

When the population of Lindsay was between seven and eight thousand people there were eight or nine barber shops in Lindsay. Today with a population of over 12,000 there are still only eight or nine barber shops.

One can remember when shaving was the big end of the barber business ,and hair cutting was of secondary importance. In those days on a Saturday at 1:00 p.m. barbers would hang out a sign which read "No hair cuts Saturday or Saturday night" 'and the customers for shaves greatly outnumbered those for hair cuts.

One can remember when the price of a haircut was 15 cents, and a shave 10 cents. Some business man visited the barber shop for a shave three and four times a week, and a few business men were known to go to the barbershop for a shave twice on Saturday. In those days barber shops opened at seven o'clock in the morning and remained open until midnight on Saturdays

The trend in barbershops today has been completely reversed, and shaves in a barber shop are becoming quite rare. Mr. Gillette, Mr. Shick, Mr.

Wilkinson, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Remington stepped into the market with electric razors and completely revolutioned the business with electric and small blade razors.

Lindsay has had many fine barbers in the days of yore such as Sandy Flack, Marshall Stevens, Walter Richards, Bert Naylor, Pat Jakins, Herb Hardy, Russell Lamb, Herb Williamson and others. They maintained good shops and were friendly people, full of chatter of course and quick with the straight edged razor, and always courteous ,that was a necessity.

Barbers of old were accommodating persons. They could tell a customer the arrival and departure times of trains and boats, where to get the best livery horses and buggies or cutters in town, where the next box social would be held, who held the world's boxing title, what was new in politics and who would be the next mayor. They could also be as close mouthed as any business man.

Barbering has always been a trade and barbers have always had their regular customers, but today there is no more shaving, just hair cuts.

Barbers' prices advance with the times the same as in any other business. Barbers must live, they must pay higher rents, greatly increased taxes, make their charitable contributions the same as other business men to charitable institutions, to community work, and to the churches. Barbers today, as of old, depend mainly on one line of merchandizing, that of cutting hair. It is a well known fact that when gasoline prices, food prices and other lines of merchandise advance in price very little is said, but when the barber ups his prices people tend to holler. A barber has to make a living the same as anyone else.

Barbering has always been a necessary institution, perhaps an industry in Lindsay, as well as in every other town and city. It might be well to recognize the facts, be reasonable.

and refrain from griping. "Live and let live" is a good motto.

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The wide circulation of the Lindsay Daily Post is shown again by a reader in California sending a card of congratulation to Phil Ranson on the opening of his store at Sutton.

The sender of the card said he read about the opening in the "Main Street" column.

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Every major organization in Lindsay will be expected to launch some important project in 1967, the Centennial year.

White's Economy Store on William Street South, it is understood, is one of the first firms to set an example for the Lindsay merchants. The White Store will undergo alterations and will be enlarged by converting the apartment at the south end of the block into a store with a modern business front.

Of signal importance as a centennial project is the decision arrived at to improve the storage building immediately west of the Economy block on Russell Street, one door east of the Kiwanis Arena.

This old and antique building will be preserved and treated to a paint job, the installation of modern doors, and the place dressed up for the Centennial.

The building is one of Lindsay's oldest and was once the blacksmith shop of a gentleman named O'Connor, father of the late Judge L. V. O'Connor. Later it was a creamery owned by Morgan Lewis, well known at Bobcaygeon and in Lindsay, he having served a year or two as a

member of Town Council.

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Several decades ago the best known name in Lindsay was that of Sadler. A pioneer grist mill on Kent Street East was operated by Needler and Sadler. William Sadler and

family lived on St. David Street, the present home of the Lamantia family.

Recently the last of the three Sadler brothers of the late William Sadler passed away in Toronto. The late Fred Sadler in his youth was

engaged as a trimmer with the Sinclair Carriage Works in Lindsay. The late Reuben Sadler was also a trimmer in the same carriage shop. Another brother Leslie passed away a few months ago.

Left to mourn the loss of

their brother are three sisters residing in Oshawa, namely: Mildred, wife of the late Joseph Cain; Toots and Reta, the latter being the wife of Ray Scott, a former employee of this newspaper, as well as the Warder in Lindsay.