

THE OUTDOORS

Many beautiful back road drives

By NONIE FRISBY
 Just for this week let's forget hunting, fishing, curling, skiing and whatever your winter thing is. There is another outdoor recreation that the whole family can participate in. A Sunday drive.

What happened to the good old fashioned Sunday drive? Dad used to pack mother in the front seat, and all his kids, plus a few of the neighbors in the back seat and spend from one hour up just driving around.

Why not try a Sunday drive, but get off the hardtop. There are plenty of back roads that do not require four wheel drives. Then if you feel so inclined, you can do a bit of walking, bird watching, rock collecting, picnicking, or you can just park your vehicle and take in some of the good trees and take a good close look at some of the wonders of the outdoors. Things will never see driving at 55 on the main highway.

Do you remember what the weather was like last Sunday? Cool, overcast and depressing. Well, I accompanied Alan on an hour of duty around Mabel Lake. We drove under the overcast sky until we reached Smythe Creek, and despite the weather it was beautiful. We went up Smythe Creek, climbed into the fog and it was like a fairyland, every tree, shrub and blade of grass was covered with hoar-frost.

A trip with Alan is of course, punctuated with stops as he checks and talks with hunters, most of whom hadn't been doing too well. We rounded one corner there were two beautiful big deer browsing away as I was concerned as possible. No, they aren't in my deep freeze, we yelled, whistled and banged on the truck and they walked off the road a few yards and went back to work. They keep that up they'll soon

Slapstick hockey to start

The Slapstick Hockey League comes to life in Vernon. This is a men's recreational Slapstick Hockey League with games scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and 10:15 p.m. Only four teams can be accommodated. Special rules have been introduced in this game which prohibits body-checking and slapshots. Additional design has been introduced to the regular goal structure, which will remove the requirements for a goaltender.

All games will be played at the Centennial Rink beginning the first week of December. Teams interested in this activity must register on or before Nov. 26 with a team entry fee of \$10.00. There is a first-come, first-served basis. Registration hours are Monday to Friday, 9 to 12 noon, 1 to 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 to 12 noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays 12 to 6 p.m. Additional information is required, please contact the Sports and Recreation office at the Great Vernon Parks and Recreation District at 545-9035.

Panthers win season's first exhibition game

By DALE MAJOR
 Daily News Sports Correspondent
 The VSSB boys basketball team, the Panther Panthers, opened their year on the right foot edging Kelowna Owls 43-42 in an exhibition game played in Kelowna Wednesday.

The game was a see-saw battle with lead changing hands many times. Kelowna opened fast taking a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, but in the second quarter of play Vernon quickly dominated shutting out the Owls and taking a 22-18 lead into the half. In the third quarter Kelowna rebounded to take a 34-27 lead.

Mike Korman was Vernon's top scorer picking up 12 points, along with nine rebounds and seven steals. Steve King added 10 points and Tom Davidson netted eight.

Brent Zimmer also added nine rebounds.

The Panthers ran into foul trouble early in the game and fouled out four players, leaving them with one player to finish the game including two with four fouls each.

In the final three minutes of the game, leading 43-39 Vernon converted successfully its man-to-man

be in someone's freezer.

We climbed up through this heavy fog and into clear blue skies and warm sunshine. It was hard to believe when we had just come from Stan Standyk of Pinasus Lake tells me the best thing clear skies and sunshine all last week. So if you are hesitating to go fishing at your favorite high lake because of bad weather here, don't. Go and catch a few late fall fish.

REFRESHING LUNCH
 We ate our lunch at the 600-foot level and thought it could see your breath it was still warm and very refreshing. When you step out on your front lawn and take a good deep breath you think how fresh and invigorating it is, but try stepping out of your vehicle at the 7,000-foot level and see what invigorating air really feels like. Your lungs may get a bit of a shock, but they'll soon get used to it.

This is your country, why not enjoy it? Forget a few Sunday afternoon football games, before the winter snows confine you to our local area, take some of the best country. There are a lot of places to go. I'd be happy to tell you where to go. Have you taken the back road to Pinasus lately? How about a drive over the Monasus, into Kettle Lake, down the Kettle River, around Mabel Lake, or even up on Vernon Mountain. It would take you a lot of Sundays to cover all the areas you visit on one day drive from your Vernon homes.

SNAKE MYTHS
 In this edition of Wildlife Review there is a very interesting article on snakes myth by the author. Snakes are slimy? False. Even when wet, a snake does not feel slimy. Ordinarily, unless it has just come from the water or out of wet leaves or grass, its scale-covered body will be dry and cool to the touch.

Locally, if the wily Mule deer has been in the woods, the couple more weeks he'll be some few, or another year. Check your game regulations.

PIN POINTS

November 9, 1974
 Tues. 7-9 Misses
 Women's high single — Dorothy Smith 214; high triple — Dorothy Smith 210.
 Men's high single — John Lyovich 312; high triple — John Lyovich 267; high average — Ron Kelley 254.
 Team high single — Generals TV 279; high triple — Generals TV 279.

TEAM STANDINGS
 Generals TV 289 1/2
 Marv's VI 283 1/2
 Misses 277 1/2

GYM DANDY CLUB
 Women's high single Maureen Lower 114; high average — Maureen Lower 128; high average Maureen Lower 128.
 Men's high single Ed Hammond 255; high double Ed Hammond 262; high average Ed Hammond 262.

Builder of the week: Ladies, Ron Kelley, 93 pins over average; men's, Albert Parsons, 75 pins over average.

defence into a diamond and in efforts to keep the players from fouling out and to shut off one of Kelowna's top scorers.

Panthers coach Rick Inrig was pleased with his team's performance in their exhibition game, saying, "The defence played superb, though the offence was not as good as we strictly a learning experience and a chance to start off with the wet and rainy weather the players to competition."

Inrig singled out the play of Mike Korman who played superb all-round game. Grant Golder, Dave Turner and Ed Waterhouse for their solid performances.

The Panthers will see their next action in this coming Wednesday as they host Revelstoke at 7:30 p.m. at VSSB.

The 1976-77 version of the Vernon Panthers will be a strong, aggressive, fast-paced, well balanced club.

The Panthers coming off the year in Kelowna and History, winning 18 and losing 18, will field an experienced squad with eight excellent returnees from last year's squad, including excellent returnees King, an Okanagan all-star last season.

The Vernon team will also feature four promising rookies Brent Zimmer who will be a

Lefley star of Vikings' 6-5 overtime victory

A sparkling four-goal performance by winger Jack Lefley enabled the Vernon Vikings to squeak a 6-5 overtime win against Merritt Centenials in B.C. Junior Hockey League action before about 600 fans in Vernon Civic Arena last night.

Lefley, in addition to scoring four goals — including the overtime game winner — dominated play in both ends of the rink with his solid checking and penalty killing. Merritt looked like they had the game in regulation time, however, a face-off in the Vernon end with less than five seconds remaining allowed

the Cents to pull their goalie in favor of an extra attacker and tie it up at the 19:37 mark.

The teams were tied at one apiece after the first period and the Cents led 3-2 after the second.

MERRITT OPENS
 Merritt opened the scoring at 3:28 on a shot from Glen Johnson, before Darcy Wilkinson tied it up six minutes later.

Early in the second, Merritt's Laurie Nordstrom made it 2-1 on a power-play goal and then it was Lefley with his first goal of the night at the seven minute mark to make 2-2.

Midway through the period, Merritt tallied another power-play goal off the stick of Gary Sprin to round out the scoring in the period.

In the third period, Cents Laurie Nordstrom banged in his second goal of the night at 7:24 and then it was Lefley with two and Brad McDonald with one to put the Vikings ahead 5-4 before Paul Chadwick tied the game with three seconds remaining on the clock.

LEFFLEY WINNER
 At 1:01 of overtime Lefley put the game away for the Vikings with a booming shot

from the top of the slot after being set up with a good pass from Gaseoff.

Vikings outshot the Centenials 44-24 and were assessed four of the 10 minor penalties called by referee Bruce Walker.

The loss spoiled the Centennial's chances of escaping the Interior Division cellar and moved the third-place Vikings to within 10 points of second place Kelowna Buckaroos.

Tonight, Maple Ridge Bruins are at Bellhingham and Abbotsford Flyers host Nanaimo Clippers.



(J. Nitel Photo)
 THE PUCK rises over Cents Neil Robinson's shoulder while goalie Kelly Dube watches the puck head for the net on this goal scored by Jack Lefley to tie it up at four apiece in third period action at Vernon Civic Arena.

Toronto shades Montreal 1-0

By Mike Smith
 The Canadiens' Fred Stanbury — there's nothing like coming under fire early, even when it's a home game.

The cocky 22-year-old goaltender, the salvation of the Canadiens since his arrival in the National Hockey League nine games ago, turned in his second straight shutout Wednesday night, 1-0 over the highpowered Montreal Canadiens.

"Going into the game I told myself I'd be happy if I gave up only four goals," the Toronto native said when told that his whitewash of Montreal was their first in 162 regular and post-season games dating back to Nov. 2, 1971, when Bernie Parent turned the trick for Philadelphia Flyers at the Forum.

Palmeater, who faced 39 Montreal shots, turned back early thrusts by Guy Lafleur and Steve Sturtz before Larry McDonald drilled a 40-footer past Ron Dryden to support Toronto's slender lead.

"He played well," conceded Lafleur, "but I wasn't that impressed. We missed too many chances and made him look good."

Dryden, however, came out

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