

Ford Moynes, "Main Street" historian, writer of "Main Street", presented a talk to the Kiwanis Club Thursday and took as his topic "Firsts in Lindsay's Past".

"The original survey for the Town was on the east side of the Verulam road in the vicinity of the Robert Magahey farm. Lindsay was built on swampy land and at times, Kent and William Streets were veritable quagmires and many times horses sank to the fetlocks. The first substantial crossing on Kent Street at Cambridge was built of ten foot poles or piles, driven into clay and the poles disappeared many years ago and probably are down to China today."

"The first piece of permanent road was a stretch of concrete on Kent between Cambridge and Victoria, and this was followed by a stretch of asphalt pavement on William Street from Kent to Francis Street. This proved to be too rough for motor vehicles and it was topped by asphalt."

"The first Presbyterian Church was on Francis Street and the first Methodist Church was in a small frame house on Wellington near William, followed by a large frame church on the same corner, which in later years was bought by Wm. Skitch and was used as a carpenter shop.

"The first large hall is reported to have been on William Street where the Skitch terrace now stands. This hall was named Victoria.

"C. L. Baker lived at the corner of William and Peel Streets where the Farmer's Mutual Insurance stands today. This pioneer business man later built the large brick building at the corner of Kent and Cambridge Streets, now the home of the Royal Bank.

"The first Anglican Church was on the present Dominion Store location on Kent Street, a former location for the post office.

"Members of Queen Street Church first met in a frame dwelling on John Street and afterwards in a large brick church at the corner of Queen and Caroline Streets.

"The Baptist Church was at one time located on Peel Street near Cambridge Street.

"Some notable Lindsay men included Hon. Casey Wood, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Albert Matthews, Lieut. Governor of Ontario; Hon. Sir Sam Hughes, former Canada's Minister of Militia and Defence; senator John Dobson, who ran

a grocery store at the Dominion Bank corner and Senator George H. McHugh, a South Ops farmer and grandfather of Mr. George Hodgson of Lindsay.

"Lawyers from Lindsay included Judge Hugh O'Leary, who settled in Cobourg.

"The first organized baseball team played on a diamond on Victoria Avenue, the present location of the Lindsay Library and the second playing field was surrounded by a high fence and was bounded by Victoria Avenue, Melbourne, Cambridge and Glenelg Streets.

"The first Lawn Bowling was immediately west of the Town Hall.

"The first YMCA was located in the Royal Bank building, known to old timers as the Adams' block. F. A. Robson was the secretary. This was not so much for physical purposes as there was no gym, but religious meetings were held. The second "Y" was at the corner of Kent and Lindsay Streets and it contained a swimming pool, billiard room and ten pin bowling alley. Historians state that two tragic deaths took place in this building. One was the killing of a Roman Catholic priest and the other the secretary of the "Y", who was electrocuted.

"The Grand Trunk library was first and was followed by a Mechanic's library over the old Dominion Bank and the present Carnegie Library.

"The first South Victoria Fall Fair was held on the large square bounded by Kent, Sussex, Russell and Victoria Avenue and the first drill shed for the Militia was on the same property."