

Many distinguished newspaper men emanated from a modest apprenticeship with The Lindsay Daily Post. One of these gentlemen was the late W. M. O'Beirne who made a fine contribution to journalism as the Editor and Publisher of the Stratford Beacon, which in his business career purchased the Stratford Herald. For many years past the family of W. M. O'Beirne has been operating the Beacon-Herald.

The late Mr. O'Beirne started as a member of the mechanical and composing room staff of the old Canadian Post then located on Lindsay street at the foot of Kent street. He was the first newspaper man to launch a daily newspaper in Stratford.

Recently a special article from the Beacon-Herald regarding Mr. O'Beirne was received by the writer of Main Street from another former Lindsay newspaper man, William Fitzell of Gananoque, now associated with the Kingston Whig-Standard.

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It is almost unbelievable but true, that Lindsay has some seventeen or eighteen lunch counters and restaurants, plus hotel dining rooms. One of the oldest is the Chinese owned O.K. Cafe and mention is made of this eating establishment because it has recently undergone complete renovation. It was some 40 years ago that J. A. Williamson's old and reliable harness shop disappeared and the

store was taken over by Peter Lew and later on by a man by the name of Jim Lowe.

As with other Chinese owned restaurants in Ontario, the O.K. has been well operated and pride is taken in serving good food. Some patrons visit the O.K. because they can obtain their favourite Chinese foods and dishes.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? —
when there was a floating
bridge across the Scugog Riv-
er at the foot of St. Peter

Street? A long row of steps guarded by a wooden hand rail descended from the south end of St. Peter Street to the C.N.R. tracks and still another row of steps contacted a small platform at the edge of the river. Remember at the north bank of the river there was a wide plank covering, several feet in length under which small water craft could pass through. From this overhead structure a three foot walk floated on the river to the south side of the stream.

The walk was used in a large measure by members of the Roman Catholic faith on their way to St. Mary's Church on Russell Street. All this was some 50 years ago when canoes, row boats and small yachts were in profusion and when there was a canal building firm on the south side of the Scugog River facing on Kent Street east.

Remember Bobby Wells who operated a bread business on St. Peter Street? He was a

good looker and made ideal bread.

At the corner of King and St. Peter Streets was the store of Joe Staples, a well known grocery man and a dedicated member of the Queen Street Methodist Church which stood at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets.