

The action of Mayor Eakins in declaring a few weeks ago a Friday as Tommy Hunter day in Lindsay was timely, laudable and justifiable. For five years past Tommy Hunter has presented Summer theatrical performances in Lindsay to large audiences and the name Lindsay has been sung all across the land.

It is a nice gesture to be hailed on the streets of Lindsay by admirers. One of these is Leo Skipworth of Lindsay Street South who made himself known to the country gentleman on Kent Street recently. Several years ago he was riding on a Toronto street car when he recognized Foster Hewitt the Dean of Hockey commentators and he again made himself known . . . and Mr. Hewitt liked it.

Going further back when Officer Skipworth was on board a troop ship returning from the War he found out a large number of soldiers were from Edmonton and he asked one soldier: "Have you ever met any chaps in Edmonton by the name of Pilkey? The family once lived in Lindsay." A few minutes later up stepped a Sergeant and his name was Albert Pilkey, who was a neighbor of the Skipworth family on Glenelg St.,

west of William Street.

Young Skipworth remembered the days when the Pilkey's ran a bake shop on York Street, south of Russell. This same Albert Pilkey developed into a speed skater at the old Lindsay Street rink and after defeating all the speed skaters in this area and Toronto, Pilkey won laurels in the old Madison Square Gardens in New York. "I remember that the head Baker in the Pilkey Bakery was the late Ernie Perry" added Mr. Skipworth.

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Many citizens who have known Mrs. W. J. Waite, Victoria Avenue as an accomplished teacher of piano and vocal know her to be a musician of talent but probably there are only a few who can recall her husband, the late William Waite, was a member of the Cambridge Street Methodist Church choir, sitting with the tenors.

W. J. Waite received his degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cobourg. In later years while living in Lindsay he was the Ticket Agent and Manager of the Telegraph office for the Canadian Grand Trunk Railway. The Waites were a well known family many decades ago and of English background and for several years

William Waite's father, Barney Waite was a well known Mill Wright when this was a very important occupation in pioneer Ontario. He lived for some time at Rosedale. Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Waite started their careers as Telegraphers in their father's office in Lindsay.

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A record of the voice of Frank Oldfield, which was heard a short time ago, brought back memories. Oldfield was a concert baritone living in Toronto and he was at the top of a small heap of vocalists in Toronto. He appeared in Lindsay several times and one of the songs he did well was "The Farmer's Pride", known to many as "Molly My Old Grey Mare". This is a number that was once popular with Lindsay vocalists to name Percy Skitch, Jim Mackey, Jack Grey and others.

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A Bencher in Victoria Park named Green was watching the demolition of the old Sylvester building and remarked "I think it is taking longer to tear down that building than it took to build it, but of course I was not here a century ago. I had an in-law named Walter Bain who was an employee for Sylvester when this firm turned out the best plow in Canada". The same bencher stated something which should interest members of the Historical Society and Town Councillors. "Haliburton may have its old railway steam engine to attract visitors, but Lindsay might go one better. When I visited my brother at Elbow, Sask., some ten years ago he said that there were a couple of the old Sylvester threshing combines on a piece of line near the railway station. They may not be there now but it would do no harm to make inquiries."

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Do you remember Gene Lockhart and his clever wife, for several years among the best in Hollywood? Several years ago the Lockharts spent a summer at the Skitch Lodge at Thurstonia Park. They were friends of the Kiwanis Club and were prevailed on to do a skit for the Club and guests. The Lockharts wrote a number of plays for Hollywood screen producers.

There are possibly over fifty people in Lindsay engaged in the business of selling real estate. According to one Lindsay senior citizen many years ago there was at least one business man who was gainfully employed selling properties. This gentleman added: "Obadiah Bigelow lived on Bond Street and he owned several houses. Years ago there were a number of Bigelow houses in the South Ward and they always could be spotted for these dwellings always had a double deck verandah. The top verandah was made by projecting the peak roof over the top platform. One of these houses can be seen on William Street south. The old J. C. Burke store at the corner of Lindsay and Russell Streets was a Bigelow dwelling years ago."