

SOUTH CROSBY RECREATION COMMITTEE

STILL GOING STRONG

In April of this year the South Crosby Recreation Committee will be celebrating its ninth year of operation. In fact, the citizens who formed this committee have been involved in recreation programs even longer than that. In 1966 a group in Elgin got together for the purpose of fixing up the Elgin skating rink. Two years later, this group became an official recreation committee of the township of South Crosby and was given responsibility for recreational programming in the township. Almost immediately groups in Morton and Crosby were asked to become part of the Recreation Committee. In the case of Morton, the history of the recreation group there stretched as far back as 1925 when the community hall was built by the Women's Institute.

Working together and operating as one recreation committee has never been easy for these three villages. Basically each village still wanted to operate their programs as independently as possible and yet in order to qualify for the grants only one township recreation committee could exist. One of the hardest things for the individual communities to accept was that as part of a township committee they would have to put their property and bank accounts into the hands of the township, especially after working so hard to establish their own community halls and rinks. Much praise must go to Marg Jordan, township clerk, who has been the guiding light and the steady hand keeping everyone together through difficult times. At one time, in an attempt to please both the government (the Ministry of Culture and Recreation) and the village committees, Mrs. Jordan managed more separate accounts than existed for the entire city of Brockville.

Accomplishments of the South Crosby Recreation Committee include many projects in which all three villages worked together. One year a South Crosby Winter Carnival was organized.

Guitar and tap dancing lessons as well as arts and crafts programs have been offered. The South Crosby newsletter was started by this group and league ball and hockey programs were sponsored.

Each community now operates its own programs. Plans for the near future for the Elgin members include researching the possibility of having a covered rink in Elgin. In Morton, plans are underway for some major renovations to the hall and in Crosby dances and childrens programs are planned.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB OF SOUTH CROSBY held their meeting Jan. 18 in their room in the old school. Mr. J. A. Donovan, President, presided. The meeting was opened with "O Canada". Miss Eliza Gray was at the piano. A two minute silence was observed in honour of Mrs. Ruth Halladay, a former member. Many of those attending the meeting had just come from her funeral. Mrs. Maybelle Hughson read the minutes of the December meeting which were found correct and were adopted. Eliza Gray gave the treasurer's report and all were pleased to find they were in good financial standing. This was the month to elect new officers. By unanimous vote the old officers were returned to office.

Mr. J. A. Donovan, President, Mrs. Maybelle Hughson, Secretary; Miss Eliza Gray, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Fraser, Friendship Convenor and tour supervisor; Mrs. Daisy Coon, flower convenor to replace Mrs. D. R. Halladay who is moving away, and Mrs. Madeline Glover, press reporter.

A delicious lunch was served and after a pleasant social time the meeting was adjourned. Please note that the meetings of the Friendship Club are held every third Tuesday of the month.

Madeline Glover.