

# Ice surface may get roof



There is a rumor circulating around our fair city that the outdoor ice surface, adjacent to the Vernon Curling Club, may have a roof on it in time for use next winter.

The surface proves very useful from January through March, providing it doesn't snow, and there is some sunlight.

However, it gets pretty frustrating for the little pup hockey players, who use the surface as their only source of ice time. They are scheduled to play early in the morning on weekends, and quite often when they arrive at the rink, they find inches of snow majestically blanketing the area.

That is if you like snow. If you are one of the young hockey players, or their coaches, its that doggone, awful white stuff again.

For several years there have been plans to cover the surface but money, and a lack of cooperation between interested bodies, appears to have held up progress.

But, apparently the ball is rolling now and there is some hope that the surface will be covered, with lights. That would also make the facility available for evening tennis in the summer months.

## TEAM LOOKS GOOD

Recalling the old days, Gordie Nuyens says Vernon's senior baseball team never had it as good as this year.

Nuyens says in the old days, the team had Reg Main to pitch. The next game, they had Reg Main pitching again. And the next game, the same story.

Then behind-the-plate they had Gordie Nuyens, game in, and game out.

This year its a completely different story. Yes, Main is still around as the veteran of the pitching staff. But, he has plenty of help. Both Leo Gauthier and Darrel Leir have been impressive as starters while Wayne Dye and Nuyens have helped out in relief.

With ex-professional catcher Mike McAvoy at catcher, Nuyens has had time to pitch, play first base, and occasionally take a rest on the bench.

Besides, McAvoy and Nuyens, there is also rookie Jeff Todd, a more than adequate catcher.

Nuyens says that has been the story of Vernon Legion this year, and the main reason the team is 8-0.

He said, "We have at least two or three guys who can play every position. If two or three guys can't make a game, we can always fill in with someone equally as capable.

"Besides the veterans, we've got a good crop of kids."

As one expert, Nuyens says this is the best club Vernon's ever had. And he should know!