

Lindsay Rotary Club observed fifty years of continuous service a few days ago and in that long span of time Rotary has been a fine asset to the community.

A major contribution has been the Club's continuous support to work among crippled children, and apart from the Club's annual aid to the head Society in Toronto, has been the assistance to worthwhile cases in the district.

The public swimming pool at Kawartha Park stands as a monument to the Rotary Club and work in this effort goes back to the days when the late Walter E. Reesor was an active member and a past president.

A member of the Club with a remarkable unbroken record of attendance is a gentleman well known to hundreds of people, namely Frank L. Weldon who also had a commendable record of perfect attendance.

Two of the founders of the Club were L. V. O'Connor, barrister, and Walter E. Reesor, manager of the Lindsay Hydro - Electric Commission.

Other loyal members included Charles Ferguson, Stanley Beal and Hilton H. Brown, who except for a period when he was in the Army, has had a splendid record of attendance and is still active. The only living charter member of the Club is Dr. Jack Ross, a resident of Kent street west, who was extended a hearty welcome at the half century celebration.

### **Bicycles of Yore**

Bicyclists are making their annual spring debut and probably the veteran in this respect is Fred W. Reeds, a resident on Sussex Street, South. This gentleman's bicycle has traversed thousands of miles and it's age equals Jack Benny's 39 years. "This old wheel has been my constant friend and actually had never let me down" said this recog-

nized opponent of fluoridation as a doctoring potion in Lindsay's drinking water. "I have been told that I should not ride the bicycle on the sidewalks and I know it is against the law, but I am always careful--when anyone rides a bike on the road he takes his life in his hands, so to speak, because some motorists almost run bicyclists down."

Turning back the pages of memory there were several citizens who rode bicycles to and from work and they included ex-Mayor R. M. Beal and another Beal who spelled his name with two "L's", namely G. W. Beall, a jeweller. Walter Reesor, hydro manager, also had a bicycle and Harry Reid, a popular elongated druggist in Higinbotham's store peddled his way to work. Harry Hammond, Waterworks superintendent, always used a bicycle when at work inspecting the fire hydrants to ascertain if the pressure was available--and many times only a trickle of water passed through the hydrants.

How many readers remember the bicycle built-for-two, called a tandem? Many a race track meet was sparked by the tandem and at times, the bike which had three seats--the days when there were paved streets and when enthusiasts like J. D. Flavelle and other members of the Club travelled on dirt roads to Montreal, 300 miles east in the Province of Quebec.

How many remember the old song "Daisy, Daisy give me your answer true, "I'm half crazy all for the love of you, it won't be a stylish marriage for I can't afford a carriage, but you'll look sweet upon the seat of a bicycle built for two.