

ON THE MAIN STREET

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Nobody stood on ceremony at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner Wednesday night. It was quite informal and as the guest speaker remarked, the presence of the women added to the occasion. The highlight of the evening was the announcement that Dr. Rollie M. Parker was selected as Mr. Citizen of the Year 1966, and the announcement was loudly acclaimed by all.

Dr. Parker was also called Mr. Red Cross because of his work in connection with the Society. He was lauded for his work in connection with work among crippled children and activity as a member of the Historical Society. It is worthy of mention that Dr. Parker on a farm near Dunsford and that his father Benjamin

Parker was a tall upright man in statute and in character.

Reeve John Campbell of Woodville, Warden of Victoria County in a short speech declared that the Chamber of Commerce "is a must" and he suggested that as "we are living in a jet age that in this Centennial year the C. of C. should make an effort to have the Centennial train visit Lindsay."

Laverne Gamble newly elected President of the Chamber has been interested in community work for a number of years, has been Chairman of the Board of Health and has been quite active in the Odd-fellow's Lodge having served in a number of high offices. He is the son of the late Arthur Gamble, who was a partner in the hardware firm of Boxall and Matthie, a store now operated by Laverne Gamble.

The Lindsay Barbershop chorus added to the programme and friends of Cecil Smith, of Woodville, were pleased to see him in the group. Several years ago Cecil Smith was one of a very fine male quartet at Woodville. He has always enjoyed singing and he has made a splendid contribution to various organizations in Woodville and is one of the most popular members of the Barber-shoppers today.

Dr. Peter Gill and Dr. Norma Gill graciously made presentations to immediate Past President Ted Hill and to Mrs. Hill, and S. R. Pitts, Citizen of the year for 1965 added his congratulations to Dr. Parker.

Secretary Manager Harry Macdonald received the thanks and appreciation of the Chamber, and members of the C. of C. staff also came in for favorable mention.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a fine painting of Lindsay's Town Hall to the town of Lindsay by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries of the

Lindsay Glass and Mirror Company. In accepting the painting Mayor Eakins expressed regret that Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries have recently sold the business.

Colonel Hilton Brown Chairman of the Citizen's Committee, was complimentary in presenting the decision of the committee, mentioning many of Dr. Parkers fine qualities. He stated the ballot box was filled and that the ballots and recommendations for Citizen of the year included one for a woman in town and one for a ten year old girl.