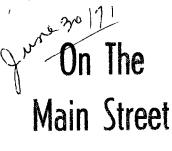


operation of the Bell Telephone Company in Lindsay. It was "away back" in the early nineteen hundreds when the Bell strung a few wires at the eration has been very successful and very sufficient.

made mistakes. connections and on the whole, they did an excellent job for ally the operators broke the rules by talking to customers but it was fun and some times exciting.

The obliging were generally discreet though sometimes rightprovoked ly at cranky patrons, but usually obliging and painstaking in the daily grind of trying to give good service, many times to impatient and discourteous callers.

The Lindsay Managers of the Bell Company included excellent citizens and the memory of many readers goes back to the days when T. J. Tilly was "in the driver's seat," so to He had a gruff manspeak. ner of speaking, a natural manner, but he was not only a



with Ford Moynes

complete evolution has good manager but one who taken place through several had pride in the town. He bedecades in connection with the came president of the Curling Club, was interested in horticulture and became a member He was of the town council. one of the first summer cottop of long cedar poles on the tage owners at Snug Harbor streets of Lindsay and the op-and used to travel to Lindsay to work in his 5 h.p. motor boat. At lunch time he return-It seems like a long time ago ed to his boat to enjoy the when the friendly, courteous best of sandwiches. It is interand efficient "Hello Girls" esting to note that Mrs. Tilly lined up sitting on stools and was so popular at dances in later on chairs at the switch-the Town Hall by young people boards and expertly plunged that she was greeted with the the connecting plug into the friendly words "Ma" and she right socket, and they seldom taught many the art of danc-The switch- ing when the two-step, threeboard girls made few wrong step and waltz were in vogue.

Managers of the Bell, Armstrong, Jewell and others were an exacting public. Occasion-followed by one of the most capable and courteous managers, Bruce Symonds, who today enjoys a life of retirement a few miles from town, where operators he retains an interest in birds of the air and for further enjoyment, attends Rotary Club luncheons.

> Truly the Bell Company has rendered excellent ervice to local subscribers.