

Letter

To the Editor:

I read with great interest the interview on ice harvesting, having watched it being done in S. Natick, Ma. in the late 1920s.

The reason for writing, however, has to do with the term "Black ice." We skated on the Charles River, usually before Thanksgiving, on black ice. The term was used when a sudden severe freeze occurred causing a black surface look over most of the area. In those days (late '20s, early '30s) the ice was 6-8" thick, very hard (black) and a very fast skating surface.

Sincerely,

Tom Moseley

P.S.

As most of your readers know, black ice was clear ice; a view to the dark water below.



Photo by Janet Chalmers.