

REMEMBER when it was top fun for young boys and older boys to skate and play hockey and shinny in the Frog pond in the north end of the Carew Lumber Company yards? At times the ice was called rubber ice as it actually heaved slightly up and down.

Remember the many titanic baseball games played on the sawdust diamond to the west and north of the Carew Box Factory? These games were so popular on Sunday afternoons and young players were so keen that they hiked to the park immediately after dinner. In fact many boys did not have the noon day meal. The diamond was made of packed sawdust and the outfield was also covered with sawdust and when a ball was hit to the outfield it seldom rolled but fell with a thud. There was lots of fun and at times the fans numbered over 200. There was no other place for young fellows to gather and have fun.

A number of good ball players learned baseball on the sawdust diamond and it was from this field of sawdust that the well known Wideawakes team trained. At the same time there were a dozen or more good ball teams in the Lindsay Town League. In recent summers, Lindsay could not boast of one Junior, Intermediate or Senior baseball team although there are a number of good hardball teams in the district. What is the score?

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Remember when Aileen Hughes, daughter of Sir Sam and Lady Hughes returned to Lindsay from South Africa and brought home with her two Lion cubs, much to the astonishment of citizens? Sir Sam was very proud of his family and was thrilled with the African animals from the jungle. They were placed on exhibit in the large window of the Dundas and Flavelle store at the corner of Kent and York Streets and the Cubs had a great time playing with the balloons. One of the cubs died and the other one was given to a Zoo. The cubs were about the size of a well developed Boxer dog. They were very playful and one of the cubs could be seen every day as Miss Hughes walked around the streets of Lindsay.

Aileen Hughes was one of the first, if not the first, to bring a small motor cycle to Lindsay and rode it daily when she attended the Collegiate Institute.

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Do you remember when Harry Morgan was the proprietor of a merchant tailoring business in the store now occupied by Don Lytle Men's Wear? Morgan was a smart dresser and a keen business man. He opened a tailor shop in Belleville.

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Peewee hockeyists are stacking away sticks, pads, skates and uniforms and already there is talk of softball and hardball and the youngsters were jabbering about lacrosse. This ancient game was introduced at one of the local schools last year and became popular. Lindsay was once a lacrosse town and boasted a fast team when games were played on the fair grounds against teams from Beaverton, Cannington, Peterborough and Toronto. Names recalled a few days ago included such names as Walter Reesor, George Little, George Carruthers, "Slats" Riley and "Shorty" Elliot, the latter being a one arm player who was fast and trucky.

Beaverton "Checkers" gained a wide reputation as a cracker jack team, a team that once held the championship in Ontario. Other fast teams played at Orillia, Bradford and Markham and Millbrook

also had a team of championship players.

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“Whistling Richards”. Senior citizens have been recalling names which were familiar when the town was fast emerging from “the back woods” so to speak. Names like “Whistling” Richards who warbled and was so happy that some of the so-called Saints tried to have him toned down on Sabbath mornings. He became a dedicated soldier in the ranks of the Salvation Army.

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There was another Salvationist by the name of “Happy” Jack Rogers reported to have at one time been a sailor. Apparently he was a steeple jack and it has been stated that at one time he climbed to the top of the steeple on the Cambridge Street Baptist Church and actually stood up on top of the large brass ball. He was a man of small stature, kind and gentle.

“Red Rose Tea” was at one time sold by A. S. Mallon and for several years the Mallon

cottage on King Street bore the name of this well known brand. The gentleman in question was thin and lean and was known to hundreds of citizens and he was proud of a chin whisker.