

Main Street



with Ford Moynes

A generous gentleman, successful business man and who contributed a great deal of time, and energy and money in the realm of sports in Lindsay passed away recently in the person of Mr. Tony Bakogeorge.

For over half a century he associated himself with the restaurant business, bringing with him many ideas from his native country Greece. When he first located in Lindsay he purchased the present building occupied by the Olympia Tea Room and it was he who named the business a name which through many hundreds of years has meant a great deal to the people of Greece.

From the outset as a citizen of Lindsay he began to take a keen interest in sports, hockey and baseball, and for a number of decades the Olympia baseball team and the Olympia hockey team became known as the very best in the exemplification of these two sports. As far back as 1913 Tony Bakogeorge sponsored teams in the Lindsay Town League, the Intermediate O.H.A., the Big Four baseball league and the Central Ontario Baseball League. The Big Four League comprised Woodville, Sunderland, Cannington and Lindsay and the brand of baseball was the best.

In the days of the C.O.B.L. the Lindsay Greybirds sponsored by Tony Bakogeorge cut a wide swath on the baseball diamonds at Belleville, Port Hope, Peterboro, Cobourg and Oshawa and one year the League included Leaside in Toronto.

For some time Tony Bakogeorge backed and managed the Lindsay Intermediates when the Lindsay Athletic Association was active. His money and his interests in amateur sports furnished all teams with uniforms and all types of expensive equipment, provided meals and treats and looked after many other items. He loved the game and he admired a winning team. He was well liked by players and fans alike and the number of players who came under his sponsorship are numbered in the dozens. His office in his home on Peel Street has one wall lined with pictures of former teams.

The late Tony Bakogeorge was a successful business man. He sold the Olympia to Chris Tozios and his real estate ownership included the buildings occupied by the Little Book Shoppe, the Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Sally Ann Shop, Zeller's, Carl Brown Jewelry Store and the parlor of Dr. Woodrow.

Many baseball and hockey players played under Olympia colours included the following: Howard (Tubby) Williamson, Clarence (Lefty) McElroy, Elwood (Sixty) Coombs, Art (Moose) Carew, Bill Langdon, George Langdon, Dick Sutton, Hilton Brown, Herb (Pony) Workman, Charles (Chuck) Carew, Jack Oulette, Bart Cummings, Bill McMahon, Jack Stark, H. Brownscombe, Orville Ashton, Fraser Mann, Les Richmond, Horace (Nanny) Metheral, Norman (Dooley) Starr and others.

Tony Bakogeorge was one of the pioneer lawn bowlers in Lindsay and was a keen competitor in many tournaments.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. O. G. Locke of St. Andrew's Presbytery.