

down on the 5 o'clock train and Mr. Pete Cummings would drive down in the afternoon with his team and sleigh and bring them home after the game. To go to Chesterville they had to go by team and sleigh both ways, a far cry from the luxurious way hockey players travel these days.

Very often the players were entertained to a bean supper after the game. Hockey had more of the game spirit than it has today.

One could name a great many boys who played hockey for Russell but at a risk of leaving some out I am just going to mention Edgar Young, Tom Kinchen and Charlie Fader, who I believe are the only ones of that era living around Russell now.

In 1950 another rink was built at a cost of \$30,000.00 with debentures for 20 years. This rink wasn't properly constructed and two years ago it was condemned and torn down.

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This year 1975 the firm of Chantal under the management of Mr. Gary Patterson and Mr. Rejean Paquette were given the contract to build this community centre.

To give it a firm foundation, about fifty piles from 35 to 40 feet were driven down. They were driven down as far as they would go, then hammered seven times and when they wouldn't go any further that was called a refusal. They were then filled with concrete and capped.

You might be interested in the cost. The total cost of this building was \$610,000.00. It is built on a firm foundation, constructed of steel and concrete and should last for many years. It belongs to the whole community and it is hoped everyone will take a special interest in its maintenance and use.

Down through the years many hockey players got their start in Russell rinks and I'm sure there will be many more.

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