

ARTIFICIAL ICE PLANT INSTALLED AND OFFICIALLY OPENED LAST FRIDAY EVENING

Over 2200 Saw Fine Sheet of Ice and
Enjoyed Splendid Programme.

Last Friday evening was a red letter date in the history of Marmora.. The success of the campaign, which was started last April, for the installing of an artificial ice plant in the Dr. Hamilton Crawford Arena was celebrated by a grand opening programme. That the plant was in operation was proved the fact there was a fine sheet of ice in spite of the fact the temperature ranged around the 60 mark.

The committee spent considerable time during the week completing arrangements and getting everything in shape for the official opening, and met at the rink at 6.00 p.m. to work out last minute details. High school boys gathered at the rink to assist in placing the large platform on the ice for the band, placing the chairs, etc., under the direction of the committee.

Local members of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, The Warden and Members of the county council and others had been invited as guests and R. E. Neal, Albert Maynes and Irwin McCoy were appointed a committee to meet and greet the guests

After a brief announcement by the chairman of the general committee W. A. Shannon, the R.C.A.F. Training Command Band, with about 45 members in attendance, gave a very fine musical programme from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock. This band has toured Canada from Newfoundland to the Pacific Coast a number of times and where ever they had appeared have won enthusiastic applause. The committee is to be congratulated on such a fine musical organization. The audience was delighted with their selections, which were so varied and out of the ordinary. Another tour of

Canada is already being planned for 1954.

Following the band entertainment Reeve Ritchie Wells extended a hearty welcome to the great crowd of visitors.

Next George S. White, Q.C., M.P. for Hastings-Frontenac, spoke briefly congratulating the committees and all who assisted, and the community as a whole on the installing of artificial ice and the enlarging of the arena. He felt it would not only be an asset to Marmora, but also to other towns and villages in the area.

Jack Kincaid, reeve of Madoc village and Warden of Hastings County, also offered congratulations and best wishes for the success of the arena on behalf of the county and his municipality.

Alex Fraser, chairman of the Artificial Ice Committee, gave the financial report for the campaign. When he completed the report by stating the whole cost to date had been met and there was a surplus of over \$900.00 towards a floor to cover the arena, there was prolonged applause.

W. A. Shannon gave a review of the campaign to raise funds for the installation of the ice plant and outlined some of the events held in connection with it. He extended thanks to all who had assisted in any way or contributed to make the campaign such a success.

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MARMORA MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

- Huddledougs — Hubert Nickle—Captain — 31 Points
 Alex Fraser — Captain — 26 Points
 Stu Elliott — Captain — 23 Points
 Al Lorensen — Captain — 22 Points
 Carl McCoy — Captain — 11 Points
 Clarence Shannon — Captain — 13 Points
 Ladies High Single — Marg Nickle — 251 (Huddledougs)
 Ladies High Triple — Marg Nickle — 603 (Huddledougs)
 Ladies High Average — Marion Coleman — 163 (Huddledougs)
 Gents High Single — Clarence Shannon — 312
 Gents High Triple — Stan Shaak — 684
 Gents High Average — Al Lorensen — 203.

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A ribbon had been stretched across the arena, close to where the band stand was placed, and the ribbon was cut by Albert Maynes, after which the arena was officially declared open. Mr. B. G. Mackenzie, publicity chairman, also deserves a lot of credit for planning and assisting in the opening. Next came the drawing for the door prize, the lucky ticket being held by a Campbellford lady.

Following the opening ceremonies three of the world's finest figure skaters gave an exhibition of their skill. It was a marvellous display of the art of skating and the throng of spectators were thrilled and delighted. Frances Dafoe gave an individual display and some of the feats she performed were breath taking. Barbara Jacques and Norris Bowden, skating together, were runners-up in the Olympic Games held in Switzerland in 1952 for the World's Amateur championship, and the exhibition here was quite up to the Olympic standard. Many of the spectators felt the skating alone was well worth the price of admission. They added immensely to the success of the opening.

Jack Dickens, of Belleville, who is both an outstanding figure skater and an ice comedian, made a great hit with his clown stunts and costume following the figure skaters.

Following the figure skating there was a hockey match between Campbellford and Marmora teams. Each team was strengthened by outstanding players from the Trent Valley and Hastings-Frontenac League. Considering that it was the first game of the season and that some of the players had not skated before this season, play was surprisingly fast and strenuous. Campbellford scored a couple of goals which were disallowed owing to off-sides. The game ended with a score of 3-0 for Marmora team.

Dit Clapper, the former Boston Bruin hockey player, and Jack Baker, Madoc, were the referees.

S. Albertson, arena manager, deserves a lot of credit for the opening. The figure skaters particularly voiced their appreciation of the ice for their events.

Altogether the event was a great success and the community and all assisting have reason to be proud.