

## Camp opens tomorrow

# Junior hockey looks big here

Probably the busiest people in town these days have been members of the Vernon Junior A hockey club executive.

Last minute details as to players, scheduling, ice time and to organizing the training camp which starts this Friday, has kept them more than a little busy.

Already a large number of prospective players are on hand to try their luck with the defending B.C. champions and this includes several local boys who have graduated from minor hockey ranks.

With a 60 game schedule facing the B.C. league this year, and which starts Oct. 3 all eight teams which includes the new Chilliwack entry will be looking to field strong contenders in a tough Junior A loop.

Vernon coach, Odie Lowe will have a hard time this year in selecting the best players who are wanting to join the new edition of the Essos.

Along with 30 home games, Vernon fans will have an opportunity to see several pre-league exhibition matches of the six planned for the local club.

Wednesday, Sept. 23, Essos travel to Penticton for an 8 p.m. game, then return to the Vernon rink for a game with Kelowna, Friday, Sept. 25 with game time set for 9 p.m.

Essos then take on Kelowna on their home ice in a Sunday night fixture at 7 p.m. then play host to Penticton the following night, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m.

Tuesday Sept 29 Essos head for Kamloops for another 8 p.m. fixture then take on Kamloops back in Vernon the following night with that game set for 8 p.m.

In all, it will mean six games in eight days for the Vernon boys and will, if nothing else, jell the team into a solid unit for the tough schedule ahead.

With tomorrow set for the training camp opening, team officials will be looking for the best in camp and will start everyone off with a light two hour skate starting at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday the training gets down to work in earnest as the prospective players are broken into two groups with the A group starting at 8:30 through to 10:15 a.m. and the B squad taking to the ice at 10:30 to 12:15 noon.

Later the same day, an evening session is slated with the A's taking to the ice at 6 to 7:45 p.m. and the B's starting off at 8 through 9:45 p.m.

With the Essos now officially working with the Medicine Hat juniors of the Western Canada league, it is expected several new faces from Prairie points will be in town to try on the Vernon colors. Team manager Vern Dye will wing his way to the Alberta centre this weekend to look over prospects already at the Hat training camp.

Expected to be back in the Vernon line up this season are John Price of Cranbrook, Gordon Merritt of Prince George, Perry Hebert of Leduc, Alberta and of course Vernon's own Wayne Dye, now of

baseball fame.

One new face expected to make a berth here, is 18 year old Jim Lawrence of Vancouver. Team officials feel he will certainly be an asset to the team.

From the spectator point of view, season tickets with reserve seats included go on sale Saturday morning at Vernon Sport and Marine.

The package will cost fans only \$40 and they will have a choice of a reserved seat anywhere on either centre sidelines. They will also get first choice on seats for playoffs. Officials feel that anyone buying a season ticket will get more than their monies worth and at the same time save a few dollars.

TAKE A CLOSER



AT YOUR OFFICE  
FURNITURE

Modern Furniture Increases  
Staff Efficiency

**BARTON & CORBETT**  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT

We carry a complete line of office furniture, equipment, stationery.

**WE EXPECT TO BE VERY  
BUSY STARTING SEPT. 28  
SO IT MIGHT BE SMART  
TO ORDER YOUR NEW  
CHEVY VEGA AHEAD.**



CHEVROLET  
**VERNON MOTOR PRODUCTS LTD**  
OLDSMOBILE  
Highway 97N 542-8222