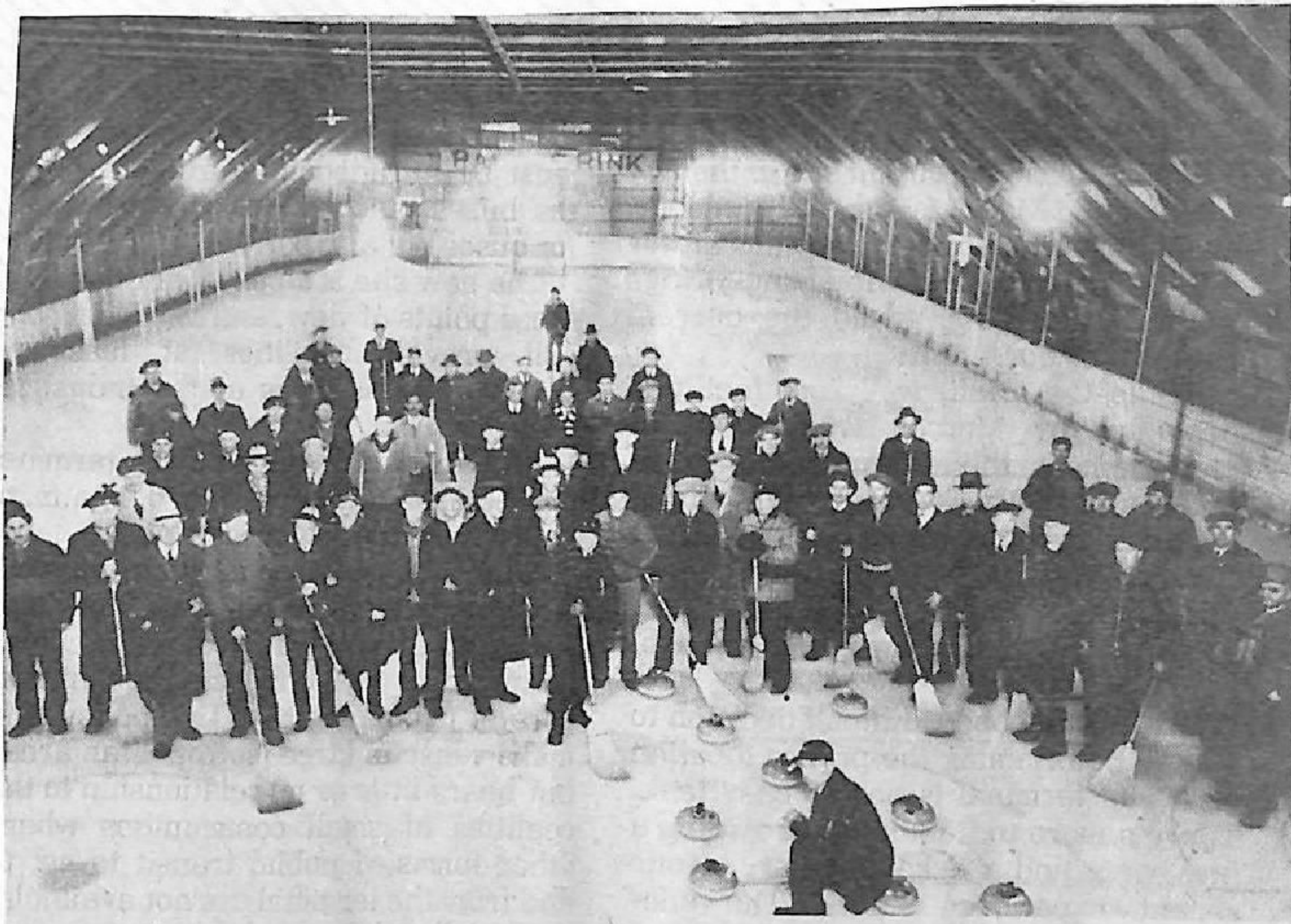




BLACKSMITH SHOP: From 1903 on John Batten operated the blacksmith shop in Port Carling, on the south side of the bridge. He is shown here at work on a freight barrow, possibly for the Hanna Company for their supply boats. In the Tweedsmuir History, a tribute from Fred Foreman is included: "He was a great Orangeman and would allow no rough talk when the men gathered around to chat in the shop."



START OF BONSPIELS: This picture, from the Port Carling Tweedsmuir History, shows curlers in the old Palace Rink which served Port Carling until the present arena was built. The picture is of the first Muskoka Lakes Curling Bonspiel, held in 1933. Some of the men to be noted are: Dr. Robert Joyce, John Wallace, Melbourne Anderson, Ernest Duke, Fred Bickmore, Henry Wallace, Alan Dixon.