



Poplar Point and District Memorial Rink

39 Aspen Drive, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

The Poplar Point and District Memorial Rink, a gigantic cylindrical building, is an ambitious example of a mid-20th-century community arena in rural Manitoba. Shortly after the end of World War II, local citizens decided that a building devoted to the health of the young would be a more fitting tribute to the fallen than a statue. Built in 1949, the high-arched recreational facility features an impressive superstructure of laminated wooden arches bound to a skin of aluminum-covered wooden boards. The building is an elegant expression of strength and grace that creates an open, airy space used primarily for hockey, skating and indoor summer events. Erected and later restored mainly by volunteer labour, the arena continues to serve the Poplar Point area as a central meeting place.



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