with plenty of cream contained in long cut glass goblets. Other drinks, sasparella and cider were much in demand, and as one patron remarked, "That is how I met my mother-in-law sucking cider through a straw". This was literally true and daughters were often accompanied by their mothers.

William McWatters worked long and late Saturday nights which was at one time the night of nights in Lindsay, when people paraded on the front street and the same McWatters was always up bright and early Sunday morning and was *selāom* missing from Sunday School where he was Superintendent.

Ross Dobbin, a gentleman high up in masonry, was born in Lindsay, his father having been F. A. Dobbin, a printer by trade. Dobbin Senior worked for the Lindsay Post but in later years became the editor of the Peterboro Review, a weekly tabloid today. Ross Dobbin served for many years on the Public Utilities Commission in Peterboro.

Willard Wetherup will best be remembered as a fast, scintillating hockey player in Lindsay and in Toronto. His father, Ernie Wetherup, owned and operated a pool parlour in the west end of the present Tangney block and he was an active member of the curling club.

Willard Wetherup who was welcomed by masons as a past Master of a Toronto lodge, has

summered with his family on Pigeon Lake for several years and is now engaged in remodelling a log home he recently purchased in the village.

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Fluoridation - True there are two sides to every story. What objection should the Town Council have to a plebiscite of the ratepayers to decide the question?

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Over twenty years ago the late Wes. Mason was Secretary of the Kiwanis Club and was the leader of the idea to enlist the support of young boys and girls of the farm to become members of the Kiwanis Potato Club. Twenty young people sowed the best seed possible to buy, cultivated their plots which were scored by experts from the Department of Agriculture and showed their bags of potatoes at the Lindsay Fair.

The Club provided the money awards.

In recent years the idea of the potatoes was changed to a grain club at the request of the District Agricultural Representative, and next season the Club will go in for growing barley and corn.

Members of the 4H organization have been solidly behind the effort every year, and over 500 boys and girls have benefited, some of them having long ago taken over the operation of their own farm.

Art Hamilton, Assistant Agricultural Representative, told Kiwanians recently that the Potato and Grain Clubs have helped many boys and girls to follow the motto of "Heart, Head, Hands and Health".

Question: If a map of the town of Lindsay shows a public right of way leading from Lindsay Street, westerly along the wall at the south of McDonnell Park to York Street north, why is it not made safe for the public? and why does it stop at the Legion Parking lot?

This footpath was used extensively by East Ward citizens up to the time the Legion parking lot was extended. If this is a public laneway, the Board of Works and the Legion should provide a proper foot walk and a proper step from the west end of the walk leading into the Legion parking lot.

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Happy is the individual who has a hobby. A gentleman interested in collecting antiques was accosted on Main Street a few days ago and invited to make a contribution of some article to an auction sale. This auction sale was held today

at the Kiwanis Arena in aid of the pottery class.

The pottery class has apparently been hiding its head under the proverbial bushel for the word that Lindsay has a pottery class was news to me. When it was mentioned that the class buys clay for moulding purposes in one hundred pound bags, the antique hobbyist ventured the information that there should be plenty of good clay south of Lindsay.

At one time there were two bricks yards in this area, one owned by Sam Fox, M.P.P., and the other by a family named Curtin. "Over half of the brick buildings in Lindsay were built of brick from these two yards", said the gentleman who seemed to know.

Further interesting information revealed that the corners south of Lindsay, presently known as "Suicide Corners" was once known as Pottery Corners, and that one family made all kinds of pottery articles there.

It was further learned that these articles sold at very good prices. This was before a family named Palfrey and two bachelor brothers named Welsh lived at Pottery Corners. Perhaps some reader will come forth with more information regarding the manufacture of pottery south of Lindsay.

It is worth noting that there are some twenty-five amateur pottery enthusiasts in the Recreation Centre class which meets every Thursday under the direction of Charles Brett who was in the pottery business in England.

Many articles are being moulded by amateur hobbyists including coil pots, ashtrays, figurines, plaques, various dishes, bowls, etc. The workshop is equipped with a \$300 kiln and other items for the creation of this fine handicraft.