

Rosspport Hall...

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ond group of determined ladies, the operating group of the hall committee set out to realize another noteworthy cause in the village by having the hall renovated and repaired. Insulation, new walls of red cedar and dry wall were put on, the hall extended about twelve feet where the former porch was, a new kitchen, cloak room, store room, bar, and washrooms. A new roof and eaves were put on and one very important addition was the installation of running water and a two thousand gallon tank for sewage with a safety system to it. A new chimney was added to the front of the building.

The success of a project could be a minor one determined by some but it is a result of loyal teamwork of any organization. Much sacrificing of one's leisure time. A new siding of a siding of X90, a modern wood material was put over the old clapboard siding. This should result in less expenses in the heating of the building.

This committee who first planned all the renovation consisted of Prina Gerow, Patsy Campbell, Camilla Legault, Lorraine Seppala, Devona Leisander and Daphne Henderson. Later they swelled their list by adding Colleen Taylor, Peter Gerow, Jos. Campbell

Jr., Dan Legault, and Bill Collison Jr.

The second opening of our hall took place on Saturday 28th at two p.m. when the M.P.P. Jack Stokes and Mrs. Anne Todesco president of the original Women's Institute group who originally built the hall, cut the ribbon for the event. Ray Kenney a former school teacher here was master of ceremonies for the event. He welcomed the over two hundred guests who came from Thunder Bay to Terrace Bay for the event.

Dignitaries present were M.P.P. Jack Stokes, our energetic and ever thoughtful M.P.P. for Lake Nipigon, Lorne Saxburg the C.B.Q. announcer, Louise Penny of the C.B.Q., and Terry Morris of Radio C.B.Q. The Reverend Father Peter Groulx and The Rev. Father Tim Delaney who looks after the spiritual needs of our community, and two of the members of the Womens Institute who originally built the hall in 1929, Mrs. Anne Todesco and Mrs. Esther Birch. A third surviving member Mrs. Mary Anderson of Thunder Bay was unable to attend.

We missed having Joe Molinski with us. He couldn't accept our invitation to attend the second opening of the hall but wrote a letter and stated in his letter that neither The Rosspport Trading Company nor the

Molinski Bros. Co. made any profit on the transactions and sent greetings to all.

Wolfgang Schoor of the contracting firm of Woodway Builders was present as he was in charge of the renovations on the hall. He presented the hall committee with a marble plaque commemorating the renovations on the building for 1982 and 83.

Jack Stokes M.P.P. present two flags to the hall committee - the Canadian flag and the provincial flag.

Master of ceremonies Ray T. Kenney gave a short history of the hall's existence and its financing of it by hard work and by economic savings. How it was lit by oil and gasoline lamps and heated by three foot lengths of cordwood until the Hydro power was installed in 1949 when an oil furnace was purchased.

Outside of the local entertainments, we had in person Mark Kenney and his famous band play for a dance in 1953 and Myrna Laurie a notable T.V. singing star entertained at a Fish Derby Dance here.

Another ceremony to remember was the burying of the coal oil lamp in a black casket made by one of our villagers with silver handles etc. Pallbearers were supplied and Mr. Nattress of the Thunder Bay District Hydro turned on the power officially at the hall in 1949.

Mr. Kenney mentioned to loss of mem-

bership or passing of W.I. members left only 5 members who transferred their membership to the Schreiber organization and presented the hall to the village for recreation purposes. Then the school closed and the children bussed to Schreiber. The school became the local library. The villagers found that they couldn't support two centers so the school was sold and the funds were turned over to the hall committee to assist in the plans financing of the hall. By raising funds through bingos and draws etc. they swelled their coffers to about thirty thousand dollars.

Plus a grant of \$64,050 from Wintario for culture and recreation was received and a cash donation from the Fish Derby of two thousand dollars.

The trustees for the hall and the school

were Chas. Todesco, Toi Seppala, Mac Hubelit and Herb Legault. Only the latter two survive. A minute's silence was held for all departed persons who had anything to do with the original building of the hall.

The ladies had much planning and foresight to finalize their plans of renovation. Donations were solicited towards the purchasing of a new refrigerator and stove. A new sound system was also installed.

Rev. Father Peter Groulx offered a prayer of success of the hall and blessings while Rev. Father Tim Delaney offered up the closing prayers. Following the singing of God Save Our Queen, tea was served by the catering group of Mrs. Yves Henri and Mrs. Arthur Parent of Schreiber. The tea tables were attract-

ive in homemade lace cloths centered with floral arrangements of white and yellow daisies. The auditorium was decorated with white and yellow streamers from its cathedral ceiling. Serving the tables were Debbie MacLean, Mary Burnett, Cathy Gerow, Anna Ray and Vienna Bain. Mrs. Esther Seppala attended the guest book.

Dancing was enjoyed from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. music supplied by tapes. The local service board supplied corsages for the guests and the hall committee members. A coffee bar and lunch was available to the dancers and a very pleasant day came to a close with the Home Waltz. It is a memorable day for us to recall as the years go by and every success is offered the committee in the operating of the hall - our community hall.

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Stokes protests boat regulations

May 27, 1983

The Honourable Alan Pope
Minister of Natural Resources
Whitney Block
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Minister:

It has been brought to my attention that your Ministry has advised the residents in the Nakina area they are to remove their recreational boats from Ara Lake and Meta Lake this week and that next week they will be advised to remove their boats from Marshall and Esnagami Lakes, and that only Tourist Out-

fitters will be allowed to use these lakes for fishing.

Can you selectively designate lakes simply because there are tourist camps on them? Our local traditional sports fishermen have just as much right to this resource as American tourists who have the financial wherewithal to patronize the fly-in tourist camps.

I am sure your Ministry is well aware of many instances where non-residents are parking on Crown land, for up to three weeks, without this type of harassment.

While I fully appreciate there must be

some means of controlling the exploitation of many lakes where overfishing is endangering the future of certain species, management controls should not be solely at the expense of local residents.

We know there is a pilot project concerning the use of Crown land by non-residents in the Northwestern Ontario region, but it is hard to justify the action taken by the Geraldton District when fly-in operators are providing access to their clients at the expense of local residents.

May I suggest that a committee be set up to discuss in detail the use of Crown land, so that your management objectives can be achieved while at the same time providing a sharing of the resources in such a way that local residents will not feel that they are being discriminated against and are being denied access to their natural heritage.

Jack Stokes, M.P.P.

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Registration: To register please contact Michelle Godin or Kevin Duguay at 824-2317 by June 10, 1983.