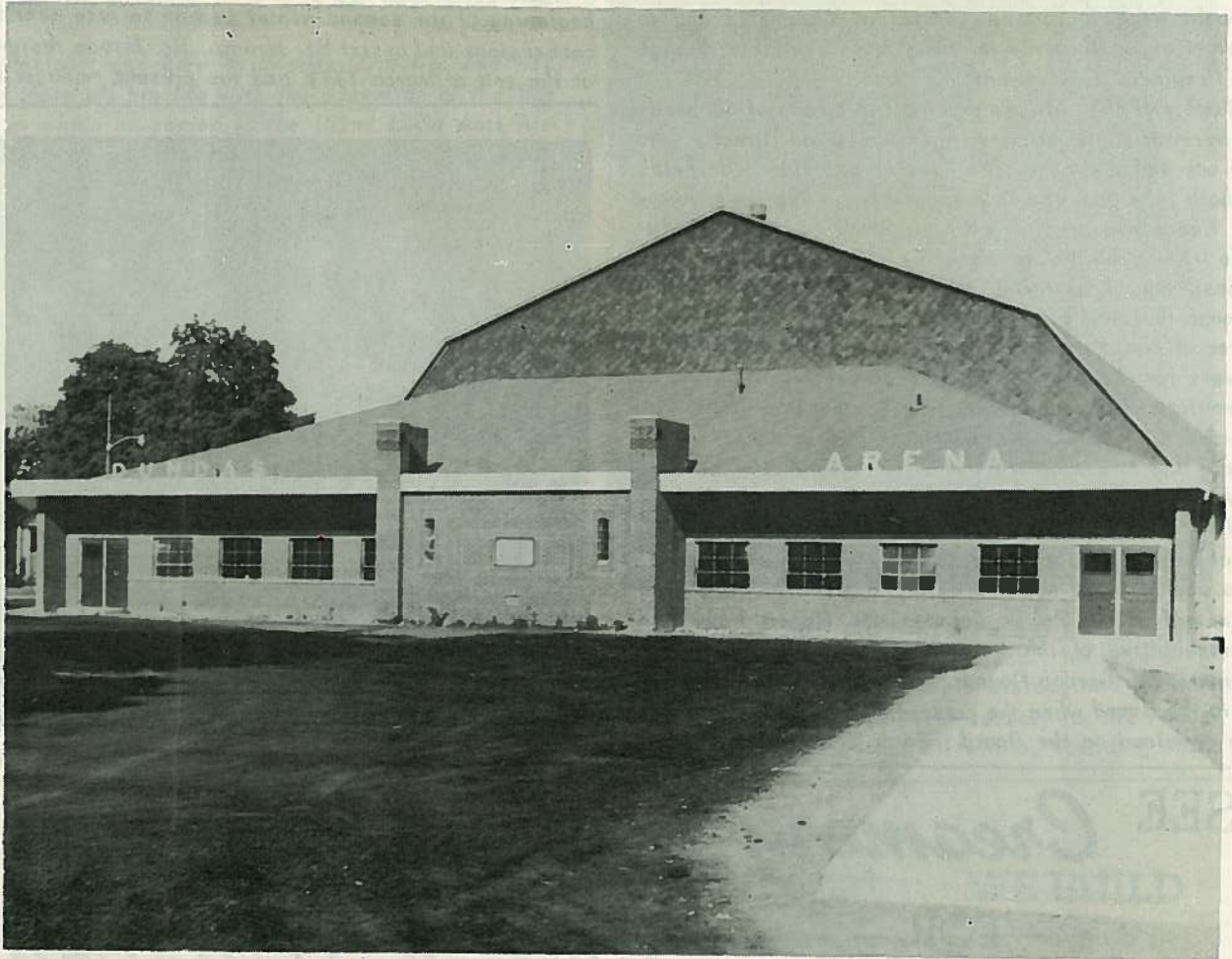


DUNDAS ARENA



The Dundas Arena is in its fifth year of operation. It was opened on December 15th, 1950, by Barbara Ann Scott, with Civic dignataries, leading citizens, the Community Centre Board and a good portion of the town's people. At that time the population of the town was around 5,000, and today is over 8,000. However, attendances have not followed that trend.

Previous to the building, a year to eighteen months had been spent in discussions and studying plans; also for different tenders. During this time a financial campaign was under way, with Mr. D.P. Cliff as the chairman. This was very successful, as around one hundred and five thousand dollars was collected or pledged, but even with this wonderful response, it was found impossible to start as the plans were too ambitious. About this time Mr. George Hipel of the N.O. Hipel Co. of Preston, contacted the Building Committee who were under the able chairmanship of J.L. Grightmire, and submitted a plan that with a few changes, met our requirements and was deemed satisfactory and also practical with the money at hand.

With the building started another financial campaign was held and about \$25,000 was raised at that time.

The general contractor built the Arena and local contracts were let for the plumbing, electrical - - Canadian Office and School Furniture of Preston was awarded the seating contract, which proved very satisfactory.

Last fall the Board felt some effort should be made to install heat, as the public demands comfort. A lot of work and different prices on several kinds of heating were investigated. At this time it was felt that gas fired unit heaters would be the lowest cost to install and that operating costs would not be too high. Tenders were called with Kelly Plumbing and Heating being awarded the contract along with their supplier B.D. Wait of Oakville. The heating was installed for \$5,400 complete. There are eight 200M BTU units with separate controls on each and a thermostat, also there is a master control in the office. These units can be used as air circulators in the summer time. Each unit has its own flue, as the shorter they are the less condensation (in most of ours there is no condensation). We have a long flue on the one at the front of the building which had to be wrapped to stop the condensation. They cost about \$3.00 per hour to operate. This includes all eight of the units.

To go back to finances, no taxes or municipal funds

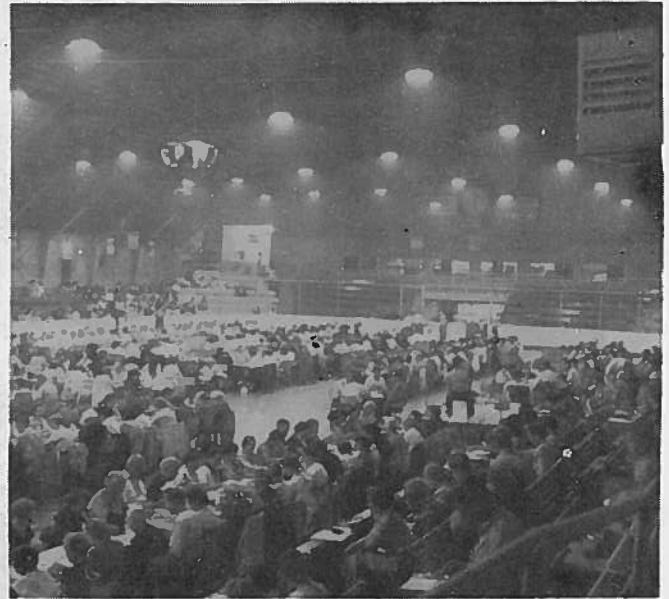
have been used to pay the debt or operating costs of the Arena. The first year was the most successful and there has been a levelling off of the revenues. They are fairly steady now. There is still about \$8,500 against the building. In other words, Public Donations built the Arena and revenue has kept it going. However, it has been thought wise to form a Recreation Committee and to operate so as to apply for the Grants available through the Provincial Government.

Time will show if it is practical in a town of our size to have an Arena Manager and Recreation Director who are one and the same. We have an assistant who helps in both jobs and who is responsible for the operation of the Concession, which we have found is a most profitable item to operate for ourselves.

Speaking of operating the Arena, let us run briefly through that part of it. Mr. Wallace Cattell was the treasurer of the Finance committee and one of the prime movers for the Arena. He also served on the Building committee, and when appointed to the Board, he was elected Chairman. He has been re-appointed to the Board and re-elected to the Chair each term. We also have some others who were on the Board originally and still are: Mr. D.P. Cliff, a former Mayor, and another great booster for the Arena. He has been Finance chairman and still is; Mr. Wm. Wylie, a prominent Lion and Principal of our Public Schools; Mr. Robert Lowell, a representative of the International Association of Machinists; Mr. Gordon Poyner, our secretary was appointed to the Board when the present manager was hired and has remained on the Board. Each year two members of

Council are appointed. This year we have Mr. J.C. Don, a former Mayor now Deputy Reeve; and Graham McCracken, a promising young lawyer recently arrived in our area.

As stated before, the first year was our most successful one, the manager being Mr. A.E. Jerome. The present manager was hired as the assistant by the Board at the beginning of the second winter season to take over the concessions and assist Mr. Jerome. Mr. Jerome resigned at the end of March 1953, and the present manager Mr.



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Frank Westoby was appointed. Mr. Westoby had been on the Building committee and appointed to the Operating Board, resigning from the Board to apply for the position of assistant manager and has moved up to the manager's position. He is now taking the course provided by the Community Programmes Branch for Recreation Directors.

Mr. Westoby was born in Dundas, Ontario, and has resided there all his life with the exception of the War years, in which he served in the 102nd Light Anti/Aircraft Battery from his own town. He had no previous experience as an Arena manager and owes whatever success he has had to the training under Mr. Jerome and the wealth of information obtained from the Ontario Arena Association, also from the many good managers such as Mr. Crosby of Kitchener, Howard Radford of North Bay and many others.

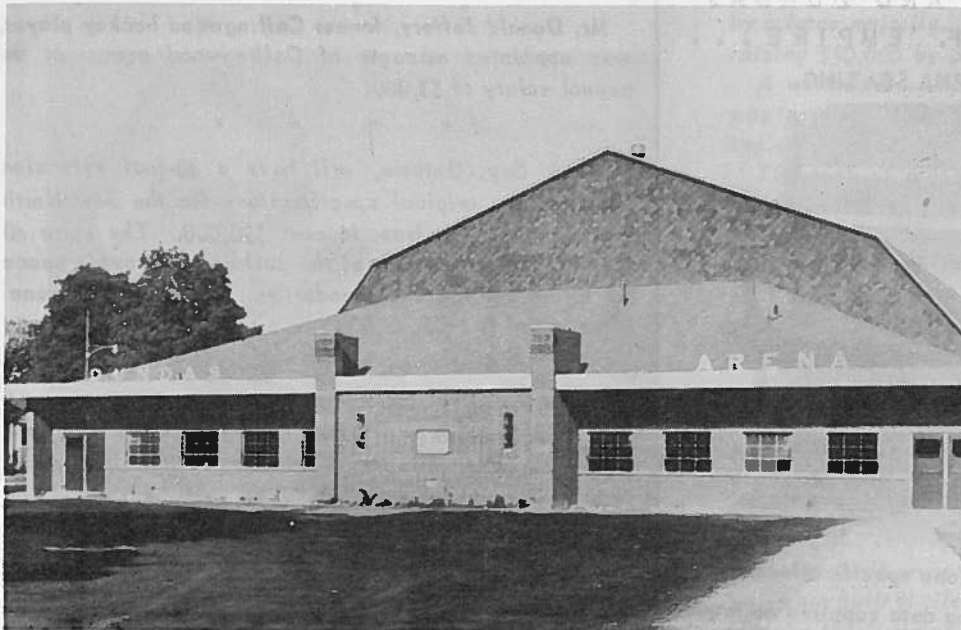
Mr. Keith Dunnett was appointed as assistant to the manager and director in the fall of 1953 and was former lacrosse player. Since then he has had considerable success as a long-distance runner.

Our Summer programme starts with a show sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. This year, they had a Home and Garden Show, and it was very successful. We have a Dog Show sponsored by the Wentworth County Kennel Club each year, this has been found a very good event. We then swing into lacrosse, wrestling and bingo with a few name bands and special events. We manage to pay our way through the summer and keep three of us on the staff.

We usually make ice the first week in October and find



FRANK WESTOBY, Manager
that this is the most satisfactory time. We have a CP ammonia compressor with a Brine system, and we hold the ice till the end of April if necessary for the teams. We use an Arlington Planer all winter, spending about



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two hours each week on the ice.

Public skating has always been a very good revenue producer, but this has fallen off a little since the Hamilton Forum has public skating and pushes it on their publicity outlets. Also the City of Hamilton has four outdoor rinks - this makes some difference.

We have a good demand for practice time. There are two industrial leagues operating here and we have a Senior "B" team and a Junior "B" team, a very large and strong Figure Skating club which has two-day carnival each season. We have had a curling club for the past three years, and they are planning to have one of their own this year. Our Minor hockey set-up uses a full evening and they do very well. They are operated by an organization set-up by the late Constable Bill Duffin, known as the Dundas Police Minor AAA, which also operates the Junior team in conjunction with New York Rangers. We used to skate on Sundays but do not at present, only practice time.

We have the usual four dressing rooms, referees room, First Aid room, two Concession Booths, a nice Lobby with proper washroom facilities. We can use this for dances and small parties if the Arena doesn't happen to be in use.

Our PA system was installed by Speight Laboratories of Toronto as a price job. However, considerable money has been spent on it and the work done by Wm. K. Anderson of Hamilton, who has done a good job for us and we find that we have a very good system - - the Speakers are a central bank of eight horns.

The building is of Concrete and Block construction

and, of course, has the famous Hipel arch and truss. We have very satisfactory insurance rates our volunteer Fire department, has a number one rating - this helps. Our floor is Port Arthur Trap Rock and is very good.

We are always ready to welcome anyone who would like to visit us, so if in our district, come and see us.

ARENA NEWS

Hensall, Ontario, will raffle off a completely equipped 17 foot vacation trailer, donated to raise money for artificial ice installation in its arena.

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Iroquois Falls, Ontario, new community arena is said to be the "largest voluntary work project in Canada" with an average of 85 men turning up for work daily. The new arena will have ice surface of 198 feet by 85 feet, - and have a seating capacity of 2,000 with room for 1,000 standees. The curling rink will boast 5 sheets of ice.

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Preston, Ontario, will build a new arena.

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Guthrie, Ontario, will submit a request for a vote of the ratepayers to obtain permission to build a new artificial ice arena.

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Mr. Donald Jeffery, former Collingwood hockey player, was appointed manager of Collingwood arena, at an annual salary of \$3,000.

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North Bay, Ontario, will have a 40-foot extension added to its original specifications for the new North Bay Memorial Gardens, to cost \$20,000. The extra 40 feet will go on the rear of the building to provide space for future seating accommodation. Total cost of arena is expected to be \$635,000.

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Construction of London's outdoor artificial ice rink will be started early in July. Contract for the refrigeration equipment was awarded to E.J. Wright Utilities of Strathroy.

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Prince George, B.C. has launched a drive for a new curling rink and plan to duplicate the curling rink in Edmonton at a cost of \$104,000. There will be 6 sheets of ice.

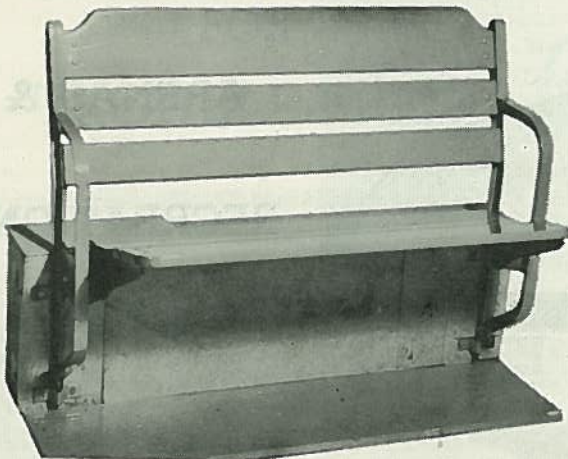
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Leamington, Ontario, has a new concrete floor costing approximately \$8,000. To pay for new seats for the arena, the wives of the Kiwanis Club held a rose day.

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