

Lowe Worried At Poor Junior Camp

AT ARENA TONIGHT

Last Chance For VMHA Registration

Vernon Minor Hockey Association officials will be at the Civic Arena tonight between seven and nine o'clock to take the final registrations for the 1961-62 campaign.

So far approximately 200 youngsters have registered, far short of the 325 figure last year. Officials are hoping for a big response tonight so that the formation of teams can be started immediately in the various divisions.

Prospective players unable to get to the arena may list their names at Art's Sport Shop. Registration for the pup division will continue until the start of league play.

With ice now available at the Civic Arena, the first schedule of games will probably be announced next week.

VMHA announces an urgent need for adult coaches to handle the many teams. Persons interested should contact Stu Nelson or Bill Brown immediately.

Problems

North Kamloops Saints, he was not impressed at Panthers' showing.

"We caught North Kamloops on their worst day, and fortunately we made fewer

SOS Out For N. Okanagan Material For Junior 'A' Show

North Okanagan youths aren't exactly tearing the Civic Arena apart to get in on the junior hockey training camp.

Odie Lowe was a disappointed coach Tuesday night as he cast his eyes over eight hopefuls attending the first night of camp.

"Maybe they didn't know about this practice," Odie alibied, setting another session for the arena tonight as six o'clock.

Hard working minor hockey officials who have striven hard to form the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League are hoping it doesn't fall flat because of a player shortage.

There doesn't seem to be any lack of interest in other Valley points. Brian Roche had 23 youngsters out to his first practice, and the response at Penticton has been reported encouraging.

"I find it hard to believe we can't come up with 15 good junior players from the North Okanagan," said Odie. "I would like to make it clear that any boy in the Vernon district can play for us, provided he comes up to age requirements."

For the record, boys born after July 31, 1941 are eligible to play in the junior "A" league.

So far Vernon officials have reached into the districts with success, especially in Lumby, where three young members of NOHL Lumby Flying Frenchmen have been recruited.

The search is also on in Grindrod, Armstrong and Salmon Arm for talent. Several players from these areas are expected to take part in junior practices from now until the

league opener against Kelowna Junior Buckaroos October 31.

Lowe's big problem lies in the goalie department, where no successor has yet been found for brilliant 19 year old George Beck who recently left town to try out for Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior League.

Beck has promised he'll return to the Vernon club if he fails to make the Flin Flon club. Other setbacks came with the departure of Donny McCall to UBC, and Brian Sammartino to Trail.

Attending Tuesday's practice were Harry Wynnychuk, Dave Kowal, Dave Millar, Garth Gill, Gary Roland, Ron Ball, Gordie Kineshanko and M. Foster.

Lowe hopes to have these players plus Mannie Blaney, Al Wejr, and Gary Dickson all of Lumby, Wayne Morris, Warren Henry, Don Roland, Seiko Ouchi and Reg Main out tonight.

CARLINGS BANQUET AND DANCE SATURDAY

Vernon Carlings Baseball Club's annual banquet and dance will be held in the National Hotel Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets, priced at \$2.00 per person, are now on sale and can be purchased from Ray Rintoul at the Hudson's Bay Company.

The OMBL championship trophy will be on display.