

## BITS OF THIS AND THAT

Former Ontario Premier E. C. Drury, of Crown Hill and Barrie has been receiving voluminous mail on his attainment of 90 years. Reflections are always in order and there are many in Lindsay and district who remember the birth of the then new Political Party known as the U.F.O. (The United Farmers of Ontario) and farmers were truly united. Farmers who had voted Tory as perenials turned to the new Party and farmers who were Liberals did not hesitate to follow any leader opposed to the Conservatives. The U.F.O. swept the country.

One of the earliest picnics was held in a small grove on the south side of the highway, west of the village of Omeme. The main speaker was the hard hitting Farmer-Secretary J. J. Morrison. Fred J. Sandy, a farmer living south of Omeme was the Farmer candidate and a winner. He was a good representative and developed into a very good speaker.

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A successful business man and a one time first class exponent of baseball and hockey died a week ago. The late Charles Shields of Coboconk was for many years associated with brother E. Roy Shields in the mercantile business in the north country and was widely known for his business ability and because of his fine personality. Many former students of the Lindsay Collegiate look back with fond memory to the days when the school played a big role in the realm of sports. The Collegiate for several years had smart baseball teams and fast hockey teams and the late Charlie Shields was one of the best in both these avenues of sport. He was a player who gave his all and this was at all times outstanding.

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Demolition of the old coal and lumber sheds behind the former Waddell Lumber Company brick building at the corner of Lindsay and King Streets started recently. The laying low of the sheds demonstrates again the progressiveness of the owner, Russell Taylor. A few years ago Mr. Taylor removed the string of delapidated coal sheds on the south side of King Street near the locks. Close to a century ago the Queen's Hotel stood at the corner of King and Lindsay Streets, in the days when Lindsay boasted of thirteen hotels. It is reported that Archie Bradshaw at one time ran a hotel on King Street. In the days when Lindsay had a number of saw mills, box factories, single mills, plus a couple of veneer mills and a batch of blacksmith shops one lumber yard was located at King and Lindsay and was financed by the Rathbun Company at Deseronto. It was apparently followed by G. H. M. Baker who lived at the southeast corner of Lindsay and Russell Streets. Robert Bryant followed. Todd and Waddell carried on a coal and lumber business in the same location and when Todd sold his interest in the business Mr. Waddell carried on in the same location for many years.

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Lindsay Town Fathers contemplate purchasing a new

ambulance at a price of \$7,000. In the year 1922 the newly formed Kiwanis Club, fired with enthusiasm sparked by President T. H. Stinson, set sights high and launched a campaign to present the Ross Memorial Hospital with an ambulance. The successful campaign resulted in handing



over to the Board of Governors a beautiful ambulance which cost \$5,000, which at the time was a fistful of money. The gift was accepted by the Chairman of the Board of Governors Mr. J. D. Flavelle. The then President of the Kiwanis Club (T. H. Stinson) later became Chairman of the Hospital Board. At the time the ambulance was stored in the Arnold Garage and mechanics employed by Kiwanian Thos. Arnold acted as drivers and it is stated they acted without extra remuneration.