

Lots of Fun

Banquet, Social Evening Mark 100th Birthday of Curling Club

By C.D.T.

There have been many happy occasions since the Quinte Curling Club was formed out of the nucleus of the Belleville Curling Club, which has existed for 100 years along with the Confederation of Canada but the anniversary party and spiel that opened on Friday capped them all. Visiting curlers from all the Quinte district from many parts of the province and the United States were on hand to launch this club into its second century. The gathering was graced by the president of the OCA, members of his executive, curlers of bygone years and all the presidents since the club was formed in 1957.

The climax of the celebration was the banquet at the Shrine Club last evening. The cocktail hour was sponsored by the Corby Distillery through the kindness of the manager, "Mickey" McDonald and the sales representative for the district, Bill Johns. The stewards of the club Mr. and Mrs. Len Martin provided a bounteous smorgasbord and Ald. Don Joss, representing his worship, Mayor Jack Ellis brought greetings from the municipality. Vice-chairman of the general committee, Bob Lanning, was a perfect master of ceremonies, while the president of the club, Fred Maund welcomed all. Padre A. S. McConnell said the invocation.

A birthday cake with one candle was presented to the president and a centennial pin, struck for the occasion and designed by Bill Riley was presented to the OCA president, who expressed his pleasure in

being included in the party. Bill Gault, a member of the committee and the first president of the reformed club recounted some history.

EARLY HISTORY RECOUNTED

Claude D. Tice, general chairman of the committee, told of the last half century of curling in the city, recalling old names that brought fame to this community in this splendid pastime. He also told of the struggle to get the club started again and of the many fine persons who materially helped in this endeavor. Mr. Tice thanked all members of the committee for efforts to make the affair a success.

Ross Bertram, a fine magician entertained with some excellent

feats,* using many in the audience to help with the tricks. He was heartily applauded for the entertainment provided. The meeting then broke up in little groups to far into the night. Curling became a favorite subject and many funny tales were told.

It was announced that an old broom belonging to "Father" Fred Rawson would be auctioned before the spiel ended - Fred has used the same broom since the club was reformed.

There are 24 rinks entered in the spiel, which includes a rink from Hershey, Penn., a V and G rink from Lindsay, and rinks from Picton, Brighton, Canadian Forces Base, Trenton, Oshawa, Sarnia, Brantford, Napanee, Dixie and the local club. Some excellent curling was witnessed and after scanning the board through three draws, only one rink scored a five - ender. It would not be fair to single out any particular rink for praise or criticism.

The curlers were at it bright and early today and by nightfall the winners will be declared, good-byes said and another chapter in 100 years of curling in Belleville will have been written.

Scores of the First Draw follow:

11.00 A.M. DRAW

Brantford	Quinte
Butcher sk. 7	Stan Reston sk. 8
Brighton	Extra End
J. Dingle sk. 9	Quinte
Napanee	J. Sills sk. 4
G. Mills sk. 15	Quinte
Trenton	E. Wilkinson sk. 5
J. Duncan sk. 0	Picton
	D. Stanton sk. 13

1.30 P.M. DRAW

Oshawa	Quinte
E. Parkhill sk. 8	Alexander sk. 6
Hershey, Penn.	Napanee
J. Huey sk. 8	R. Wartman sk. 10
OCA Rink	Quinte
J. Smith sk. 11	D. Boyd sk. 10
Extra End	Quinte
RCAF	Quinte
Sjostrom sk. 14	L. Sheppard sk. 4

4.00 P.M. DRAW

Dixie	Quinte
J. Gurowka sk. 4	M. Johnson sk. 9
R.C.A.F.	Quinte
Curly Lord sk. 5	Ron Benn sk. 7
Lindsay	Quinte
R. Thomas sk. 10	Dr. Loynes sk. 6
R.C.A.F.	Quinte
H. Sullivan sk. 11	J. Basch sk. 5