

FORD MOYNES

on the MAIN STREET



Everybody believes his native town is the best and Ex-Warden John Campbell of Woodville is no exception. "When the people wanted artificial ice in the curling rink they had very little trouble piling up the right amount and now they are getting behind another worthy drive for \$25,000 to install artificial ice in the hockey rink and the amount will be raised. Lindsay is a fine town — it must be, for a few days ago an attractive High School blonde approached me on Kent St. and she was a student interested in the charity walk to Peterborough, part of an effort to raise money for the Community Chest. This was a ten-dollar hand out but the cause was a good one.

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Hands up. Where is Broad St. in Lindsay? A former resident of Lindsay, Graydon Broad of Midland, was renewing acquaintances a few days ago and stated that Broad St. is the short passage-way leading from Angeline St. to the Lindsay Golf course. We were going to use the words Golf links, but some time ago we checked on the misuse of the word "links" which is apparently used when the course, greens and fairways stretch down to the ocean, or sea or some other body of water. For instance the well known Golf course at St. Andrew's, N.B., is called "links". When a young man in Lindsay, Grayden Broad was for a short time a shoe store clerk, employed by Mr. Patnick when Patnick owned a small store on the south side of Kent St. in the present Adams store. Incidentally Mr. Patnick at the time had stores in Cobourg and Midland. He became the owner of a large number of stores in Ontario and Montreal and rates as a millionaire.

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A few decades ago the Kiwanis Club established a name for presenting good shows, in

the days when Chic Baker and Charlie Smith were actors and lay showmen. A lapse of time and along came George Zarfaz of Burlington and for a string of years he presented a number of fine shows, starting with Minstrel Shows. Then came another lapse of time; the Kiwanis Club launched into big musicals like "Annie Get Your Gun", "Oklahoma", "South Pacific" and "The Music Man". They plan on presenting "Guys and Dolls" next year.

To establish a successful show it is surprising how a small group can do things. The production involves lining up the cast, renting halls for rehearsals, selling tickets, putting in posters, selling program advertising, making scenery and stage articles, securing the script and paying a large royalty, selecting principals, arranging for costumes, handling advertising and other propaganda, arranging for lunches for the cast, manning the ticket booth for one week, ushering, making and putting up advertising on the theatre canopy, handling the stage props and stage furniture and a hundred and one details. All this effort to please patrons and to raise funds for community welfare. Love's labor has never been in vain but it is interesting to note the great degree of work necessary to produce a good show.

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In the days when railroad-ing was the largest industry in Lindsay one of the best known conductors was a tall and lanky popular conductor named George Thompson. It will be interesting news for many Lindsay people to learn that a son, C. A. Thompson, shook the dust of Lindsay off his feet when quite a young man and listened to the slogan of Horace Greely to "go West young man, go West". He made good in the Edmonton area and later moved to the British Columbia Coast and settled in Vancouver. Recent-

ly Mr. and Mrs. Thompson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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No. 1. Northern Wheat, 69 cts. a bushel, electric light bulbs, 25 cts each, men's good gloves at Eatons, 75 cts. a pair, ladies hose 11 cts., flanellette 5 cts. a yard."

The above prices taken from a copy of the Toronto Mail and Empire in the year 1898 have been made available by Mr. Chas. McIntyre, 32 Sussex St. S. Other prices of interest, etc. include: ladies felt gloves 69cts., one fancy feather 25 cts., ladies flanel drawers 75 cts., socks 5 cts., tams 50 cts., down quilts \$5.00. Hood's Sasparella, 3 lbs. raisins 25 cts., butter 20 cts.

By the same issue it is learned that J. W. Flavell was a director of the Robert Simpson Company; 60,000 people were on strike in Paris. This was the age when many large steamships sailed across the Atlantic and the Pacific.

In 1898 Russia was preparing for War, the renowned Roger Silver was advertised and is still in use, one hundred and twenty-four acres of farm land sold at \$4,000, the Albion Hotel in Toronto advertised rooms at \$1.50 per night and the Walker Hotel of 1898 is still flourishing in Toronto and rooms by the month were available for \$14.00, salesmen were known as agents and the hiring price was \$20.00 a week.

News items included two tragic accidents, frequent in those days, when two people met death by falling off buggies, apparently a common mishap of many years ago.