

Imagination and ingenuity very often play an important part in the life of humans. Oliver Hargrave of Norland is a gentleman who has applied himself to the job of making a good living from the bush and timber, with which he has been associated practically all his life.

Recently he was in Lindsay and in the course of conversation it was learned that several years ago he sold quantities of a certain kind of wood to the Arnberg Candy stick factory which was located at the rear of the present building on Cambridge street north, now occupied by George McCombe, tobacconist and billiard parlour proprietor.

Many thousands of these candy sticks were turned out and shipped to various points in Canada. Previously, the factory was the home of the D. J. McLean wheel works.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Hargrave for some years past been engaged in selling fine moss off his land. Large quantities have been sold to florists for greenhouse purposes. Furthermore unlimited layers of peat were noticed and Mr. Hargrave turned this type of soil into profit by disposing of it to peat firms and people interested in floriculture, vegetable growing, etc.

In some parts of Ontario, peat is used as a fuel. Another sideline developed by Mr. Hargrave is the manufacturing of a distinctive type of box or crate which he disposes of to the owners of the extensive vegetable flats at Holland Landing, near Toronto.

There are all kinds of ways to make a honest living in this fine country.

A former Lindsay man, a graduate of L.C.I., was in the news recently. W. Ross Strike, Q. C. is retiring as chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission which he has held since 1961. He was named to the Commission in 1941.

Ross Strike is a son of the late Rev. J. Harvey Strike, a former minister of Queen Street United Church. For years he lived in Bowmanville. He is a lawyer by profession and his brother Glen Strike is a magistrate in Ottawa.

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In the passing of a very fine showman, the late Stan Francis of Toronto, show business has lost a man of many parts. His last performance was with the big show Oklahoma in Toronto recently. Stan Francis will be remembered by many as the hard man in the one time well known "Treasure Trail" production, a production which several times filled the Lindsay armouries to capacity.

Remember when the Lindsay fire hall was located on Kent Street in the vicinity of the Star Cafe (formerly the Big-20)? It is reported that there was a fire bell in a short belfrey at the roof top.

Remember the fire bell at the top of a tall frame structure at the corner of Kent Street east and Lindsay Street north, immediately north of the theatre? Remember when there was a fire bell on King Street near where the Northern Casket Company factory stands today?

Do you remember the Fitzsimmons Auto Body Shop. In the days of World War 1 Jim and Joe Fitzsimmons moved to Lindsay from Cannington and erected a cement block factory on Wellington Street, near the south side of the bridge, a property now owned by Queen Street United Church.

The brothers were clever artisans and business during the year 1916 was good, especially when the demand was for army trucks. The firm also made ambulance bodies. The designs were appropriate and the workmanship was good.

As time went on Joseph Fitzsimmons and his bride (the former Meta Powers), moved to Buffalo. The business venture was successful and the work of manufacturing motorized buses was undertaken and it was during the latter part of a four year residence in Buffalo that Joseph Fitzsimmons passed away.

Later James Fitzsimmons left Lindsay and continued the Fitzsimmons factory at Buffalo. It will be remembered by some people that another brother Zeke, started auto

body building in a shop on Kent Street east. Mrs. Joseph Fitzsimmons is a resident of Lindsay and Mrs. James Fitzsimmons resides at Cannington.