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# ON THE MAIN

In the passing of R. A. (Bert) Wainman, Lindsay and District lost a gentleman who was for many years actively associated with the business life of the community, one who was loyally identified with service work and one who was interested throughout his life with various phases of Agriculture and Conservation.

As a businessman identified with the jewellery trade he for many years enjoyed the respect and esteem of both his customers and fellow merchants. As a one time Director of the Lindsay Central Exhibition and a naturalist of some merit he was for some years in active contact with the farmers, gardeners and poultry fanciers of the district. For several years he was the owner of four beautiful thoroughbred ponies which he exhibited at a number of fairs including Ottawa, Peterborough, Kinmount and Lindsay.

A naturalist and bird lover for many years it was in the village of Millbrook where he developed one of the finest bird sanctuaries in Ontario including some highly prized pheasants and peacocks. For some time after moving to Lindsay he was justly proud of his beautiful flower garden and miniature park at his home on King Street.

As a member of several community organizations and a former alderman, he was a willing worker for any worthwhile town project. As a community minded individualist he rendered active service as a member of the Kiwanis Club in Peterborough and as a member and President of the Lindsay Kiwanis Club.

The late Bert Wainman was born in Shawville, Quebec. He began his education there, but

moved with his family to Renfrew when about nine, and completed his education there. His first entry into the jewellery business was in Ottawa, before he returned to Shawville for a short time. It was during this period, in the First World War that he joined the Masonic Lodge and the IOOF. After working in his home town for a short time, he went to Arnprior and entered the same business there. He remained in that town for ten years, moving to Peterborough where he maintained a business on George Street for 12 years. Finally he came to Lindsay, at first working in the same line for Reg Bacon before going into his own establishment.

While the late Bert Wainman was in Ottawa and in that district, he played the old game of field lacrosse, then one of the most popular spectator sports in Canada. He was a player in the old Inter-Provincial Professional League in the days of the famous Newsy Lalonde, of Montreal. He also played hockey when Cyclone Taylor was one of the stars.

As a lover of the outdoors and a naturalist he was at one time the owner of the largest collection of foreign birds in Canada, counting over 100 varieties in the group, which was at one time displayed as a special attraction at the Royal Winter Fair.

The late R. A. Wainman was the husband of Reta Frost and the late Jennie Muriel Vance, of Peterborough. He also leaves to mourn his loss, one daughter Lois (Mrs. Earl Peters) of Dundas; Cecil of Hamilton, Orville of Kingston, Harold and David both of Lindsay. One brother Everett resides in Toronto.