

Strolling along Main Street a fellow stroller interjected a few stray shots of an historical nature.

It was recalled that many years ago an English born gentleman named W. M. Robson ran a grocery store at the corner of Sussex and Kent Streets, now the location of a service station. Perched on a strong sign overhanging the sidewalk at the front door was a beautiful sign, a fair sized bronze statue of a Chinese gentleman holding a cup of Chinese tea. Wonder what became of the sign.

W. M. Robson was a lover of flowers. One son, Will, gained a certain renown as a bass soloist, while another son, Ed. operated the store following the passing of his father. A daughter of W. M. Robson was married to the late T. H. Stinson.

Another sign of somewhat similar design occupied the ridge on top of the Primeau stores on Kent Street. The store is now occupied by Morley Greaves Electrical shop. This sign was of a Chinese gentleman and also showed a large tea cup advertising the Primeau brand of tea, as sold in the tea house and grocery store.

To bring everyone up to date. Primeau the merchant had a son James who for a number of years ran a meat store on Kent Street, and the latter's son Joe Primeau is the individual who became a hockey star on the famous "Kid Line" of the Toronto Maple Leafs. In this connection, Joe Primeau, as a lad used to hang around the old Lindsay Street skating rink and had a large black dog always in tow.

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Jack Hooper of the civil service, Ottawa, was a visitor to Lindsay a few days ago and brought back to recollection the days when he was a reporter in Lindsay and wrote a column headed "About Town by Hoop".

This young scribe was probably the first resident of Lindsay who in his column suggested the beautification of the Scugog River at the town warf. It will be remembered by some that he was also the scribe who suggested that traffic lights be installed on Kent St.

The then teen aged Jack Hooper managed a hockey team known as the Commandos, a team which went into the O.H.A. Intermediate B. finals.

Incidentally, Jack Hooper

was a movie projectionist by training, and is the son of the late Art Hooper and Mrs. Hooper.

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Another old time sign was to be noticed tacked up on the front of an old small shack on King Street near Caroline. It read "Hospital for sick shoes" and designated the shoe repair shop of Pete Grozelle. This Frenchman was an expert, and years ago made many fine shoes and tall boots for ladies, the kind which ran up the foreleg and either laced or buttoned. Groze le was an expert, a real fine tradesman.

It does not pay to be discourteous. Over \$100 in cash prizes are distributed at Lind-

say Fair every year to exhibitors in the livestock barns.

Cleanliness and courtesy are the fundamental reasons for the cash awards. Prizes are awarded to the exhibitors who have kept their stalls and surroundings tidy, neat and clean; also for courtesy displayed to officials, fellow exhibitors and visitors. The judging was in the hands of agricultural experts.

As a rule most exhibitors are courteous, but one farmer who had a good showing was disqualified. . When asked a couple of questions he bluntly told the two judges to "mind your own business". Needless to say he did not qualify for a prize.