

ON THE MAIN STREET

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"Fore!" This is a word best known to golfers. It means "Clear the track, here comes a whack" or in other words a golfer calls "Fore" as a warning to players ahead that he, or she, is about to hit that little white ball of Gutta Percha into the air and they are warned that the player is not looking for any casualties. Then the golfer proceeds to try his best to sink the ball into a series of nine holes.

The Lindsay Golf and Country Club is about to demolish the present old Club House for a modern structure to cost an estimated \$30,000 and thereby hangs a tale.

Over half a century ago the game of golf was introduced to Lindsay by a number of business men and the present grounds were purchased in the Township of Ops, across the road from Angeline Street. The purchase was made from the occupant of the Corley Farm and in time the Corley home disappeared. In order to protect the "greens" from being ruined by cows a fence

was built around each green and believe it or not sheep were used to nibble at the grass and keep the greens well shorn.

In those early days of golf a pro was brought to Lindsay but many of the best players had very few lessons. Any number of matches were arranged with Clubs at Peterborough, Oshawa and Orillia. The game caught on and the Lindsay Club House, greens and fairways have provided much pleasure for many players and from the outset the ladies have been a power for good in the Lindsay Club.

Away back golf balls and clubs and bags were sold at the J. G. Edwards Hardware Store and this well known golfer, curler and cricketer was not only a devotee of the game, but his daughter Miss Norah Edwards was for many years a member of the Club.

Among the original members of the Club was Mr. George Beall, Albert Street, who in his earlier days as a business man also found time

to curl, play tennis, skate and associate himself with the life of the community. Other members of the first club include the names of other young sportsmen such as Nat. Sisson, Larry O'Connor, Geo. Little, John Flavell, William Flavell, Gerald Hopkins, Fred Wilford, Leight Knight, J. G. Edwards, G. H. Hopkins, Richard Kylie and others. The membership fee was \$25 and the shares were valued at \$100.

Miss Norah Edwards, Russell Street, was a loyal and dedicated member of the Ladies Golf Club for many years. "It was natural that I join the Ladies Club for we handled golf supplies for many years and it is a great game," said Miss Edwards. Sure golfers have their off days and their good days, the same as curlers and the same as in other sports, but golf is a great game to develop friendships, a great game for sociability and of course a fine game for natural exercise. The fees were not too high and tools not too ex-

pensive. The ladies, I feel, have always been an asset to the Club."

Among the women who contributed to the success of the Club years ago appear the names of Mrs. McNeil, Miss Ethel Flavell and Miss Jean Flavell, Miss Mabel Sootheran, Miss Ethel Neelands.

From a small beginning the Club has grown to one of the finest in the area and when the new Club House is completed it will be a monument to the dedication of members of the past and to the progressiveness of members of today.