

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS by Don Dalziel

In the winter there were euchres in the upstairs of the arena, followed by bingo, lunch and refreshments. My mother would make either egg or salmon sandwiches quite often. Until this day I don't know how my mother could stretch a small tin of salmon and make a loaf of sandwiches. If the euchres extended past skating it was an opportunity for the kids to make it upstairs to play bingo.

There were also euchres in the Orange Hall (between 13062 and 13072 highway 27) and in homes on the tenth concession.

Before 1958, people in the community were members of the Woodbridge Horticulture Society and that year Nobleton formed its own branch with the first meeting being in late 1957 and by May of 1958 had 100 members.

Several ladies from the community were part of the Order of the Eastern Star (Peel County) which received its charter in 1960.

Many of the men from the Nobleton area were masons and belonged to the True Blue Lodge in Bolton. Some went on to become Shriners - Jim Witherspoon, Ken Mactaggart, Bill Laceby, etc.

A branch of the Cancer Society formed in Nobleton in 1960. (see photocopy)

The Lions formed in 1962 for the men. They became a very integral part of community activities. They built and equipped a library between 1965-67. In 1968 they bought an ambulance for the community. They made improvements to the community hall.

After the bowling alley opened in 1960 there were bowling Leagues.

Millie Witherspoon and Bob Walton went around to canvas people to form a Curling Club in 1956. The first season started in November, 1956 with 56 players. They played Wednesday evenings. Their curling stone were purchased from Bolton and Fenelon Falls. In 1959 they started their annual banquet , usually in April.

The Victoria Day celebration and the fireworks started circa 1966.

The Women's Institute was very important to the community. They sponsored the 4- H Homemaking Clubs starting in 1951. They sponsored T.B. x-ray clinics and polio vaccinations . in 1957 they held some Friday night dances. They held short courses for example "Something to Wear" in 1958, "Focus on Finishes" in 1960, other courses cooking, aluminum tray etching, etc. They did a lot of catering for local events . One example was the plowing match, north of Nobleton circa 1953/ 1954. They remodelled hall in 1966. They held suppers for the 1955-56 Junior "D" hockey team and later the O.M. H.A. Midget "D" champions. The most important they were involved in was the Tweedsmuir Book regarding the history of Nobleton.

1957 the Nobleton Fire Committee was formed. 1962 the fire hall was completed. (see photocopies)

Nobleton Ambulance started in 1964. (see photocopy regarding purchase of first ambulance)

In 1966 on Wednesday nights square dancing started in the Community Hall.