



### Pretty princess prepares puck

Vivacious Silver Star Princess, Anna Stein officially opened the 1967-68 B.C. junior "A" hockey season at Vernon Civic arena last Sunday by dropping the puck for the face-off. Captains Tom Serviss, left, of the Vernon Essos and George Watson for the New Westminster Royals had the honor of representing their teams. Also in the picture is Alderman Bill Monk, acting mayor for the city, who brought greeting to the league on behalf of the citizens. Essos won the opener by dropping the Royals 7-5.

## Jr. "A" hockey Saturday

# Old rivals battle here

It was back to hard practice sessions this week for the Vernon Essos as they prepare for games two and three this weekend in the new B.C. junior "A" hockey league.

Friday night, Essos travel to Kelowna to meet the Buckaroos in a sheer test of strength between the two perpetual rivals.

For years, the Bucks have been riding high on the glory of countless victories over the hapless Vernon squad, but now things may be different. Vernon opened their season with a big win against New Westminster Royals 7-5 and a reportedly weak Kelowna club squandered their opening dates with losses to both the Royals and Victoria Cougars.

Saturday night, Buckaroos lost a close 4-3 decision to New Westminster and then faced a tough Victoria squad at home Sunday afternoon only to be again placed on the short end of a 3-2 score.

For the newly revamped

Kamloops squad, not only do they have their name, the Rockets, back on their sweaters, but the old warhorse, Kenny Stewart, is again pacing the bench line for the Thompson River boys.

A lot will depend on how both Vernon and Kamloops fare in their games against Kelowna and Penticton respectively on Friday night.

Vernon travel to Kelowna and the Rockets will be in Penticton against the Broncos. Any combination of wins or losses for either club should make for quite a battle here in Vernon on Saturday night.

Game time is set for 8:30 p.m. Officials expect one of the biggest turnouts in years and spectators are asked to come early if they wish good seats.

### For Okanagan series

## Grass hockey finals here

Okanagan grass hockey finals will be held here in Vernon, Saturday at MacDonald park and Harwood school grounds.

Two teams will be represented from the north, central, south and Kamloops zones with each team playing a double knockout series in the one-day meet.

Representing the North zone will be Salmon Arm, the division winners and runner-up Vernon.

First games are due to begin at 10 a.m. with the wind-up matches finishing approximately by 3:30 p.m.

Winners of the Okanagan tournament will travel to Grand Forks for a two day B.C. championship fi-





## Pat Reilly Jr., memorial trophy

The Pat Reilly Jr. memorial trophy to be given to the most valuable junior player on the Essos team at the end of this season, was formally handed over by committee chairman, John Tykalovich, right, on behalf of the donors, local 821, Vernon branch of the International brotherhood of electrical workers union to Vernon Dye, director of the junior Essos hockey club prior to the opening game Sunday. Mr. Tykalovich said the trophy was presented to perpetuate the memory of B.C. Hydro worker, Pat Reilly, who above all else was a great supporter of junior hockey in this area. Mr. Reilly for years worked in the Vernon minor hockey association and found a great deal of enjoyment working with young hockey players.