

Residents of Port Hope are mourning the passing of Jack Rosevear for many years active in the fuel business. Many former Lindsay baseball players and hard ball fans can well remember the late Jack Rosevear in the days when the Central Ontario Baseball League was one of the best in Eastern Ontario.

Rosevear was an Umpire and associated with two other popular Umpires, Alex. Kay of Peterboro and Dick Butler of Lindsay. These officials averaged two games a week with teams in Belleville, Peterboro, Port Hope, Cobourg, Lindsay and Oshawa and fans numbered in the thousands at every game.

Rosevear was calm and impartial with an utter lack of ostentation. Alex. Kay was more of a showman but was tops in his interpretation of the rules and his quick decisions.

No one was ever successful in winning an argument from Umpire Kay. Dick Butler, the owner of the Butler Hotel in Lindsay, was impartial but of the impetuous type and found himself in many an argument, but he was one outstanding supporter of sports of all kinds in Lindsay and an enthusiast who spent plenty of time helping baseball and hockey teams and was a big help financially.

Well known colourful gentlemen with varied occupations in Lindsay in the distant past included such men as Steve Oliver of Oliver's Lane in the North Ward, easterly off William Street, was named after this one time well known citizen. Steve Oliver was a breeder of Jersey cattle and an exhibitor at any small fairs as well as at the Lindsay Central Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition. At the C.N.E. he was also able to operate a food concession, generally located near the Pure Food building and he employed Lindsay women behind the counter and in the kitchen. It was possible to eat practically all one could devour for as little as 25 and 35 cents.

Norm Brown, St. Peter Street, had many a trip with Steve Oliver and was the cattle hand. He recalled the time when railway officials were in the Toronto yards. The cattle were loaded into a box car for Lindsay but in some manner the car became mixed in a circus and side show train and before the error was discovered Brown and Oliver cows were in western Ontario at London to be exact. Two days later the car was on its way to Lindsay and the animals and Brown were none the worse for their experience.

Steve Oliver was well liked by employees and he was known to be a friend of the poor. In his day he took to the chicken and poultry business and exhibited poultry in all the small agricultural Fairs in the district.