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BASKETBALL— Biggest Crowd Ever Sees 1950-51 Season Opening

**Brownwoods Lose Heartbreaker to Champion
Co-ops—Fine Entertainment**

Seven hundred basketball fans witnessed the season's opening on Saturday night, the largest crowd ever to attend league games at the Civic Centre. The fans were treated to some fine basketball in both junior and senior divisions although the intermediate game was not up to the usual calibre for this league.

There was first class entertainment galore, with the Shrine Club Band providing stirring music before the official opening and again at senior half-time.

The Job's Daughters drill team was given a great ovation for their military drill which brought them first prize in Long Beach this year and Spokane last year. The drill team paraded before Mayor George Rudderham who took the official salute and complimented Drill Major Edith Jordan on the fine performance of the colorful aggregation. The girls presented an exhibition drill during the half-time interval that brought round after round of applause from an appreciative audience. It was a fitting opener for the 1950 season and it gave the large audience an opportunity to show their appreciation to the Job's Daughters, and their leaders Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell, for the honors they have brought to the city.

The Co-op seniors started right off where last year's finals found them, at the head of the league. When they won the opener 44-43. However, Brownwoods served notice that they were a team to contend with, before any league champions can be declared. It is quite possible that they might have been Saturday night's winners if it had not been for an accident to Everett Pierce who sprained an ankle in the pre-game warm-up period. It was a fast, robust game all the way with the lead switching back and forth right from the opening basket, scored by Joe Davis of Co-op to the last-second long shot that was swished through the hoop by Art Olson of Brownwoods.

The score was tied 8-8 in the first quarter with Co-op having a 3-point lead at the half. Brownwoods pulled ahead 36-33 in the final quarter and it looked as though their speed was going to give them a win, but they were too excited and by a costly fumble or two, gave Co-op the edge which they used to obtain a quick five-point lead with only 90 seconds left to play. Brownwoods tried desperately at this stage and nearly pulled it out of the fire with four points, three of them in the last fourteen seconds, but it was too late, and they lost a heart-breaker.

It would be hard to pick the star players on either team although Art Olson was a tower of



HIGH SCORER—
... Ray Spring



BAD BOY—
... Sonny Beynon

strength for Brownwoods, and Joe Davis and Sid Scherk showed plenty of first class ball for the Co-op. Ray Spring was high scorer for the evening with a big 17 points, but lost his effectiveness in the last quarter when the excitement was too much for him.

It was easy to pick the villains for the evening—Sonny Beynon making one of his frequent trips to the bench for five personal fouls, which of course is no new procedure for him. Carlson, for Brownwoods, and Sid Scherk and Davis for Co-op also watched out the game from the bench which they warmed during the final minutes after five fouls. Johnny Comadina and Fred Calderoni refereed and kept the game well under control, although a noisy audience and players' bench didn't agree with their decisions on a good many occasions. Perhaps the funniest incident of the game was when Calderoni blew the whistle for a foul under the basket and, before he was able to designate the offender, Spring was arguing that it wasn't him. Beynon also contributed to the humor of it all when he expostulated loudly after a very obvious foul: "Hey, what's this, on me?"

Intermediate

Fashion Footwear were in control all the way in the Intermediate fixture and were only outscored in the last of the four periods. They won by a tidy 48 to 34 margin. They were playing an entirely new Merchants team, and it was a case of winning over an inexperienced outfit. Jim Intermela scored 15 for the winners and Wesch led Merchants with 12. Sev Dominato and Les Matthews called a fine game, and kept the whistling down to a minimum. There was an unfortunate accident in the third quarter when Ralph Young slipped to injure an ankle, which will keep him out of the lineup for a few days at least.

Junior

The crowd that arrived early was treated to a top-notch Junior game, and they showed their approval with plenty of applause. Rupert Hotel was the winner over Cook's by a 25 to 19 score, but they only pulled the game out of the fire after it had been all tied at the half, when they scored 12 points to their opponents' 6 in the third quarter.

In the final period Cook's managed to hold even but the third period lead won the game for the Hotel boys. McIntosh led the scoring parade with 8 points for Rupert Hotel and Findlay, Hodgekinson, Smith and Sankey each garnered 6.

Tuesday's schedule sees Manson's and High School playing in the Junior session; Hi Gold and Seub's Thunderbirds in the first intermediate game, followed by Hi Green vs. Fashion in the same league. The senior fixture is between Co-op and Gordon and Anderson with this scribe picking the last named team as the winner which should give Co-op plenty of encouragement as a sportswriter is rarely a good picker.

Lineups:

Senior
Co-op—D. Scherk 9, Arney 8, Scherk 11, Davis 12, M. Holkestad, MacDonald 1, Morgan 3, Beynon 4, Wellens, Webster 4, Total 44.
Brownwoods—Hartwig 2, Olson 12, Spring 17, Sunberg 1, Lavigne 4, Thompson 2, Carlson 5, Pierce, Total 43.

Sport Shots

Carl Liscombe of Detroit Red Wings scored three goals and assisted on four others as Detroit smothered New York Rangers 12-5 eight years ago tonight. The leftwinger from Galt, Ont., four years earlier in 1938 had tallied three goals in one minute, 52 seconds.

Dr. John C. Maynard, 48, one of the greatest halfbacks in Canadian rugby, died suddenly in Toronto 16 years ago. Native of Stratford, Ont., he was twice captain of University of Toronto teams which won senior inter-collegiate championships.

Henry (Bunny) Austin and Dorothy Round headed the tennis rankings published by the British Lawn Tennis Association 13 years ago. Miss Round was the all-England champion in 1937 and Austin replaced Fred Perry, who turned professional the previous year.

Vacant Lot Is Playville Home

TORONTO—A small lot on a shabby east-end street is the home of Toronto's first "Playville."

The front of the lot is jammed with young children on swings, slides, gym equipment and teeter-totters. At the back, a group of older children engage in a hot game of volleyball, or basketball, badminton or deck tennis. A few adults play horse-shoes on the sides.

An experiment in co-operative recreation, Playville is designed to keep the children off the streets and to give residents somewhere to go in their spare time.

The idea began in the United States, where in a number of cities residents of poorer districts began pooling their spare space and setting up playgrounds and parks. Called Yard-villes, there now are 400 such schemes in operation there.

The idea was picked up here by the Polaris Foundation, a social work group, who passed it on to the Junior Board of Trade. The groups selected a small residential section surrounded by heavy east-end industrial developments. An old parking lot was chosen for the first Playville.

Now the lot is covered with games, athletic equipment and playing space. A small building contains washrooms, cooking facilities and room for dances or meetings. Benches have been placed so mothers can sit and watch as their children play. And additional space has been obtained nearby for conversion into football and baseball fields.

Mr. Victor Royce, chairman of the movement, says if the idea works in their neighborhood, "it will work anywhere."

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—H. Husoy, E. J. Beale, F. Eastman, R. M. Smith, Dr. R. H. Ball, Mrs. J. A. McHessey, E. Unwin, C. Ing-ham.

To Sandspit (today)—W. Peters, K. K. Vognild, D. MacDonald, A. Hanson, G. Cross, R. L. Milne.

From Vancouver (Saturday)—Father R. Prindiville, Mr. Larson, Mr. Johnson, W. Innes, H. F. Barstram, Miss M. Bolger, L. Anderson, Mr. McCann, P. Rathbone, Mr. Heatherington, J. Faulkner, Mr. Gallagher, G. S. Mills, E. J. Morris.

From Sandspit (Saturday)—W. J. Peters, J. P. Campbell To Vancouver (Saturday)—A. C. Leulin, T. King, W. Stewart, Mc-honst, F. Leask, John Schatz, J. Livingstone, J. Green, J. E. R. Wood, G. Schneider, G. Richards, G. Robinson, Mrs. H. Anderson and Infant, Master R. Anderson.

From Vancouver (Friday)—G. L. King, P. Kittles, T. Sagasky, V. A. Tilford, J. Samson.

From Sandspit (Friday)—K. P. Robichaud, J. Seymour, J. Ware, G. Banach, S. Green, K. K. Vognild.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lindsay returned last week from Spokane, Wash., where they attended the graduation of their daughter, Irene, from Deaconess Hospital. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Field.

Intermediate
Merchants—Wesch 12, Jordan 1, Eidsvik 2, Young 5, Christoff 5, Plance, Parnell 9, Dumas, Total 34.
Fashion Footwear—Hebb 11, Haugan 1, Intermela 15, Hill 9, Anderson 5, Bill 3, Walsh 4, Total 48.

Good Yield From Sale of Poppies

The Canadian Legion's street sale of poppies on Saturday totaled \$762. It took place between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The total, on November 11 last year was \$555.

The top canvassers were Rodney Philippon, Clark Jackson, Joan Bennett assisted by Peggy Ann Dominato, Joyce McGinnis, assisted by Florence Renwick, and Glenys Owens.

The Poppy Day committee consisted of S. A. Cheeseman of the Canadian Legion and Mrs. J. S. Black for the Legion's Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Black was assisted by Mrs. W. Bussey while Mrs. A. J. Croxford and Mrs. C. Michaloff attended to the refreshments for the canvassers. Mrs. P. M. Ray, assisted by Mrs. R. A. Marley, gave their co-operation in detail work.

The committee reports receiving assistance and support from many quarters, including canvassers and salesfolk, the high school students and Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Poppy Fund is used for aiding the needy veterans and their dependents.

Other canvassers were: Mrs. Roy Leigh, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Anna Swang, Miss Roberta Paul, Carol Nelson, Marilyn Anderson, Bill Mintenko, Bill Lyons, Suzanne Kergin, Lorna Nelson, Isobel Mintenko, Eleanor Lahti, Jeannie Turcott, Dick Bury, Robert Jensen, Yvonne Jackson, Billy Smith, John Dumas, Mrs. Peggy Andrew, Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Roxburgh, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Gantor, Nora Gulbrandsen, Mrs. Lugin, Legion 27 Club, Joan I. Ross, Per Halvorsen, Alan Hemmons, Patrick Rougeau, Joe Scott, Natalia Maskulak, Victor Maskulak, Tony Toin, Bobby Mitchell, Patsy Philippon, Margaret Youngman, Olive Strand, Mona Mark, Darlene Olsen, Mrs. Mollie Montgomery, Joanne Way, Margaret Strachan, Mrs. Rothwell, Arlene Mosley, Miss Isabelle Taylor, Alleen Ritchie.

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The west coast of Vancouver Island has had an unusually fine fishing season. "It's been the best in years," said A. J. Touchings at Port Alberni recently. "I think it's been due to the closures applied at the proper times and which allows the fish to reach spawning grounds, as well as allowing for a strict patrol."

In the Barkley Sound area 135,000 chums were taken. In Nitinat, one boat obtained 10,000 fish in a single set.

Peter Wingham returned to the city on the Camasun yesterday afternoon from a trip to Vancouver.

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If you were discharged after February 20, 1945, your application must be approved within six years of the date of your discharge.

If you are interested in Veterans Insurance, we suggest, therefore, that to be on the safe side you get in touch with the nearest district office of the Department of Veterans Affairs as soon as possible. A trained counsellor is on hand at every office to assist you with your insurance problems. If it is more convenient for you, write directly to the Superintendent of Veterans Insurance, Department of Veterans Affairs, Ottawa.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Hon. Hugues Lapointe, Minister

