

SPORTS

Skate-A-Thon

On October 16th, Russell Minor Hockey Association, in their efforts to raise funds for the hockey season just beginning, held an adult Skate-A-Thon at the new arena. Little did we know what to expect, but be hoped for the best. By ten o'clock that night, Dale Carscadden, our treasurer, had arrived at a total of almost \$3,800.00 in pledges receivable, with almost all skaters having completed their 100 laps of the rink.

We would like to express our deepest thanks to all those who took part in our fund raising venture and made it the success it was. Special mention should go to people such as Ann Lee Carscadden and Carol Boothe, without whom Dale could not have kept up with the mass of forms and tabulations, to Rhita Harrison who organized the lunch at the party afterwards, to Barry McVey for the use of his stereo equipment and skating music, to all those minor hockey parents who made sandwiches and to those who donated merchandise for prizes. Prizes were donated by the following: MacIntosh Sales — Chrysler; Fulton's Appliances — Chester-ville; Universal Appliances — Ottawa; Chrysler Home Hardware — Chrysler; Radio Shack — Metcalfe; Laplante Motors — Casselman; O. Maheu — Embrun; Geggie's Hardware — Winchester; Doug Cherry; Hugh Latimer.

Then there are the skaters themselves. How can we possi-

ly express our feelings of appreciation towards those people. The spirit of the skaters we saw out there that night was typically the spirit of this community we live in. Let it never be said that the people of Russell don't go all out for worthwhile community purposes. The very nature of this community was again demonstrated in this endeavour.

There were several people who went far above and beyond even Russell Community spirit. People like Richard Hamelin who outdid even Richard Hamelin with his efforts, and Dorothy Gleason who never even considered quitting (obviously never heard the word). We understand that Marilyn Sullivan didn't fall once with her new skates, although Marion Cochrane said she had to hold Marilyn up a lot. Don Coates finished his 100 laps but complained a lot about everybody passing him. We also understand that Gary Patterson and Bob Clark got mixed up in their counts and did 150 laps each. Hugh (legs) Latimer said he would have finished earlier but had to help Marilyn. Also Pat McLaren would have been on the dance floor earlier but she had to wait for Jack and help Marilyn. Ivan Wyman could have skated all night but kept running into John Hayward who was trying to stay away from Marilyn just in case.

Again, thank you one and all.
The Russell Minor Hockey Assoc.

O.T.H.S. News

A lot of action has happened at OTHS during the last couple of weeks. The teachers would take on the winner of a grade 9 homerooms' tug-of-war contest. When all of that was decided, the teachers opponents would be 9-G. They battled out the teachers easily to win the trophy.

There also was a teacher-student football game which was won by the teachers 12 — 6 on the strength of touchdowns scored by Moe the "Tow" Racine and vice-principal Mr. Duboyce. Mr. Duboyce caught the winner with about 10 minutes left. Willy Vandintillart got the studs only major on a 65-yard pass and run play on the first play from scrimmage. The teachers defence then tightened up and secured them with the win.

In sports, the Junior Girls' Basketball team made the "A" Division 4 out of their first 6 games. OTHS dumped Cairaine Wilson 29-14, Colonel By squeaked by Osgoode 15-13 in a close game, OTHS beat Gloucester 22-18, and we crushed Cairaine Wilson 30-9.

Senior Girls Basketball saw Osgoode lose six of their last seven games. The Gloucester Gaters beat Osgoode 46-36, OTHS beat Garneau 53-33, Colonel By squeaked by us 39-36. In other action, the Gaters crushed OTHS 76-41. Garneau went on revenge and haunted OTHS by scoring with about 9 seconds left to pull out a 37-35 win, while South Carleton beat Osgoode 40-27 and Woodsworth dumped us 60-38 in our latest encounter.

Our soccer team is still winless after 5 starts. Gloucester, who is regarded as one of the best teams showed it by dumping OTHS 6-0, Garneau scored a late goal and beat Osgoode 1-0. Other games saw Osgoode lose 3-1 to Merivale. Randy Vaillancourt scored our only goal.

Rec. Ramblings

Dear Resident of Russell Township

It is with sincere pleasure that I write the following of which I hope will be a continuous communicational with all area residents.

As you have probably heard by now the Russell R.A. and the Russell Arena Board have joined forces to hire a new Recreation Services Director.

My job will be specifically to coordinate and facilitate a well rounded Recreation Program that is hoped to meet the needs and interests of all residents young and old. The position includes directing both the Recreation Services and the Community Centre so you can see that it will certainly keep me out of trouble.

It is my desire to have a "Public Meeting" sometime this fall in an effort to meet you and hear your views or desires you may have for yourselves and your families.

I have already been most impressed with the help I have received during my first month here and I would certainly wish to express publicly my gratitude to persons like Barry McVey, Jack McLaren, Don Coates, Jim Sullivan, Gerry O'Rielly and all those interested citizens of the area who have given so unselfishly of themselves in helping us get the ice in and renovating the canteen.

As it is also my desire to write a column which we will call Recreation Ramblings every

time the "Russell Review" goes to Press. I would like to invite contributions from any Associations, Groups, Service Clubs etc. who would like to publicize upcoming events or announce upcoming activities. Whether you write them up or call them in; it certainly should help tune people in with all the latest info that is upcoming in Recreation Circles in and around the Russell Area.

In closing I would like very much to invite your comments "Pro or Con" re: your desires for particular Recreation Programs or any suggestions to assist us in an effort to get a stimulating Recreation Service off the ground.

Call or drop in anytime at the Recreation Office located in our Arena (445-2050) the door is always open . . . I can't say that the phone line will always be open . . . but, keep trying and you'll get through eventually.

Moms and Tots Skating: It has been brought to mind that last year's Moms and Tots Skating Program was a great success and I certainly would like to recontinue this year. The feedback has been mixed as to preference of days and whether it should be in the a.m. or p.m. with the cost just 50c per person.

If you are interested to see the Program continue I would appreciate a call within the next week so as we can get the

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