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Interviewee: Alan Smith

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

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Location: Phone interview with Alan in his home in Eureka, California

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<p>Alan Smith shares his memories about the Edgehill Ward gym, Coach Paul Hansen, and the basketball program. He talks about the superiority of the facility compared to other church and school gyms. He recalls being one of the gym workers who maintained the gym and how money was raised to pay for their work.</p> <p>Alan remembers the boys on his team and the time they defeated Paul’s ward team He talks about playing against high school teams. He describes the organization of the annual the Edgehill Post Season Basketball Tournament and recalls playing in it. He calls attention to the manner in which Paul’s service was recognized.</p> <p>Alan shares brief memories of “Open Hours” at the gym on Saturday afternoons and how well his own team played. He closes by expressing gratitude for the Edgehill Gym.</p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction. Alan will talk about playing basketball at the Edgehill Gym from 1947-1960.
00:00:30	Getting started. Remembers receiving red and white Edgehill uniform at age 12.
00:01:53	Coach Paul Hansen. Earliest recollection of Paul Hansen is seeing him in military uniform at church during the war.
00:03:24	Edgehill Gym. Better than other church gyms and East and West High gyms. Comparable to Field House at U of U and Deseret Gym. Coordinated basketball at the Edgehill Gym for 30 to 40 years.
00:06:13	Basketball at the gym. Paul Hansen coordinated basketball at the Edgehill Gym for 30 to 40 years. Describes teams for age groups from 12 to 18 and



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	above: Scouts, Explorers, M=Men. Paul coordinated use of the gym by other wards in [Hillside] Stake and managed its maintenance. Developed future high school and college players.
00:08:04	Gym workers. Boys cleaned showers and lockers and ran a checkout room. Cleaned the gym after games. Paid weekly by Coach Hans. Remembers returning home late at night tired. Worked at the gym for 3 or 4 years.
00:12:25	Revenue. Paul Hansen bought candy and pop wholesale; the boys sold them as refreshments at the gym. Converse shoe seconds obtained by him were sold the boys to raise revenue.
00:14:45	Assistants. Names some of Paul's favorite young assistants: George Souvall, Royce Rosendaal, Ron Miller.
00:15:25	Teammates. Shares memories of Ward Barnes, Jim Wooley, Bob Holberg, Paul Menlove, John Lynn, and John Hutchinson.
00:16:19	Ward boundaries. Never played for Paul Hansen because they were not in the same ward. Paul was in the Wasatch Ward; Alan in the Edgehill Ward.
00:17:12	Tournament play. Edgehill Ward teams were famous but won few championships. First All-Church championship won by team with Paul's nephew Allen Brown on it.
00:18:23	Church and high school ball. Church teams rivalled high school teams in interest. Competed with high school junior varsity and varsity teams. High school players were not allowed to play on church teams.
00:19:35	Most memorable game. Recalls the first time his team defeated Paul Hansen's Explorer team in regular season play.
00:20:45	Benefits. Made friends. Basketball at the gym provided an outlet for boys.
00:21:21	Edgehill Post-season Basketball Tournament. Held in March or April.. Paul Hansen recombined players from all ward teams into 10 or 12 teams to compete. High spectator interest.
00:23:10	Recognition banquet. Paul Hansen was given a banquet and presented with a car for his service. Duff Hanks spoke.
00:23:48	Open Hours. "Open Hours" on Saturday afternoon for anyone who wanted to play basketball.
00:24:27	How his team played. Team members were short except for Bob Holberg but played surprisingly well. Seldom lost.
00:25:20	Other gyms. Full size gyms were built later in Wells Stake and Rosslyn Heights Ward. Expresses gratitude for Edgehill Gym.
00:26:21	Closing.
00:27:04	End time