

One of the "old guard" associated with church choirs and other musical organizations in Lindsay and with business in Oakwood passed away a few days ago. He was the late Wilmot F. Webster.

In the mercantile life of Lindsay W. F. Webster was employed with the firm of Dundas and Flavelle. His association with this firm recalls to the memory of Lindsayites such fine people as Minnie Markham, Cora Henderson, Estelle Matthie, Lillian Ingram Agnes Coburn, Hattie Mims, Ethel Widdis, Emma Arnott, Jack Fullerton, William Dundas, Harry Brimmell, Wellesley Staples and Lawrence Blackwell.

Later Wilmot Webster owned and operated a furniture store and funeral director business at Oakwood and he was also engaged in real estate, especially the handling of summer properties around Balsam Lake.

Always interested in music the late W. F. Webster was for some time a member of Cambridge Street Methodist Church choir and he was a member of the YMCA quartette when the Y was located at the corner of Kent and Lindsay Streets.

Three local citizens sat down on one of the convenient benches on Lindsay's main street on Wednesday last. Traffic was light and only a few people patronized the buses — it was a half holiday. One person observed "These benches are all right, I was in St. Petersburg, Florida last winter and took a seat on a bench. I noticed the sidewalk was lined with benches and people sit and talk to each other . . . females have no trouble finding husbands in St. Pete's" he said.

"Yes, park benches are a good thing", noted another sitter, "It was Bert McLean, manager of the Lindsay Fair who started the idea here of merchants donating benches to the Fair and that was a good idea. These benches are still in use up there".

The third bench sitter interjected a different topic. "I sipped coffee at Orillia a few months ago with Hugh Grant, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and he said at the time that he wished he could dream up a crowd-getter for Orillia . . . an advertisement like the famous Lindsay bull fights. Now I see Mr. Grant has hit the headlines in a manner not too acceptable. He faces a charge of selling liquor in a dry town from a tent at the opening of the new C of C grounds at Orillia. The infraction is said to have taken place at the official opening of the C of C building and among the dignitaries present were Premier Robarts and former Premier Leslie M. Frost. Mr. Frost was born in Orillia", the speaker commented, "and strange to say Hugh Grant once practiced law".

Not to be outdone in the three-way conversation the first bencher wanted to know if his companions ever went to an antique shop searching for glass named Cranberry. Both said no and the first bencher said "Then you have missed something in your life. I was escorted recently to three establishments, and I mean esta-

blishments. These places were fabulous. They are packed with all kinds of articles strewn around the floors, hanging from the ceiling, on tables and affixed to the walls, from the basement, and the ground floor out to the lawn and garage". He added, "The pioneer villages have something on Lindsay in this gathering of antiques. It was really an education. Well, Cranberry glass is a beautiful red in colour, and is mighty scarce. Each establishment had a few, very few articles but for some reason they did not seem to be what my friend wanted. He used terms such as "opaque", opalescent",

“crystal clear”, and “iridescent” in describing the glass but none of the little “Cranberry” items he was shown were suitable.

Finally Ed. Harding’s large antique collection on Lindsay Street South was visited and lo and behold the collector found what he wanted.

Seekers of unusual articles of an ancient time are quite happy with the articles they buy . . . they seldom seek bargains and are willing to pay a fair price. This advice to housewives — look in the attic, look in the basement and look in the barn — there may be a small fortune within your reach.