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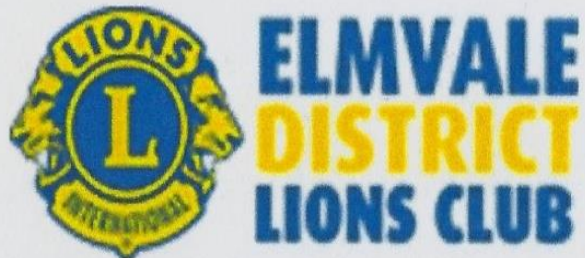
TIME FOR SOME LIONS

*THE “RINK BUILD”–
A “LANCE LOOK”
1949-1952*

ARTICLES AND CLIPPINGS TAKEN FROM
“*THE ELMVALE LANCE*” NEWSPAPER

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Time for
Some
Lions



Three e-Books

e-Book -- Part 1

Background and Context 1946 -1949

Pre the Arena Build Pre the Lions Club

This book outlines-

- the need and desire to build a rink
- the preparations and debate
- the official vote and the defeat of that vote

e-Book -- Part 2

Time for Some Lions 1949 - 1952

The Rink Build- A Lance Look

This book outlines-

- the actual month by month details of the Building process
- three years through *The Lance* clippings

e-Book -- Part 3

Elmvale District Lions Club 1949 – onward

Origin of Lions

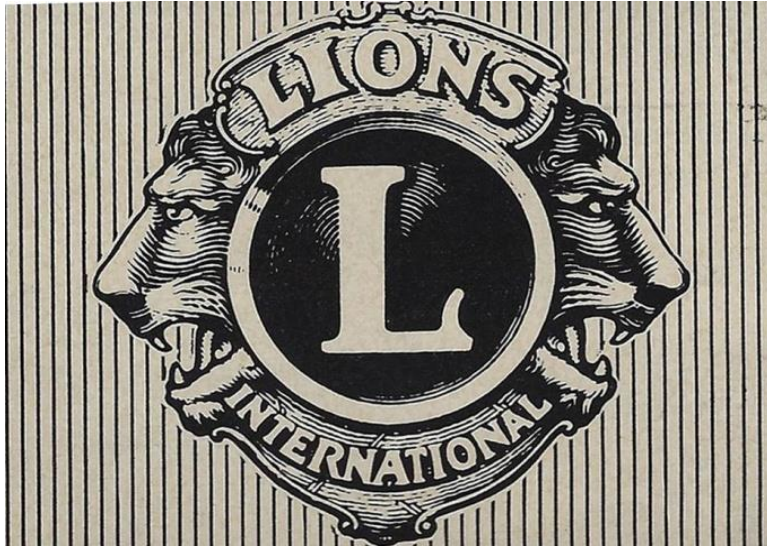
This book outlines-

- the Lions Chartered and early years- major project
- Lions as a Builder of Sport in Elmvale and District

This is e-Book -- Part 2

Let us Begin

The “Rink” Build



*Could these Lions
Snatch Victory from the
Jaws of Defeat....*



THE ELMVALE LANCE

VOL. LV

ELMVALE, COUNTY OF SIMCOE, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, MARCH 18th, 1948

No. 12

Many to Vote for New Building

April
10 1948

BUT

Majority Vote Against Community Centre Here



The result of the poll taken in Flos Township on Saturday showed that the majority who voted were not in favor of a \$40,000 community centre being established in the agricultural park here and 20-year debentures being issued to pay for same.

Following is the result of the vote by polls:

Poll No.		"Yes"	"No"
1	McClung's	2	11
2	Rowley's	17	14
3	Phelpston	5	59
4	Elmvale	110	26
5	Vigo	0	47
6	Olffen's	18	32
7	Langman	14	34
8	Edenvale	0	25

Yes 166

No 247

Sometimes You Need to Find Another Way

If Debenture, as a method of payment, was not to be an option----- perhaps there were other methods to consider

- ❖ Wasaga Country Club was being completely redone at a considerable expense. Those owners choose to sell Shares. Members became shareholders
- ❖ The Elmvale Bd. of Trade's Community Hall project was finally gaining speed and will choose to continue their ongoing fund raising but also decide to sell Bonds.
- ❖ Another Wasaga project, a church hall, was just completed by volunteer labour with materials donated at cost.

**Erected by Volunteer Labor and
Donated Lumber Wasaga Building
To be Opened with Contata Dec. 20**

Time for Leadership
Time for Optimism
Time for Some Luck

Time for Some Lions

Which came first the chicken or the egg?
Another Philosophical question

Could it be that the Elmvale and District Lions Club in its inaugural year just happened to enthusiastically undertake the Construction of the Community Rink as its first and Charter Project.

We can do this!! We can build this!!

Or

Was the formation of the Elmvale and District Lions Club a thoughtful, carefully crafted answer to a perennial problem- how to tackle the construction of a much needed Community Rink?

We Can't get in Their Heads---
Probably a Touch of Each



THE ELMVALE LANCE

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ELMVALE, ONTARIO, CANADA

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1950

No. 16, VOL. LVII

Hope to Form Club After Dinner Meet of Lions

(By Phil Brownhill)

A delegation of 12 members of
the Midland Lions Club were visit-

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Jan 6
1949

HOPE TO FORM ELMVALE LIONS CLUB

(Continued from Page 1)

ors here Wednesday night at the
Palace Hotel, when an excellent
dinner was served to approxi-
mately 40 people.

Their visit was to explain to all
interested persons, the functions
of a Lions Club, and judging by
the large attendance, we may ex-
pect to see a local club formed in
the very near future. The Club
would operate for the benefit of
Elmvalle and all surrounding dis-

tricts.

It was explained that the chief
purpose of a Lion's Club is to
provide entertainment and special
medical care for children and not
necessarily underprivileged child-
ren. All children in the area are
included regardless of their par-
ents' circumstances.

We sincerely trust that the pro-
ject will meet with everyone's sup-
port and any person wishing to
take an active part is requested to
contact Mr. Jack Campbell or Mr.
Cecil Townes.

Elmvale Lions Club Organizes Mr. F. G. Roberts is First President

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A number of interested citizens have organized a Lions Club for Elmvale. The following officers were elected this week at a joint meeting with Midland Lions Club.

President—Frank G. Roberts.

1st Vice-Pres.—Phil Brownhill.

Sec'y.—C. M. French.

Treas.—Ernest Flotron.

Directors—Wm. Jones, Wm. Bell.

A dinner will be held here Friday evening, Jan. 28th, when the district organizer and others will be present to explain lionism. Tickets may be secured from any of the above executive members.

New Executive Elected at Lions Meeting

Elmvale Lions held their dinner meeting in the Palace Hotel dining room on Thursday evening, Feb. 10th. Twenty-nine members and friends enjoyed the social time together.

Following the dinner, President Frank Roberts asked that the vacancies on the Lions Executive be filled. The following were added.

1st Vice-Pres.: Fred Morrissey.

2nd Vice-Pres.: Reg. Bertram.

Lion Tamer: Bill Jones.

Tail Twister: Sid Jackson.

Directors: Pat Mayhew, William Hill.

Dinner meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Plans were discussed for the holding of Charter Night in the Parish Hall, on March 16. Anyone wishing to join the Lions Club before that date may do so for a fee of five dollars. Monthly dues, starting March 1st, were set at one dollar monthly.

The next dinner meeting will be held in the Palace Hotel dining room on Thursday, Feb. 24th.

Jan
20
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1949

ELMVALE DISTRICT

LIONS CLUB



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ELMVALE, ONTARIO, CANADA

THURSDAY, APRIL 20th, 1950

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Lions Projects and Activities in their First Year March 1949 to December 1949

Much of year devoted to getting organized;

Committees were set up

Weekly Bingo

Variety Night held in Parish Hall

Winter Carnival in Midland Arena

Summer Carnival at Wasaga Beach

Taking over managing and maintaining
the Outdoor Rink

Weekly updates in *The Lance* called

“Lions Corner”

Lions initiated and supervised **Teen Town** on
Saturday Nights

Then Came a Huge Project

The Really Big Project!

The long awaited project

The project that had been planned and wanted and
needed.

The project that was brought before the Town and
Township for a vote and Failed just two years ago.

Lions will Build a Covered Rink



“The Build” --- Stories Already Written-

The Building of the Arena has been well documented. At the time, Jerry Chapple, a charter Lion member, became the ‘Lion Liaison’. Together with the area newspaper- “*The Lance*”- and its editor, Alex McAuley, Jerry attempted to....

- keep the community informed re the progress of the construction
- explain the difficulties (and there were many)
- solicit over and over again the support of the community
- thank and give credit for all donations by way of “The “Lance List” which outlined \$ amounts, labour or equipment
- appeal to minds and hearts of the community

And –yes---at times to beg and plead for just a few more pennies and hands and bulldozers and trucks...

His biweekly updates in *The Lance* usually started off with-- (“*Well, here we are again..*”)

Jerry wrote a full summary entitled “**The Build**” which was published in *The Lance* in later years. George Allen reprinted this story in his **Chapters** book on Sports. (George’s masterful book can also be viewed in its entirety on the SSH website) Recently, Frank Archer wrote a summary of the Arena build for the SSH website using Jerry’s work as a starting point and extending the “Arena Story “ to include later years.

What follows here is a detailed timeline of events from the perspective of the **Elmvale District Lions Club** as outlined in *The Elmvale Lance*.

Timeline Begins

1950

Jan 19,1950- Motion passed by Agricultural Society deeding to Flos Township a portion of land

March 9, 1950- Logs cut on Con # 7 are donated to Lions for use in building

Mar 11,1950- Plans being drawn for approval of Government. Copeland family offers timbers from barn-Planing Mill dresses them

Mar 23,1950 Con #7 logs transferred to Copeland's Mill and are transformed into lumber.

April 14,1950 Lions Club president Frank Roberts formally announces the aim of-----

“4 Walls and a Roof by Fall”

April 20,1950 Full page outline in *The Lance*.

Rink Campaign Starts Next Week

Canvassing campaign will begin.....

Rink Campaign Starts Next Week

To Start Rink Wall Footings At Park Site

At a rink committee meeting held last Tuesday evening, it was decided to commence excavations at the fair grounds just as soon as the frost was out of the ground. At the present time, there are still four to five inches in the ground.

The advertising chairman was instructed to proceed with his campaign at the earliest possible moment.

Final plans of the arena were approved and the finishing touches are being applied now.

Ross Bertram was the unanimous choice of the committee to oversee the construction. He has had extensive experience over a period of years in rink erection, and is well qualified for this particular job. He will supply power tools and hoisting equipment. We stress at this time that only four walls and the roof will be erected this year, the frills can come later.

The site for the Arena lies just inside the main gates of the fair grounds.

Lions Club Open Letter Reveals Interesting Facts on Proposed Rink

We list some of the details that are most likely to interest you:

SITE—
The Agricultural Fair grounds in Elmvale. Land deeded to Flos Township and Arena to be managed by a board composed of:—Two members of Flos Township Council, two members of the Elmvale Village Council, two members of the Elmvale District Lions Club and representatives from any other organization concerned in its erection. The deed from the Agricultural Society specifies that the building will always be available for the Fall Fairs. In addition this building will be available for other functions that will require a covered area.

TYPE OF BUILDING—

The walls are to be of cement block, with a wood truss roof and metal clad.

COST—

This size and type of building, erected by a contractor, would no doubt, come close to \$50,000. However, no contractor is going to erect this building. We, with your help, and the services of a few craftsmen, under competent supervision, are going to build it. With donated materials, all materials other than donated materials are being provided at cost, and voluntary labour, the cost of this building can be decreased by a large amount. Also, at this time, it is planned to erect only four walls and the roof. The rest can come at some future date.

We would like to make it clear at this time, that all money collected on this drive, go directly into the Arena Committee's hands for the sole purpose of erection of this Community Memorial Arena.

All official receipts may be used for income tax exemptions.

The government grant of \$5,000 will be available on the expenditure of \$15,000, in cash and labour.

We ask that you give serious consideration to this project.

This needs your dollars, won't you help?

Strong Com'tees Will See Rink Thro' to Finish

In order that the general public may better follow the procedure being used by the Lions Club, a list of the various committees, their chairman and members, are listed below:—

Finance: Fred Morrissey, chairman; Cecil Baker, Thos. Smith, Ernie Flotron, Howard Heacock.

Materials: Charlie Shaw, chairman; Hugh Burnett, Howard Ritchie, Ernie Brown, Fred Beacock.

Township Canvassing: Milt Trace, chairman; Clarence Crowe, Bill McFadden, Martin Strath, Dan Sexton, George Elrick.

Elmvale Canvassing: Bill Hill, chairman; Cecil Townes.

Wasaga Beach Canvassing: Charlie Procter, chairman; Milt Davie, Herb Brokenshire, Fred Perschl.

Voluntary Labour: Reg Bertram, chairman; Alvin Greenlaw, Len Argue, Alvin Simpson, Joe Dyer, Ken McQuarrie.

Advertising and Publicity: Jerry Chapple, chairman; Pat Mayhew, Elgin Ritchie.

By this list it is very apparent that every member of the Lions Club has a job to do. Some of them have two or three. Each chairman has been selected for his particular ability and knowledge.

The Arena Committee itself consists of Fred Morrissey, chairman; Milt Trace, Reg Bertram, Charlie Shaw and Jerry Chapple.

Thus each member of the main committee controls a sub-committee. There should be a minimum of over-lapping and with this set-up each man has his own

Aim for 4 Walls And Roof by Fall ---Lions President

There is a great need for an arena in this Community. It has been mooted several times but for one reason or another has not been carried through to a conclusion. It seems to me to be unfair to our children that they must travel many miles from Elmvale to participate in organized hockey games due to the lack of covered ice in our village. The Lions Club of Elmvale are solidly behind this project. It is a big project, but still we are determined that with the assistance of all the Community we can do it and have four walls and a roof by this fall.—F. G. ROBERTS.

April
1950

Please Lend a Kind Ear to Canvassers

Dear Friend:

This letter is to acquaint you with the fact, that, in the near future, you will be approached by a member of the Elmvale District Lions Club. We ask that you treat him kindly and listen to what he has to say. Not many of us are endowed with the necessary qualifications that go to make a good canvasser, and so we ask you also to remember that a man willing to do a job he dislikes, merely because he thinks it to be of very real service to his community, must have something worthy of your attention.

1950 Springtime The Building Begins

Apr 27, 1950

Donations stand at \$2,010.00

Cement is ordered

Lumber is cut

Call out for trucks

May 4, 1950

200 bags of cement arrive

Hours recorded and credited to labourers

A Log is kept of all these statistics

Donations \$4,053.75

May 18, 1950

Arena site staked out

110 'x 200' with 70 ft allowance around perimeter

Blocks started to be made at Planing Mill

May 25, 1950

Garages about town fill up volunteer's trucks with free gas

Lance restates objective of--- **"4 Walls and a Roof by Fall"**

Footings are dug --- 520 feet of them

Cost only \$20.00--- for rent of a moving machine

Sand and stone delivered

Gravel delivered

Every night except Sunday--- Blocks were made

June 4, 1950

On one day --- 412 blocks made in 3 hours

Canvass Part 1 completed

All workers are covered by Insurance through Lords of London

June 8, 1950

Invitation to public to come visit the site

Over 3000 blocks made so far

Footings almost done

June 15, 1950

Joe Dyer is new president of Lions

Draw conducted to raise money on an Electric range

Two Carnivals planned (Summer and Winter)

Concrete foundation for footings and wall is finished

June 29, 1950

Corner blocks laid - 492 blocks

Reinforcement steel arrives --- Bill is \$712.00

"Stage One" of the Donation canvass is reported in Lance newspaper-

A list of workers as well-- Some workers were not able to be named because they were--"*not able to recognize them through the motor*"

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Real Chance to Have Rink is Seen

Donation List To Date, \$1500

A number of subscriptions have already been received by the Arena Committee Chairman, Fred Morrisey. These are published below and acknowledgement of each donation as it comes in, will be made in The Lance.

Receipt forms have been issued and are in the hands of the Township Canvassing Chairman, Milt Trace.

Provision on these receipts is made for those who wish to give

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THE ELMVALE LANCE

Lions Hear Hydro Speaker Sponsor Teen Town



LION'S CORNER

No. 11, VOL. LVII

Lions Sponsor Speaking, Report Rink Plans

Here we are again!

Another successful first for the Elmvalle District Lions. We sponsored the Public Speaking Contest

Rink Materials To be at Cost

Two carloads of cement have been ordered for the Community Memorial Arena, and through the generosity of the local agent, Fred Webster, it is being supplied at cost. The Elmvalle Planing Mill has offered the use of their cement block machine, and the logs donated by the Township of Flog, are already cut into lumber, thanks to the Copeland brothers.

The latter have also donated the timbers of a large barn and have assured the arena committee that they will deliver them to the site.

The Planing Mill and the Copeland brothers have made known to the arena committee that all lumber will be furnished at cost.

Trucks will be needed to transport sand. Will any owners please get in touch with the committee and notify their willingness to help out.

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Two Carloads of Cement for Rink Are Unloaded in Two Hours; Interest Increases in Campaign

(By H. C.)

This week we can sing of a different theme: "Community Cooperation at work"

Spring 1950

Ask him! The Copeland family have also offered the timbers of a barn 56 x 36. These we gratefully accept. The Elmvalle Planing mill has offered to dress this lumber. So you see, slowly but surely, we are getting nearer to the actual construction.

Concrete Blocks for New Rink Now Being Made by Voluntary Labour

(By H. C.)

Last Monday evening, the first concrete block was made at the Elmvalle Planing Mill's plant, to those who have given their services to aid the cause of the Community Memorial Arena. Here with we publish the list:

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THE ELMVALE LANCE

Banquet Marks 1st Anniversary Many Achievements by Local Lions For Year Are Reviewed

sellout, not a chair was vacant, and with the efficient ladies of the United Church doing the catering the inner man was very well sat-

Rink Size to Be 114 Feet by 220

(By H. C.)

Milt Trace, the chairman of the Township Canvassing Committee, reports that all of his teams are now in action. They are operating in teams of two, and not all of them are Lions. The receipt forms that the canvassers carry, show an alternate plan, whereby pledges can be made over a period of six months.

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Mr. Archer-Mr. Lambie-Ordered that all logs which have been cut to date on Concession 7, Flog, be donated to the Elmvalle Lions Club who are sponsoring and financing the erection of a Community Rink in the Agricultural Park, Elmvalle.

July 1950.....

To the end of the year

July 5, 1950

Advertising of Lions Summer Carnival Aug 2 and 3
Reminder of Lucky Pie Plate draw (pie plates are dropped from a plane)
(Prize item written on plates) (Plates redeemed)

July 19, 1950

Donation to date \$5,924.35
More blocks made
Twenty two loads of dirt put inside walls (Back Piling)

Aug 10, 1950

Lance reports many people helping to raise money in various ways
Little Miss Shaw sold lemonade, Ball Tournaments held and proceeds donated

Aug 24, 1950

Back to work
Company hired to lay blocks (7 cents each) (Bill was \$258.82)
Open invitation to any area block layer to come and help out
Concern- not getting lumber sizes as expected

Sept 28, 1950

Rink models made- put in area businesses--a slot atop for donations
On display at Fair
Arena Committee of Lions Club is unchanged- continuity important

Oct 12, 1950

Water lines installed to the Arena (Bill was \$142.52)
Needed if Rink unfinished. Rink would be able to be used for skating in the winter

Nov 9, 1950

Donations stand at \$6,439.97
Lions admit-- **"Looks Like Spring for the Walls and Roof"**
Canvass to re-start
Blitz the Village, Phelpston and Hillsdale

Nov. 29 is the Canvass date--- Cash needed for material for roof

Nov. 16, 1950

Back Filling around all footings has been completed
Top of concrete blocks are covered to keep snow and frost out
Grader in to level surface for skating this winter

Dec.11,1950

Lions would run and manage the rink beside the Creamery as a skating facility this winter
Back boards installed

Donation stand at \$6,470.07

The airplane will be around again this year dropping the lucky pie plates, so watch for it. The draw for the refrigerator or
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All proceeds for Community Rink

Rink Model to be Placed in Local Business Places

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(Lions Column by J. C.)
Here we are again!

Amount previously acknowledged \$5,751.35

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hisey 5.00

Baker's Shoe Store 7.00

John Labatt Ltd. 10.00

Bob Kerr 3.00

Harold Spring 5.00

Elmer McFadden 10.00

Rev. J. L. Burgess 5.00

Francis Stone 10.00

Emel Nerpin 10.00

Additional Lions donation .. 60.00

Total to date \$5,926.35

Little Girl Sells Lemonade to Aid New Rink

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(By J. C.)

The Chairman of the Arena Committee, Fred Morrissey handed your reporter a statement this morning, and it will possibly answer some of the questions thrown this way. Lion Fred reports as follows:—The back fill around the footings at the Arena have all been filled. The top of the concrete block wall has been covered, in order to keep snow and frost out. The grader will be in, in the course of the next day or so to level a surface for skating facilities this winter. Following is an

Material for the roof of the Arena and money for the material is the big headache of the Arena Committee. Three different firms have promised delivery on hard-to-get lengths and then notified us that they could not fill the order.

Fall
1950

It is the aim and purpose of this column to not only acquaint you with the doings of the Elmvale District Lions Club, but to foster and further community co-operation, to bring a friendly understanding between town and country and to give a boost where needed. We think the new Arena will go far towards fulfilling these aspirations. Don't you. With the busy season almost over, this column will appear more frequently.

Rink Committee Plan Canvass To Complete Wall, Roof in Spring

(By J. H. C.)
Here we are again!

however, as the Lions intend to "Blitz" the Village of Elmvale.

Lions Providing Skating Area Inside New Rink Walls

(By J. H. C.)

THE ELMVALE LANCE

New Rink Has Water Installed For Winter

Water pipe, 260 feet in length, from a village main, has been laid to the new rink in the Agricultural Park. Although the walls are incomplete it is understood ice will be made and skating enjoyed this coming winter even if there isn't a roof.

Year 2 1951

Jan.11, 1951

By-Law 1409A passed at Council and by so doing the Township of Flos "inaugurated" a Community Centre in the Village of Elmvale.

(A municipal authority must hold title to the proposed centre)

Board of Governors appointed to handle affairs

The Arena will now be eligible for Government Grant from Dept of Agriculture.

Lumber for roof has been ordered and is to be delivered in early spring (BC fir)

The Township Rink Canvass is to be finished -- Hillsdale and Phelpston

Skating is not free this year at Rink.

Feb 1, 1951

Elmvale Annual Winter Carnival is being held inside the Rink-.Great Success!

Lions Musical "Our Town" another success; shows held in Elmvale, Phelpston and Hillsdale

Feb. 22, 1951

More logs from the Flos road-cut brought to 'Copeland's Mill

Nineteen teams of horses were needed

Logs are being milled into sheeting and trusses

Good news- Part One of the grant from the Dept of Agriculture came through

March. 1951- the cheque for \$2,500.00 arrives

June 14, 1951

Council gave a grant of \$900.00 to Lions Rink Committee

Work resumed slowly New kind of block (interlocking) was being made

Lumber arrived from BC (first carload)

June 21, 1951

Work slows again-- few workers; seems to be the same ones

The plan now is to complete the trusses and the roof following the harvest.

Donation from Flos Township of \$1,000.00

June 28, 1951

West and south walls completed

Haying season --again the number of workers is few

June 31, 1952

Still making and laying blocks

July 27,1951

A fervent appeal for help to pay for the roof. The second BC carload must be paid for \$3,000.00 and \$700.00 for freight

Nov 1951

Second canvass in full swing needed

Nov 27, 1951

Sad news..No Skating this year for fear the walls might fall on someone

Lions will set up and run a Rink at public school side lot

Flos Council Holds Inaugural Meeting Establish Memorial Comm'ty Centre To Distribute War Fund Surplus

Ice Carnival Was a Fine Success Lions Musical Show for Phelpston

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PROVINCIAL GRANT FOR RINK

1951

First Cheque for \$2,500 To Be Forwarded from Queen's Park Next Month for Community Centre

It is planned to finish the canvass of the township in the very near future. So look out Phelpston, Hillsdale, etc., here we come

Further Contributions To Rink Fund

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ed.

A considerable amount of work has been done by men, who through pressure of business, have been able to contribute one or two hours. It's really a treat to see these men come pitch in for as long as they can, and then, hurry back to their own work.

Alvin Simpson reports that about one half of the cement blocks are made and that if Hugh Burnett can continue to round up the sand trucks and Danny Columbus will hold that gang of his together for a little while longer we'll soon have all the blocks we need."

Elmvale Grants Lions Club \$900 To Help Finish Memorial Arena

Resume Work at Rink

Work has been resumed on the local skating rink and farmers of the district were busy erecting, scantling and laying cement blocks. A new type of interlocking block is being used and thus the blocks have to be cemented on the level only.

A good start has been made; your help is needed now as much as ever, so if it is possible at all lend a helping hand.

A quantity of new lumber has arrived at the site of the rink for use in its erection.

Appeal for Help on Rink Roof

(Continued from Page 1) class hockey match, necessitates counts are outstanding, and those enough cash donations now to pay bills have not come in. However, the freight bill alone on this latest car was almost \$900, and that bill must be paid, before the lumber can be unloaded.

This then, is a plea to all those who have not fulfilled their pledge. We need that money NOW as never before.

This too, is also a fervent request to those who have not donated, and to those who could add to their previous donation. Won't you give now? We feel that the Lions, Saurin WI, the ladies of the Orange Lodge, the Farm Forums and the gallant band of labourers (who have brought the Arena so far on so little) have done a wonderful job but to carry on, to a completed Agricultural Hall, to a future "Ice Capades" or a first

Urgent Appeal to All to Help Pay Freight on Arena B.C. Roof Lumber

This is an urgent message, a B.C. came the knowledge that message to all citizens of Elmvale and the surrounding countryside. In fact anybody who will derive pleasure, health or happiness within the walls of the new Community Memorial Arena.

With the arrival last week of the second car of lumber from

the bank account of the Arena stands at zero. This second car took almost \$3000 and there is still one car to come—the last car, hence this urgent message. To date, the Arena has paid all major bills. Only four small ac-

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The rest of this bulletin we are going to devote to the Lions project, the Community Memorial Arena.

A tremendous amount of work has been, and is being accomplished, on the walls of the new arena, but, sad to relate, the majority of the work is being done by a very few. During the short period between the finish of seeding and the start of haying, it was the hope of the Arena Committee to finish the walls. At the present time the forms are in place on the east wall for the columns and the blocks are all in place on the east wall for the columns and blocks are all laid on east and south walls. Every day sees a gang of voluntary workers toiling on the erection of these walls. Surely this community can aid and relieve these men. Don't leave it to the other fellow, now is your time to step in and play your part. If you are from the country, notify Reg. Bertram, you are available and on what day. If from Elmvale, contact Alvin Simpson as he has the evening shift going again. Don't let it be said that you were too busy. It is planned to erect the trusses and complete the roof

Hope 2nd Canvass By Lions Club Will Buy Roof

:(By J. C.)

No Skating at Rink

There will be no skating in the roofless rink this winter for fear the walls might fall on someone.

It is understood there will be an open air rink at the rear of Elmvale School.

Year 3 1952

Jan.10, 1952

Work resumes despite the weather

JC Chapple proposes a New year's resolution

"I will donate to the Community Memorial Arena to honour those who did not come back, and to bring countless hours of pleasure to children of the community"

Barrie Engineering made steel base plates for the trusses

Scheduled to start forming the Trusses on Jan 15th

Need \$2,300.00 before Feb 14 – owing on Sheeting bought in Orillia(\$2,387.97)*

Canvassing resumes

Jan 17, 1952

Carpenters continue work on the Trusses

Still need of \$2,300.00

Call out to all volunteers with a hammer and saw to help carpenters

Raised \$1,095.00

Jan 24, 1952

Steel was trucked to Midland from Elmvalle to be threaded

JC Chapple laments re few volunteers coming out to work

Hope to have first Truss up this week

Jan 31, 1952

Wow 100' Truss settles down onto its seating bolts and plates!!

Feb. 14, 1952

Last Truss may be placed this week; referred to as (8 Ton Babies)

Request to Keep donations coming

Feb 28, 1952

Date of Sheeting Bee

Scheduled for 200 men

Had to be cancelled twice

Decided to Wait till spring

April 1952

Roofing Bee- cancelled again

Warning- Last Chance –Get it done

Further Exposure to Weather will see the start of ROT in the Fir Trusses

July 10, 1952

Contract for shingling the arena let out to Carmen Robinson (1,635.00) *

Aug 1952

Wiring of the building competed

Sept 1952

Fall Fair --Wednesday Sept 18,1952

**Community Memorial Arena
is Officially Opened**

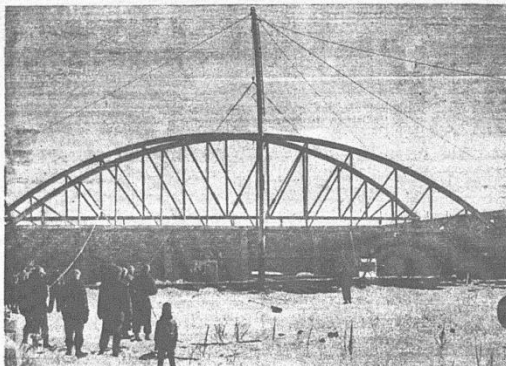
*exact dollar amts recorded by Frank Archer in his SSH website account -- "In the Beginning"

Lions Arena Committee- Three Years In Charge



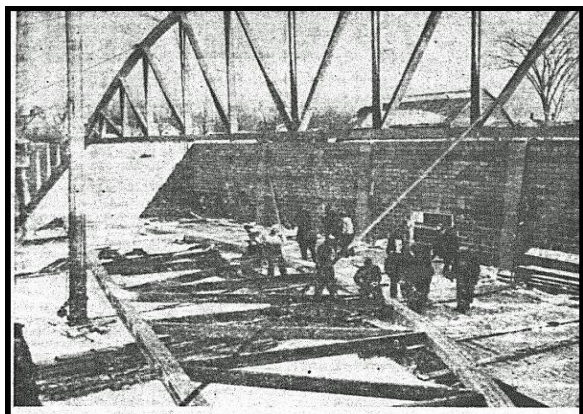
WHEN ELMVALE AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB decided to take a lead, start from scratch and build a fine new community arena of which their people would be proud, a committee was appointed to supervise the job. They are still functioning, two years later, as the arena rapidly takes shape. Also aiding greatly is President of the Lions Club, Milt Trace, shown above left. He and the committee watch as another truss is secured at each end. Others are from left: Fred Morrissey, the chairman of finance; Howard Ritchie, Jerry Chapple, publicity and advertising, and Reg Bertram, volunteer labor. (Engraving through courtesy of The Barrie Examiner.)

Second Elmvale Arena Truss Nears Top of Wall



THE SECOND GIANT 110 TRUSS nears the top of walls of the Community Memorial Arena as a powerful winch out of sight at the picture slowly but carefully pulls it to the top. Crews of volunteer labor guide the big span by carefully placed ropes. Supervisor

Reg Bertram oversees the job and can be noticed standing near the group in the centre of the photo. (Engraving courtesy The Barrie Examiner.)



A GANG OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS is seen preparing a completed truss for swinging into position. Each of the nine trusses is built on the above platform within the arena walls. They are built of BC fir and bolted together. Nine of these trusses are needed to support the roof of the new Community Memorial Arena. (Engraving courtesy of The Barrie Examiner.)

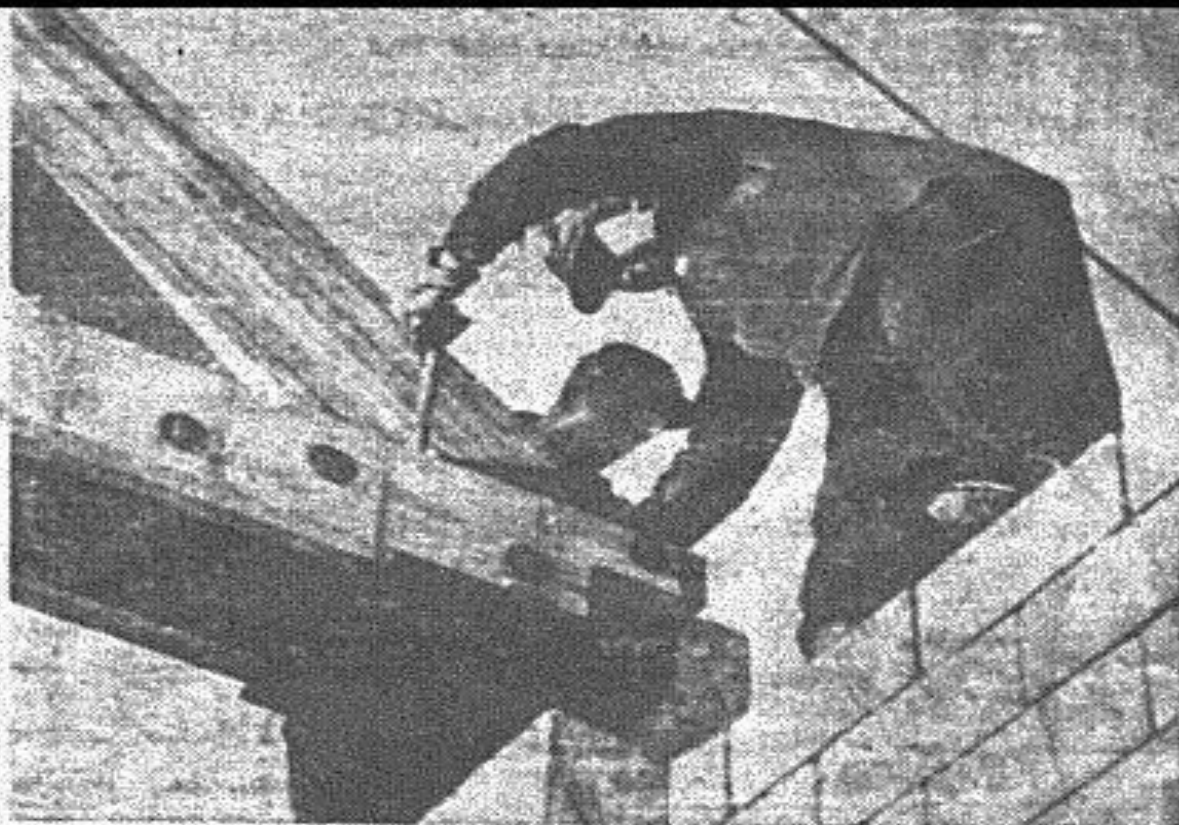
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Rush Big Effort to Finish Arena Roof



AS EACH EIGHT-TON TRUSS swings into place it drops squarely onto a metal face plate on a concrete supporting pillar. Here two of the volunteer helpers, Earl Parnell and Stan Ritchie are seen securing a truss at one end, after it had been dropped into place. (Engraving courtesy The Barrie Examiner.)

To Ross Bertram, the designer of the Arena roof for his exactitude, and by that we mean, that for the third time, a truss settled neatly down on two sets of bolt holes, 110 feet apart. Doesn't sound like very much, does it, but a quarter of an inch, one way or the other, would have been catastrophe.

Resolution? Howabout that New Years resolution reading: "I will donate to the Community Memorial Arena to honour those who did not come back, and to bring countless hours of pleasure to the children of the community." Surely, there is a resolution worth keeping.

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**Carpenters Work on Roof Trusses
Rink Committee Seek Assistance
In Cash to Meet Feb. 14 Payment**

Let's Put That Roof On!

(By J. C.)

DAY, MAY 29, 1952

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Help Wanted Monday at Rink For "Bee" as Rot Threatens

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WELCOME TO THE FAIR

"The Lions only sparked the venture, so as you come into this building to-day and admire it, you can do it with a touch of pride because you have no doubt helped either by volunteer labour or financially."

**New Arena Opened
On Wednesday**

Sept 18/52
Opening
Comments

"Several arenas have been built recently by the debenture method and when finished a large debt hangs over them, but this building is practically free of debt at present. Due to the volunteer labour, the money went mostly for material. There is still considerable to be done and we hope to do it by the same method."

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Salute To Elmvale Lions Club

On accomplishing the Herculean task of erecting the roof of the new
ELMVALE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL ARENA

with perfect co-ordination. A salute also to those who gave of their time and skill in good weather and bad, to build and raise the huge trusses. We know that you and your children will have countless hours of enjoyment in the future which will make all your efforts worthwhile. Any donations you would care to give will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged by the Lions Club.

The Elmvale District Lions Club

For whatever the reason its inception may have been, The Elmvale District Lions Club was chartered on May 1949 and the building of a Rink was announced as a major project by the Spring of 1950.

And thus began a Building odyssey; a journey whose conclusion really never concluded. It was never a huge “one-off” project- *“get-in-get-done”- “hand it off.”*

This building became a commitment of the Elmvale District Lions; part of its ‘being’ until it could be handed over to a higher authority some 45 year later; to Springwater Township.

The Arena was never just a building. Indeed, it became a “Committee of the Lions Club”. It became the centre of Sports in Elmvale and District. It fostered and spawned other sports in which the youth of the District participated and enjoyed and grew.

The word District is so important. In varying degrees over varying times, the Elmvale Community Arena served Wasaga Beach, Hillsdale, Wyevale, Anten Mills, Phelpston. Its caretakers/governance expanded over time to include local and surrounding organizations, clubs and municipalities.

ELMVALE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



BUILDER

To Note:

The Building of a covered rink was a remarkable achievement.

BUT the Building of Sport and Facility expansion and upgrade was just beginning.....

Lions, as part of the Community, would continue to Build....