

Belmore congratulated on sparkling new rec. complex

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At the McMaster University Medical Centre, Hamilton, on Thursday, February 2, 1978, to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Inglis of Milton, a daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. James Hutcheon, Scarborough and Mr. & Mrs. James Inglis, R.R. 1, Clifford.

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MACADAM—Ken and Janet MacAdam are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, Darryl Kenneth, at Wingham and District Hospital on September 12. Weight, nine pounds. First grandchild for Don and Doreen MacAdam, RR 2, Wingham, and Fred and

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Rod and Susan Wright are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Erica Jane, at the Wingham & District Hospital on February 7, 1978.

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Residents of the community of Belmore can be justly proud of their accomplishment in building their new \$750,000 community centre and recreation complex. Few communities that size have done as much.

Addressing the crowd of more than 500 people gathered for the official opening of the complex Saturday evening, many speakers applauded the fine effort and the spirit it represents.

"A lot of larger communities wish they could put up a complex this size. It's really something the community of Belmore has done," Reeve Lloyd Lamont of Culross Township declared.

Harold Robinson, reeve of Howick Township, remarked on the 'let's do it ourselves' attitude of Belmore and MPP Murray Gaunt called the new building, "a credit to the pioneer spirit of the community"; an example of the way it sticks together and works together.

Much of the credit for getting the complex underway and seeing it through was accorded to Walter Renwick, chairman of the building fund.

Art Clark, the consulting engineer, recalled how Mr. Renwick had walked into his office last year with his ideas for the

new complex sketched on the back of a calendar. When he saw the size of the proposed project he doubted the community could manage it, he said, "But I didn't know Walter: If he makes up his mind to do something it gets done."

However Mr. Renwick refused to accept all the credit. It wasn't really he who decided to put up the new building or what type of building to construct, it was the people of the community, he declared. He pointed out he wasn't even at the meeting where the final decision was made.

Mr. Renwick congratulated the builders on the quality of the construction, noting there had been no real problems and "all the walls ended up in the right places".

In fact the only problem that cropped up throughout the construction was picking the colors for the interior, especially the ladies' washroom, he said. As a result of the choice one lady has been given permission to use the men's washroom, he joked; she can't stand the color in the ladies'.

The community centre hall was packed for the opening banquet. Barry Mulvey, who chaired the opening ceremonies, said 525

tickets were sold for the occasion and, despite the snow, all but four ticket-holders showed up.

Guests of honor for the occasion included building and finance committee members, building fund and arena committee chairmen and the consulting engineer, contractor and construction supervisor, all accompanied by their wives or husbands. Also attending as guests of honor were the Reeves of the surrounding townships: Mac Metcalfe of Carrick, Lloyd Lamont of Culross, Don Eadie of Turnberry and Harold Robinson of Howick, and Huron-Bruce MPP Murray Gaunt and their wives.

Grey-Bruce MP Crawford Douglas, Huron-Middlesex MP Robert McKinley and a representative from Wintario were invited but telephoned their regrets at being unable to attend. Mr. Douglas made it as far as London but was trapped at the airport by the storm, Mr. Mulvey reported.

Arena committee Chairman Earl Fitch recognized the efforts of members of the finance and building committees by presenting each with a photo album containing pictures of the demolition of the old arena and the various

stages of construction of the new one.

They all spent long hours and did an excellent job, he said, singling out Mary Eadie, who served on the finance committee and as overall secretary, for special praise.

With Mrs. Eadie on the finance committee were John Wilhelm and Bill and Keith Mulvey. The building committee comprised Jim Chambers, Doug McPherson, John Moffatt and John Stafford.

Opening ceremonies were held in the arena. Barry Mulvey assured everyone this would keep speeches short since the speakers' feet would get cold standing on the ice.

Each of the Reeves and Mr. Gaunt, together with the engineer, contractor Harry Bye and construction supervisor Bev Plume, had a congratulatory message for the community and Mr. Eadie, on behalf of Turnberry Township, presented a plaque to the new centre.

The keys to the complex were then passed from contractor to Mr. Clark and on to Mr. Renwick and, following a dedication by Rev. H. Park, Mr. Gaunt cut the ribbon to officially open the building. The ceremonies closed with the Mari-Bel Singers leading everyone in "The Queen".

Earlier in the afternoon there had been an open house with free skating and following the opening ceremonies there was a dance.

The new complex consists of an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 350, a hockey arena and a curling rink. There is also a meeting room which can be screened off from the main auditorium, a modern kitchen with walk-in cooler, a bar and coat-room, a library, and an enclosed viewing area and meeting room upstairs.

The hockey rink has an ice surface about 75 x 182 feet, plastic lined boards and tempered glass which doesn't scratch like plexiglass. It has seating for about 600 and a total viewing capacity of about 1,500.

The curling area has two sheets of ice totalling 32 x 155 feet and a large lounge. The arena is also marked for five additional sheets giving a total of seven sheets of curling ice for bonspiels.

The building also contains a lobby, snack bars, four dressing

New centre is inspected by Belmore, area residents

BELMORE — More than 70 people turned out for a community meeting at the new Belmore Community Centre on Saturday night, despite blowing snow and poor road conditions. After everyone had a good look at the new centre, the meeting came to order with Mac Inglis acting as chairman.

Several committees were established to direct the operation of the new building for the coming year. They are: auditorium area, Mrs. Leonard Metcalfe, John Wilhelm, Bill Mulvey; arena ice area, Jim Chambers, Ralph Metcalfe, Francis Schaefer; curling area, Tom Inglis, Ralph Dickson, Earl Fitch.

Mrs. Jack Inglis reported on the meeting of the International Plowing Match committee last week in Clinton. The Belmore Catering Service will be operating one of the official catering tents at the 1978 International at Wingham.

At 10 p.m., the meeting adjourned briefly to make the Belmore Loto 300 draw. Mrs. Sta Hays, last month's winner, drew the winning ticket for November the winner being Clem Bohnerl RR 3, Teeswater.

Election took place for mem-

bers of the arena board. Each of the four townships must be represented on the board. Elected, subject to Council approval, were Tom Inglis (Carrick), Ken Dickson (Culross), Earl Fitch (Howick) and Mrs. Mac Eadie (Turnberry). The institute representative is Mrs. Jack Inglis; council members, Walter Renwick and Jack Stafford. There will also be a person appointed from the Belmore Chamber of Commerce to serve on the board.

Mary Eadie reported the Belmore Arena Board, with the great help from the community, has paid off the new community centre. The Belmore arena community raised \$218,000 for the centre.

"It's completely free of debt now," she said. "That's pretty exciting to the community."

In its first year of operation no wages have been paid for maintenance or caretaking. People from each of the four townships Belmore is in take turns supplying volunteers to keep the ice and the rest of the building operating smoothly.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1978.

GREETING THE CROWD—Barry Mulvey acted as chairman for the official opening of the brand new Belmore arena and community centre complex last Saturday night. More than 500 people attended the banquet and ceremonies and many stayed for the dance afterward.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wright on the birth of a daughter, Erica Jane, at the Wingham and District Hospital on Tuesday, February 7. Congratulations to Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Inglis on the arrival of their granddaughter. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Inglis Jr. of Milton.

Curtis Dettman and Richard deBoer spent some time in the Bahamas recently.