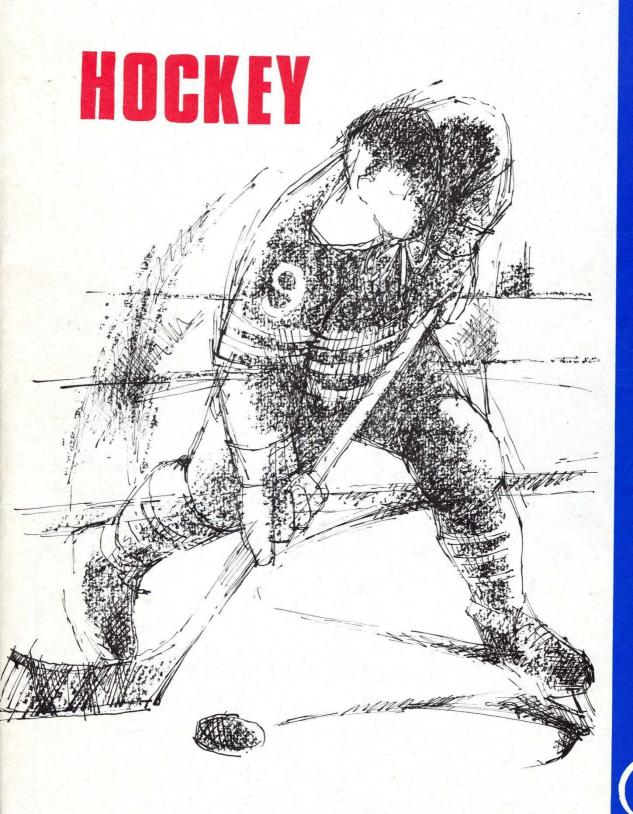
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about our cover...

Local artist, Leroy Jensen provided our cover picture this year, of which we are very proud. Leroy, born and raised in Japan, studied extensively in Europe, has exhibited in many important exhibitions across Canada, also in New York and Seattle. He had had numerous one-man shows in B.C. and Washington. A Member, Contemporary Okanagan Artists, his work can be seen at the studio of Frank Paul on Lumby Highway, one mile from Vernon.



MVP Award in '68/'69 Season

Wayne Dye, voted the Most Valuable Player by his team, team executive, and members of the press and radio is presented with the Pat Reilly Memorial Trophy. Runners-up in the Most Valuable Player com-

petition were Gerry Vachon and Lawrence Quechuck. The trophy was presented to Dye by Chuck Reilly. Wayne was lauded for his high calibre of hockey throughout the season.

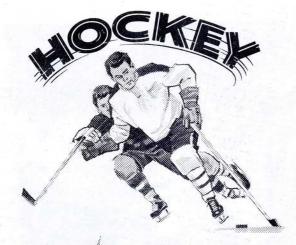


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BARRY BLEACKLEY, 19, will see his second year in the Essos lineup as a blueline patrolman. Barry hails from Whitehorse, Yukon and is generally considered the clown of the locker room with his humorous quips.



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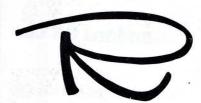
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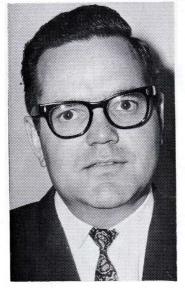
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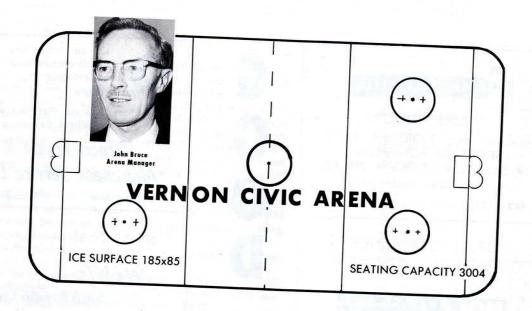
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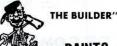
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Vernon and Prince George took joint possession of the coveted trophy in 1932 as there was no ice to play the final series in either centre.

The Coy Cup went to the Kootenays for one year in 1934 as Kimberley came up with the best team in B.C. Then, in 1934 and 1935 Vernon proved to be top dog once again retaining the cup after long hard playoff series.

1936 saw the Coy Cup in Merritt, then Bralorne took over in 1937.

Teams on the Intermediate B circuit from the Vancouver area picked up sufficiently to win the provincial finals in 1938 and 1939, however the cup came back to Vernon in 1940.

Incredible as it may seem, the Coy Cup was owned by Vernon teams for seven years during the 17 year period and that's not counting the joint ownership with Prince George in 1932.

Under Very Dye, they again won the cup in 1964.



Rear: Norbert Korthals, Bob Gruber, Ernie Poggemiller, Nick Bulach, Merv Bidoski.

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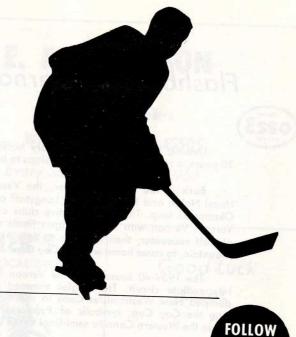
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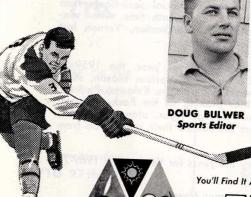
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Flashbacks In Vernon's Hockey History

Looking back in the city's history hockey-wise, it becomes very obvious that every 10 years, a real top-notch team develops to bring added honor to Vernon.

Back in the 1929-30 season, the Vernon Intermediate "B" squad captained by Hazel Nolan and featuring Slick Langstaff and Stan Hunt, topped the four team North Okanagan loop. The representative clubs came from Enderby, Armstrong, Lumby and Vernon. Vernon won the Okanagan finals when Lumby failed to take to the ice for a playoff encounter, then went on to defeat Merritt, Prince George, and finally Copper Mountain, to come home with the Coy Cup.

The 1939-40 season saw the Vernon Eagles once again on top of the Okanagan Intermediate circuit. The Eagles trimmed Bralorne in the provincial semi-finals then dumped New Westminister Cubs to win the Coy Cup for the seventh time. After winning the Çoy Cup, symbolic of Provincial Intermediate "B" domination, Vernon lost out in the Western Canada semi-final to the Luscar Alberta Indians.

After going all the way to the Allen Cup in the previous year, the 1959-60 edition of the Vernon Senior A Canadians still had a long and glorious season, sticking with it until the seventh game of the best of seven final with the Kelowna Packers. The faltering Sr. A division heard the death knell that evening as the Packers edged Vernon in the final game, after which playing coach George Agar, along with Willy Schmidt, Tom Stecyk and several of the other players announced their resignation from the team.

With the history of a hockey championship every ten years for Vernon, the 1969-70 season could very well be it for the Junior A Essos.

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Gordon Mackintosh, 19, is a goalie of some renown in his hometown of Salmon Arm, having played in all divisions of minor hockey as well as with commercial and senior teams. Gordon is in grade 12 and attending Vernon senior high school.



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It seems only a few days ago that I was sitting down to write a column. heralding in a new season and the grand opening between the Vernon Essos and the New Westminster Royals.

Now, we've arrived at the final home game of the season, however it's only the final scheduled home game. The Essos have done a tremendous job for us this year and we can count on seeing a lot more action in the next few weeks as the semi-finals and finals get underway.

However, now would appear to be a very appropriate time to thank the many people who have been involved behind the scenes during the past

First of all, we have Ernie Kowal who has done such a stellar job of public relations, arranging transportation, and supplying the team with uniforms. Yves Gagnon has assisted Ernie by arranging most of the added attractions that have appeared in many home games this year. Russ Fish

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Thank you's are also in order to Doug Bulwer who has handled the P.A. and looked after the statistics for the club, and to the management and staff of the Vernon Civic arena.

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Following the presentation, MacKay said, "This is pretty well the end of my career in sports, after 30 years . . . and this is one of the highlights of that career.

"I've met a tremendous amount of wonderful people in sports at all levels, and I've attempted in these last few years to put back what I got out of it."

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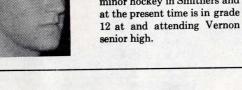


KEN WARNER, 19 year old Smithers native is a new player to the Essos roster this season. The stocky right winger has played all of his minor hockey in Smithers and at the present time is in grade

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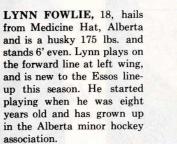
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PETER OLSEN, 18, is another new comer to the Essos roster this season. Peter hails from Whitehorse, Yukon Territories and has played hockey for the past 11 years all of it in Whitehorse, with the exception of three years in Ontario.

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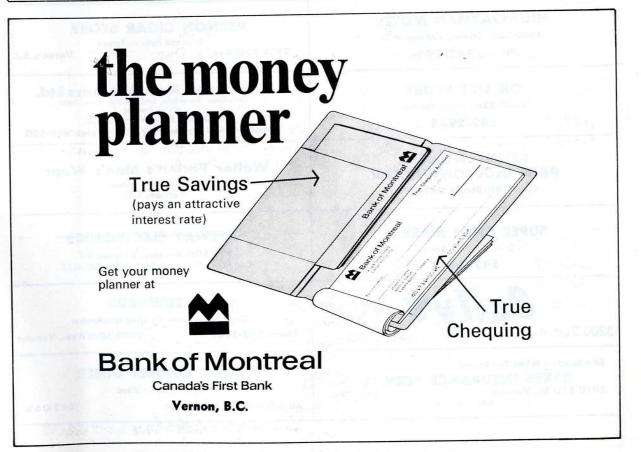
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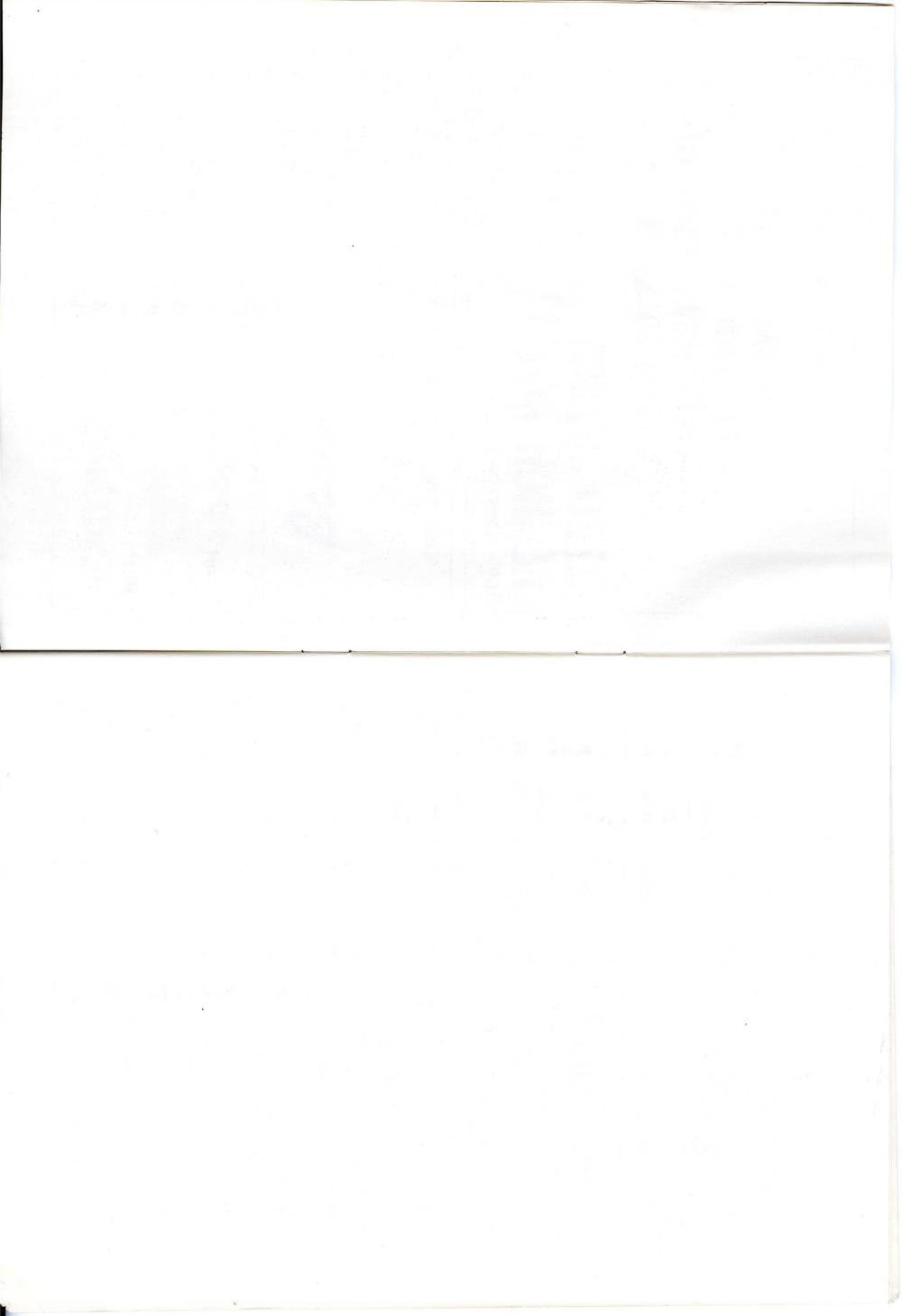
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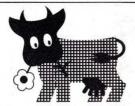
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