

Many active business men have had their pursuits and favourite ideas which is the definition of a hobby or hobbies, especially when they reach the time of retirement.

A few nights ago a dinner was tendered C. B. (Cyril Bruce) Symonds as he severed ties of management and administration of the Bell Telephone Company's operations in Lindsay and district.

His main devotion through the years has been his work, and his pet hobby, handicraft in wood, he will pursue at his new and well appointed home just east of Lindsay on Highway 7.

Apart from his devoted attention to business, in the local field his membership in the Rotary Club proved to be an outlet for extra energy. In this particular field of endeavour he was particularly helpful in a project connected with the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

C. B. Symonds was born in Orillia where his father for some time was a member of the printing and newspaper fraternity. Following his graduation from high school, C. B. linked up with the Bell Telephone Company in the telephone city of Brantford, and he advanced on the ladder of success. His duties took him to Peterboro, Toronto, Chatham, Goderich, and Lindsay. As a telephone executive he was particularly active in later years in the transfer to dial system. He proved of valuable assistance in this project.

Mr. Symonds' long service of 38 years as a Bell man was only interrupted once, and that was when he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Locally, Mr. Symonds is a community - minded citizen, interested in municipal and service work activities.

Mr. Symonds is one citizen of whom it may be said "hail fellow well met".

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Kiwanians have their eyes scanning the papers for previews concerning the annual appearance of "Spring Thaw" which comes to Lindsay March 7th.

The show has been playing to capacity crowds in Winnipeg, the home of many successful theatre productions including ballet. "Spring Thaw" will have a three weeks showing in Toronto starting March 21st.

Other theatre news of interest to Lindsay people comes to the forefront in Toronto where the show "Oklahoma" is on a week's run, the same story which was produced by the Kiwanis Club last fall.

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Many suggestions are being made regarding Centennial celebrations in 1967. An idea which has been mentioned as a possibility for the Chamber of Commerce is the rebirth of the one time winter carnival, to be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce or some recognized authoritative group.

Several decades ago, as many will remember, the Lindsay Advancement Club (now the C. of C) held successful winter carnivals. The programme of that time might well be emulated as a Confederation project.

It consisted of horse racing with cutters and with racing sulkies on Kent Street from Lindsay Street west to Victoria Avenue; a band parade including rube bands and people in costume, an open market at the town hall square of dressed and undressed poultry, a sale of good old fashioned butter and eggs,

the sale of sides of pork and beef, an old time fancy dress skating carnival in the Kiwanis Arena, an old time curling bonspiel, prizes for best decorated store windows, prizes for best costumed men, women, girls and boys and a concert of an old time nature in the evening preceeded by an old time auction of fancy box lunches.



Honoured by Bell Telephone staff members at a retirement dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall recently, C. B. (Bruce) Symonds accepts a gift from service representatives Mrs. Gladys Mitchell, right, and Mrs. Peggy Nevison.