# Arena Family Homecoming

Part 2
Celebrating the building of the AG Ross Arena 1972

Community growth through involvement

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### Figure Skating Starts 1972

- First Executive:
   President Ruth
   Anderson, VP Connie
   Goldberg, Sec Treas.
   Doreen Berg
- 75 skaters
- First Instructor: SheilaO'Neal (St Paul)





#### First Figure Skating Carnival Feb 1973

- Queen Margie
   Fedechko (sponsored by the Elk Point Lions
   Club)
- Theme: Sleeping Beauty





#### Winter of 1973 – 74 Carnival

- Cinderella Feb 27 with 60 skaters
- Queen Ester Buksa (sponsored by Lions Club)
- President Marie Buck
- Instructor Debbie Mallet (Lloydminster)
- Skatathon raised \$2,850





### Naming of Arena to AG Ross Agri-plex

AG Ross was a pioneering doctor in Elk Point from 1922 to 1968. The Elk Point Hospital started as a private hospital run by Drs FG Miller and Dr AG Ross. It later, in 1926, became a municipal hospital when the municipalities started help fund the care of their residents. The first fifteen years of the partnership had been the pioneer type of practice with Model T Fords in the summer and horses in the winter. Mileage averaged a thousand miles per month for the four or five winter months with the horses.



Mrs Ross cutting ribbon at opening

#### A.G. Ross

- As a physician Dr. Ross was a careful and accurate diagnostician and kept himself up to date on treatment. As a surgeon he had quick, sure hands and sound surgical judgment, and he never panicked. As a citizen he served on the school board and later for many years on the town council. He organized the Gas Company which supplies the town of Elk Point from its own gas wells. He was instrumental in having water and sewage facilities made available for the town. He was an elder and strong supporter of the United Church. He was keenly interested in young people's activities, and he taught a Sunday School class for many years.
- During his whole life Sandy Ross was distinguished for absolute integrity, unfailing loyalty, and sheer courage, together with a delightful sense of humor. As a tribute to this fine man in 1974 our modern arena and the Agri-plex was named "A.G. Ross Agri-plex in his honor.

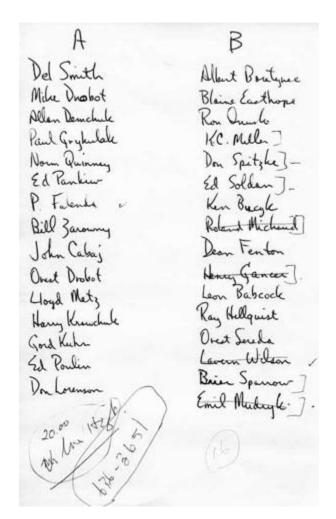


Dr. A.G. Ross



#### Immediate Community Growth

- Workshops on power skating, refereeing
- Adult hockey formed:
  - Mooswa Mavericks
  - Gopher Chokers (2 teams named by Ron Onusko
- Senior Hockey: Elk Point Bucs
  - Nov 1972 David Petrosky commits to Senior team in Centennial League. Barry Goldberg Coach of Bucs
- disputes over ice time??



List by Ron Onusko



# Paying for the Arena

- Monthly Tickets 200 tickets half prize money half to make \$6000 annual payment
- Paying lights and operating costs each year

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