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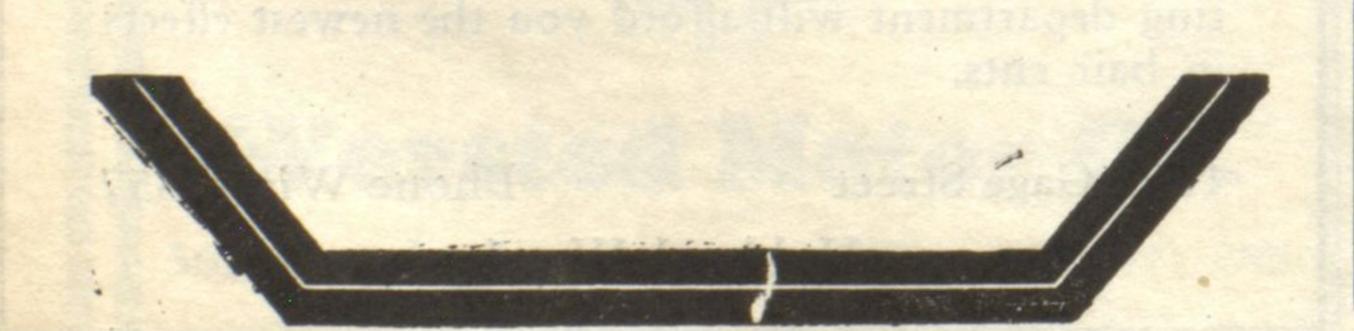
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TELLS HOW TO BUILD ICE SKATING RINKS

The following from H. L. Woolhiser, village manager of Winnetka, on the construction of ice skating rinks, will be of particular interest to many readers of WINNETKA TALK, at this particular season:

"Upon the advent of cold weather the Village office received numerous requests from residents of the village for the services of the Fire Department equipment in flooding small skating rinks on private property, but such requests have had to be refused, prinable to the general public, and the re- is not lower than 20 degrees F. sult would be that a very considerable | "Care should be taken in using this is devoted.

Spray Before Flooding

with the use of an ordinary garden space underneath. hose and without the necessity of us- "This method has been used by the ing a large amount of water. In fact, Park board in providing a fair sized the flooding of an area with a consid- rink at the Indian Hill park, with very erable amount of water, unless such satsfactory results, and similar results area is depressed or surrounded by a can be secured by any householder on bank of sand or other material, and a smaller scale, by the use of an orunder laid with an impervious strata dinary garden hose, attached to a of clay, will not produce satisfactory laundry connection inside the baseresults. This is because heavy flood- ment."

ing will draw the frost out of the ground, and the water will partially flow away, before the body of water is changed to ice, thus leaving an air space under the ice which will allow it to break down and spoil the surface for skating.

"A very satisfactory surface can be secured on a plot of ground, not necessarily level, and without banks other than snow, by clearing the area thoroughly of loose snow, and then spraying with a garden hose, with small quantities of water applied successively, being allowed to freeze after each application.

Scrape to Get Surface

"After the first two or three applicipally on the ground that fire hy- cations by spraying the surface should drants and fire hose are primarily for be scraped with a snow shovel to rethe purpose of fire protection, and that move small obstructions and rough were they employed for other uses, the spots and then again sprayed successtandard of fire protection in the vil- sively, until a smooth skating surface lage would be reduced. Were such a is secured. A very few minutes are request granted in the case of a single required for the spraying process, on individual, the matter would not be a rink even of fair size, and if this is serious, but any service rendered to a done in the evening, good results can single individual must be made avail- be secured even when the thermometer

amount of time and equipment would method not to flood the area to such be used for a purpose outside of the an extent that the frost is taken from proper service to which this equipment the ground, or that the surplus water runs to a low point in the area, and there accumulates to a depth of an "In this connection, it should be inch or more. If this happens, this pointed out that it is perfectly feasible water will be partially absorbed, beto construct a fair-sized rink for the fore it freezes solid, and the surface use of small children, in a private yard, will break down, because of an air

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