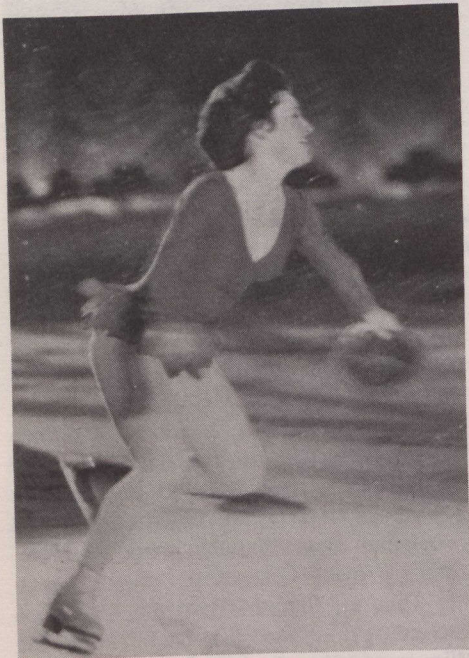


Ottawa's Winterlude provides outdoor fun and activities for all

A record number of people took part in Winterlude, Ottawa's winter festival held February 5-14. The attendance was estimated at 400,000 — about 100,000 more than last year's turnout.

The ten-day celebration is Ottawa's fourth and each year the event has gathered momentum. In 1979, when it was introduced, only ten events were featured. In 1982 more than 115 organizations and 2,500 volunteers were involved.

The National Capital Commission is responsible for co-ordinating the event and the activities were centred at Dows Lake and the Rideau Canal which, in winter, becomes the largest skating rink in the world at eight kilometres.



Lynn Nightingale skates at festival.

Some of the events at Winterlude included, skating races, ski races and a marathon, bed races, hockey games, snow-shoe races, an international curling challenge, barrel-jumping, harness racing on ice, a bartender's race and a cutter parade.

During the week there were sleigh rides, matinée and evening shows on ice and other entertainment such as singers, folk dancers and bands. Skiers were able to take a free bus ride from the canal to the nearby hills of Camp Fortune for a torchlight parade, a bean supper, partying and an evening of skiing.

Sculpture garden

Dows Lake was the site of evening grandstand shows and Ice Dream, a garden of

87 ice sculptures made by groups of students, businessmen, civil servants and the general public. Prizes were awarded to sculptures in various categories. Piruvik, a playground of snow and ice was located nearby.

Winterlude opened on Dows Lake, a man-made lake off one section of the canal, with a fireworks display, musical extravaganza and a skating exhibition featuring Canadian figure skaters Ron Shaver and Lynn Nightingale. Over 3,200 attended the opening ceremonies.

More than 10,000 skaters entered the Colonel By Skate Challenge. There was a trophy for the fastest skater over the ten-kilometre course.

The skating race was over-shadowed for the more "serious-minded" by the Great Canadian Bed Race. Gussied-up hospital beds, sheets and other paraphernalia flapping in the breeze, were pushed by teams of firemen, policemen, etc., with the "patient" urging them on.

The Winterlude "oldtimers" hockey tournament on Dow's Lake became international this year with an entry of a team from Potsdam, New York. About 180 players from 12 teams participated in the tournament in 21 games. The Servicemaster Hubs of Cornwall, Ontario edged out the Ottawa Frank's Boys by a score of 3-1 in the final game. Organizers are hoping to attract European teams next year with federal government help.

Guinness-record human chain

As part of Winterlude activities, an esti-



Ukrainian dancers perform.

mated 17,000 people crowded onto the Rideau Canal and joined hands to form a 7.7-kilometre line and establish a world record which will be entered in the *Guinness Book of World Records*. It was the third attempt at the chain, organized by the United Way and was accomplished in only nine minutes.

The Canadian Club Classic, harness racing on ice, has been an yearly event at Winterlude and is one of the more popular activities.

Ice racing was very popular in the days of the early settlers, when a good horse was a necessity and the best roads were frozen waterways. By the end of the 1930s, however, it had all but disap-



Snoopy pilots Columbia, while Canada's highly acclaimed arm in space catches a star. The ice sculpture was one of 87 at this year's Winterlude.