

SPORTS

BELMONT HOCKEY

In the 1935-40 era Belmont played their hockey in the Ingersoll Arena with the late Wilfred Yeck managing the team. Roy Wintermute and Douglas Meikle formed a Minor Hockey team in 1939 and in 1940 won the Ontario Rural Hockey Association Minor Championship. Roy and Douglas didn't stop with their hockey team; they, along with support from the Belmont merchants built possibly the first rink in Belmont. This was built on the Adam Harkness Pond. Within a few years they moved the location of their outside rink to the Borden property where water was more readily available. With the building of the Belmont Arena in 1949 hockey moved inside to natural ice. Since its condition depended on the outside temperature, at times this was not too satisfactory.

With the advent of the Lion's Club in 1956 came Minor Hockey support. Nelson Clarke entered Belmont's first Peewee team in the Goderich Lions Peewee Tournament. In later years under leaders Jack Cowan and Keith Kennedy they won the Tournament four times; three of the four were in successive years.

The first O.M.H.A. "D" championship came in 1960 when the Bantam hockey team under the guidance of Nelson Clarke and Sim Richardson was successful. The Bantam success returned in 1970 and 1971 under the guidance of John Willsie and Archie MacPherson. John Willsie played as a Bantam himself in the 1960 championship team.

The Peewee team won their first championship in 1964 and followed up by repeating the same feat in 1968 and 1969. All their success was under the leadership of Jack Cowan and Keith Kennedy.

The Midget group had many successes. On five occasions, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1968 they returned home with the championship cup. Former Arena Manager, Ken Morrison coached this team, along with Erle Farquhar, Harley Knott and Ed Horton as managers. John Betterley sponsored the Midgets.

Ron Barker and Art Abbey brought the first Juvenile team cup to Belmont in 1964. This was in the "C" group. The other Juvenile championship came in 1967 with Jim Simpson and Paul Mortensen at the helm.

In 1967 Belmont entered a Junior team in the O.H.A. "D" division, thus giving many hockey players another two years in organized hockey. This group have been quite successful in their years of competition but have never reached the finals. Harold Capson has coached the team with Don Yeck managing.

Much of the success in hockey around Belmont should be attributed to Don Yeck who has faithfully guided and assisted all groups over the past years. The home ice for all Belmont teams is the Belmont Arena.

By Ronald Taylor

BASEBALL

The first Baseball games were held in the Creek flats. This park was the first Belmont Fairgrounds. The next ball park was on the third Fairgrounds on the Cline property, now owned by Harold Craig. About 1920 the Fair moved southeast of the railroad tracks on the property of W. A. Barons (later owned by William Falls). This location was long used for baseball tournaments and local games. In 1944 the Fairgrounds was established on the present arena grounds. Daytime baseball followed and here remained until the excellent lighting was installed in 1970 for night games.

Fred Goldsmith of the old London Tecumsehs demonstrated the first curved ball to be thrown in a baseball game in Belmont in 1877. The demonstration was arranged to take place on the lawn in front of the Olmstead House (recently Dodgson's Restaurant), which at that time sat back from the Main Street with considerable lawn in front. The doubting Thomases of Belmont were forced to admit that a man could throw a baseball and make it curve.

For many years the boys' met here for a game of catch before going to play at a baseball game. For many years also Softball was played by the ladies' and latterly by the girls. To-day softball is played by the men. Belmont has had many excellent teams.

By Bernice I. Taylor

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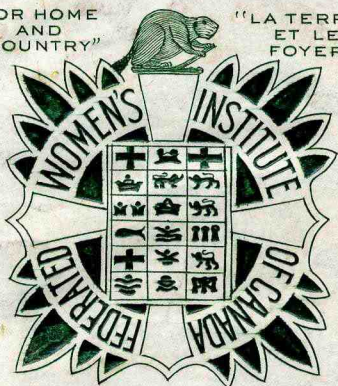
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COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE OF ACWW STAMP

Special First Day Covers

At the request of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, this Commemorative Stamp has been issued by the Canadian Government to honour the Associated Country Women of the World. In order to publicize the stamp, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada have arranged this First Day Cover. It has been cancelled at Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada, the birthplace of Women's Institute. This year, 1959, commemorates the 100th year of the birth of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, the founder of the Women's Institute.

Helen Fitzgerald, Toronto, designed the stamp and it is unique in the fact that it is the first Canadian stamp designed by a woman. The design symbolizes growth, as cultivated by Country Women of individual country organizations, into the world association, as represented by the globe.

This stamp has come into being through the efforts of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, following a resolution from the Manitoba Women's Institutes, requesting a stamp be issued to honour Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, and the founding of the first Women's Institute in 1897.

The policy guide for the selection of subjects for the designs for Canadian postage stamps stresses the importance of International Organizations taking precedence over national ones. The stamp not only commemorates the organization of the first Women's Institute, but also honours a Canadian woman, Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.A., M.B.E., the founder and first president of the Associated Country Women of the World.