



### "Now Listen, You Guys!"

Jim Moro, new co-coach of the Vernon Junior Blades, puts forth with some words of advice to five returning members of the local junior hockey club during one of their pre-season practices held Sunday at the Civic Arena. The players shown here taking in what Moro has to say are, from left to right (front), Corky Agar and Dave MacKay, (back) Buck Sherk, Bobby Stein and Ike Coulter. The Okanagan Junior Hockey League season opens in a week.

## Tight Practice Schedule

# More Than 20 Tryouts Invade Jr. Blade Camp

Vernon Blades might be lagging far behind in their pre-season practice schedule but they're certainly not lacking in personnel with which to build a team in the short time they have at their disposal.

More than 20 eager tryouts, including 10 of last year's regulars, turned out for two sets of practices held Saturday and Sunday at the Civic Arena.

The first practice was originally scheduled for Friday night but the ice wasn't ready until 10 a.m. the following morning. Workouts were held Saturday morning and afternoon, Sunday morning and evening.

Another practice is slated for tonight from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

### Grueling Schedule

Quite a gruelling schedule but nevertheless forced upon the Blades by the short period of time left before the Okanagan Junior "A" Hockey League season opens.

The Blades see their first action Tuesday, October 15 when they host Kamloops Rockets, defending OJHL champions, at the Civic Arena. The league opens the preceding Saturday with Kelowna Buckaroos visiting Kamloops.

Coaches Jim Moro and Hap Schaefer are feverishly working to weld a team together as fast as possible and with more than 20 to choose from their problem is somewhat relieved.

Among the regulars who showed up at the weekend workouts were Bobby Stein, Buck Sherk, Gordie Nuyens, Corky Agar, Dave MacKay, Jim Stephen, Ike Coulter, Ralph Litzberger, Gordie Kineshanko and Dale Sorochuk. Expected this week also is Howie McNeil.

The Blades will be able to use a number of promising juveniles up until January 1. Those who worked out with the club on the weekend included George Watson, Vern Colley, Alan Rogan, Wayne Wutzke, Bob Ouchi, Ed Speley, Len Lanaway, Brian Ansley and Wilf Tantrum.

### Import Prospect

Also appearing was import prospect Frank Harrison and a young goaltender from Salmon Arm.

The only real problem facing the Blades at the moment is goaltending. So far no word has been received from Gary Holland, last season's standout with Vernon late in the season and in the playoffs.

If he doesn't show up club president Bill Brown may be forced to look farther afield

for help at this key position. Dennis Taylor, under suspension, will be unable to play and the job may fall on either juvenile Norm Schiman or the Salmon Arm recruit.

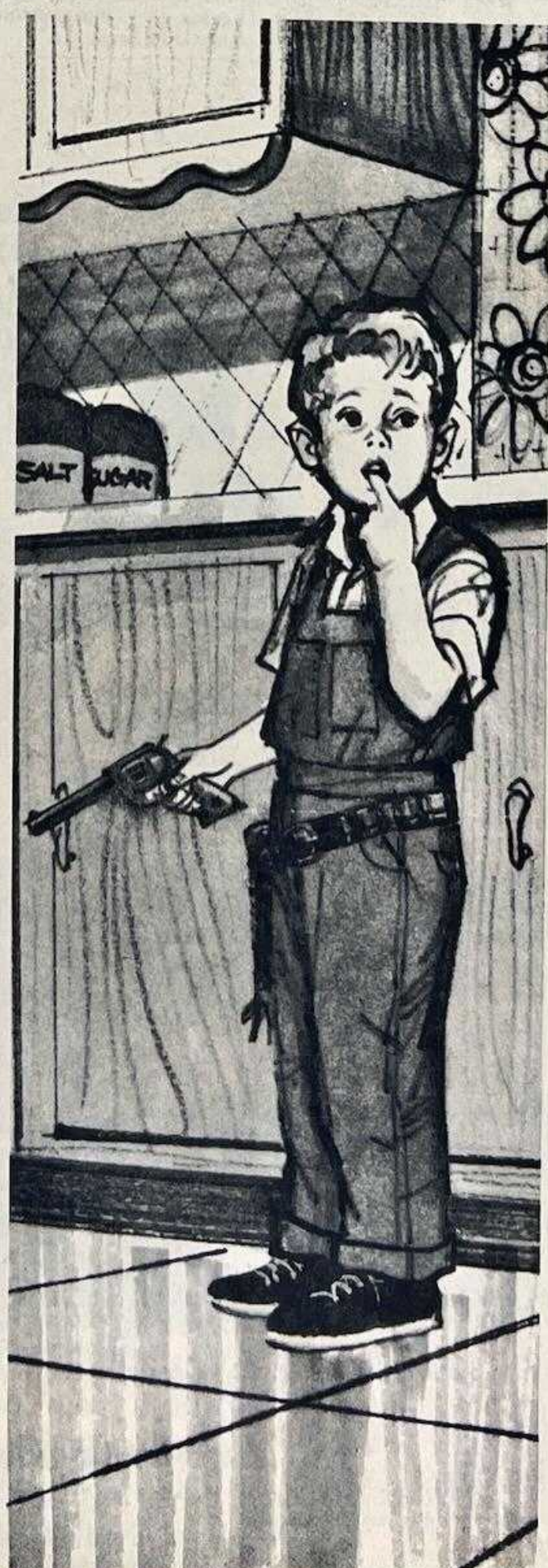
The Blades are pushing ahead on other fronts too. Season ticket sales are humming along and programs are being printed for the opening night game. It will be Kiddies' Night with all youngsters 12 and under admitted free if accompanied by parents.

## Lumby Leads School Soccer

The Vernon and District Elementary Schools Soccer League continues this year with teams from Beirsto, Vernon Preparatory School, BX, Harwood, Coldstream and Lumby.

Each team will play a home and home series with the others. The two top teams from the league will take part in the Silver Pheasant Tournament to be held October 26 at MacDonald Park. Teams from Kelowna north will compete for the Silver Pheasant Trophy donated by the Vernon Rotary Club.

At present, teams are halfway through their league schedule.



A total of 1,136 wolves were slain by bounty hunters in Ontario in 1962.