

It was a good day for Lindsay when W. J. Carlisle manager of the Neill Shoe Store and Alf Johnson a teacher at LCI, manipulated the purchase of the Murphy field and turned the property over to the town council doing business for the town. Where was the Murphy field? It was at the head of Peel Street and fronted on Albert Street. Today the property is known as Kawartha Park. It runs from Albert to Adelaide and this property today accommodates the Lawn Bowling Club, a wonderful recreation spot for men and women lawn bowlers; also the location of the Rotary swimming pool. The pool is a very fine and substantial asset and the bowling club is to be congratulated on the manner in which the greens are curry-combed and cared for. Then only a few rods away to the west is the large swimming pool where a very successful swimathon was held last summer. Over one hundred young people competed under ideal climatic conditions.

In the distant past the field was a veritable bed of dandelions, twitch grass and a large assortment of noxious and obnoxious weeds. The pasture was so high that ground hogs and field mice had a picnic unmolested by man or beast. At this time Richard Kylie, by profession a blacksmith, was a member of the town council and lived at the corner of Kent and Adelaide Streets and he had a clear view of the large school campus and the field to the north. This councillor casually conversed one day with two local gentlemen and the park idea was mentioned. The property was not hard to acquire. It was owned by a man named Murphy and he was behind in his taxes by three thousand dollars and Murphy actually a benefactor, was easily persuaded to turn the cow pasture over to the town and his tax debt was cancelled. So the corporation secured the land which became an added campus for the Board of Education and a

drill ground for the football team and eventually a park. At one time the Kiwanis Club built a toboggan slide for boys and girls on the south side of the field and this idea worked as long as the club operated it, but the slides deteriorated quickly and the club turned the slides over to the town to operate.

The Kiwanis club also built a large concrete wading pool for kiddies, but this pool also disintegrated after it was handed over to the town council and it too vanished.

The Rotary Pool has been very successful although today it takes a mint of money to operate and maintain it.

Pioneers of the lawn bowling club "built better than they knew" when by hard work and financial contributions the club built six greens, erected the club house and enclosed the greens with a substantial fence. The club, always small in number, yet

high in enthusiasm and also ambition, improving the field and playing area and erecting a fine club house. The loyalty and hard work of the members has developed to such an extent that the Lindsay club is one of the best in the district.

Among the founders of the club can be mentioned W. J. Carlisle, John Turner, Dr. Herb Irvine, Charles Bell, Leo and Harold Rogers, Aubrey Brennan, George Bell, Tony Bakogee, Dan McLean, Les Richman, Harry Reid, Marshall Stephens, Russell Lamb, W. J. Ferguson, Archie Glenney, Bruce McCarty, Bert Everson, Percy S. Skitch, Charlie Moase, Orville Culbert, Harry Norton, Ford Moynes and others.