

## RINKS AND BALL FIELDS

Back around 1912 or earlier, Mr. John E. Waite (or Dad Waite as he was affectionately known), owned a Brick and Tile business just over the hill on the west side of Forester's Falls. He had a fairly long shed or shelter used in the summer as a drying place for the brick and tile to prepare it for burning in the kilns. In the winter he closed it in and made a closed-in skating and hockey rink out of it and it attracted very large crowds because it was comfortable to skate in, being sheltered from the wind. Hockey games were also played in the rink. However, after it had run for a few years, on a spring morning, the roof collapsed with the weight of snow and was not rebuilt.

After this, open air rinks were operated in the Village for a time, until they finally built a permanent open air rink in the park with the anteroom in connection. This rink is still in operation.



*Village Skating Rink*

Ball games in Forester's Falls, baseball and softball mostly in various places through the years, were played until they bought a field at the south of the Village and later they installed lights and it is now a lighted ball field. Ball games can now be played a night under the lights when the situation warrants.



*Ball Field on the outskirts of Forester's Falls*