



Extensive program

'Extensive', is about the only word which correctly describes the Vernon Department of Park and Recreation's programs this summer.

The department has planned more activities for July and August, than in any previous year.

There will be just about everything offered including a men's recreational soccer league, basketball, swimming, ice skating, curling, roller skating, softball, and tennis.

Only problem the department may be faced with is lack of participation.

In past years, the popular opinion has been that too many local residents are occupied with holidays and suntanning to be interested in summer sports.

Vernon's new Recreation Director John Mahler says he is aware of this possible problem, but is not worried about it.

NOT WORRIED

Mahler said, "I don't believe everyone leaves Vernon in the summer, and I feel that lots of people in our community, who stay here, would be interested in joining a program.

"We're not worried about failure, we're just going to try it, and see how it works. All the programs we are sponsoring are the result of conversations and meetings with sports-minded people in the Vernon area.

"Even if we don't make a great showing in all activities, I'm sure some will be very successful."

Although there hasn't exactly been a stampede to the recreation centre to register for programs, people are starting to show interest now.

Several of the programs may be destined for failure, but Mahler says he isn't worried about that. So, let us hope the community gets behind the activities.

NO WORD YET

Vernon Vikings' Junior 'A' Hockey Club has scheduled another executive meeting Wednesday night, and that meeting will be a big one.

It is expected that the team directors will agree, or disagree, on a budget for the next year. If there is a disagreement, some of the team's shares may be up for sale.

Last season's budget was in excess of \$90,000 and at least three of the six owners feel that figure must be cut considerably to make the club a break-even proposition.

Coach Joe Tenant told the Daily News today he has written to two players from Finland, who played in the Kamloops International Bantam Tournament last year.

Tennant said he has spoken with both boys and they are interested in coming to Vernon to play hockey next winter. Reportedly both players are excellent professional prospects.

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