

## HANSEN FOOTNOTES

\* **Oscar Hansen** played professional hockey with the St.Louis Flyers, Minneapolis Millers and the St.Paul Saints. He played 8 games with the Chicago Blackhawks. His nickname was "King" Oscar after King Oscar Sardines. The sardines are Norwegian

- **Emil Hansen** played professional hockey with the St Paul Saints, Minneapolis Millers and the Kansas City Greyhounds. He played 7 games with the Detroit Red Wings.
- **Joe Hansen** became a teacher and school Principal.
- **Louis Hansen** started his working career as a teacher. He earned a PhD in Chemistry. He did pioneering research for Sinclair Oil, Firestone Tire and Rubber and Archer Daniels -- Midland.

He invented a slow release coating that released fertilizer over a 3 month period..... before that rain could wash away the fertilizer..... before it had a chance to work. At 90 years of age, Louis said; "I helped to make a lot of money for Archer Daniels".

In WW2 he worked for Firestone and on a special project for the American Government. US planes were unable to fly above 20,000 feet in cold weather. Louis said; "We were called in to try to help out."

Help, he did. Hansen invented a synthetic rubber film that would resist cracking and swelling at lower temperatures and wouldn't swell when used as a membrane to pump fuel into the carburetors. This product was immediately put into use. It helped the Allies . It is not known if General Douglas MacArthur ever knew that a former Augsburg hockey player was such an asset.

Louis remembered his roots from **Camrose**....."We were always working with tractors and horses. Farm life really taught you to get up and go. We couldn't loaf."

- **Julius Hansen** was the Augsburg hockey captain. He became a Lutheran Minister. He was prone to dwell on the value of sports and the lessons to be learned by participating. "Ice hockey was good experience for the problems I was to face later in life....after all life is quite a game, too...and hockey has helped many to play it square"

Julius married **Hazel Ronning**, the sister of **Chester Ronning**. Dr Chester Ronning was probably the best known Camrose citizen. He had been President of Camrose Lutheran College and later served in the Canadian foreign services as Ambassador to China where he was born. He was fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese plus possibly other dialects. Ronning often spoke with the top Chinese officials and was a friend of Chou En Lai.

Chester's nephew Julian enjoys telling about 'Uncle Chester'. It seemed every time they met, Chester wished to go to a Chinese restaurant. Chester looked after the ordering. As soon as he spoke, the server would say, "He speaks like us." The kitchen and other staff would almost surround the table. There was a

continuous conversation. "Uncle Chester was in his element. It was always fun and enlightening".

- **Julian Ronning Hansen**, now 85, is the son of Rev Julius Hansen, the oldest of the Hansen brothers. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Minnesota with majors in History and Economics. Julian recently reminisced about his father in the tribute entitled "**The Hockey Rink**", as printed below.
- **Jerry Hansen** is a son of Oscar. He did play some hockey as a youth. He decided to become a race car driver. Later he became owner of Breinerd International Raceway in Minnesota. He became a friend of Paul Newman actor and producer of "Slap Shot". Newman did some racing. When Newman was at Jerry's track, he sometimes stayed at the Hansen home. This was as close as Newman got to a Hansen.
- **Evy Scotvold**, cousin of the Hansen's, was born in Camrose. He left to play with the Minneapolis Millers in the early 1930's. His two daughters Joanne and Joyce became professional figure skaters. His son Evy Jr played a little hockey as well but, more seriously took up figure skating with his sisters..
- **Evy Jr Scotvold** said; "dad may have got tired of taking us children to two activities".

As it turned out, Evy Jr really enjoyed figure skating. Evy Jr and his wife, Mary became two of America's top figure skating coaches. They coached US teams for 6 Olympics. Paul Wylie and Nancy Kerrigan skated under the Scotvolds.