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**Interviewee:** Nate Wade

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

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**Location:** Salt Lake City, UT

<b>Summary</b>	
<p>Nate Wade (b. 1928) shares his memories of Edgehill Ward basketball in the 1940s. He tells how the Edgehill Ward gymnasium was a special place because of the full size basketball court and the opportunities that it provided for boys in the neighborhood to learn basketball, make friends, and interact with adult leaders. He notes the role of Paul Hansen in organizing the basketball program and keeping it running. He recalls playing in an LDS stake league and many times in the All-Church tournament.</p>	

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
00:00	<b>Introduction.</b>
00:20	<b>Edgehill Ward gym.</b> Full-size court. Played basketball from Scouts to Explorers through M-Men. Blessed to live in neighborhood with a gym and to learn basketball.
02:14	<b>Paul Hansen.</b> Example and mentor. Always available.
03:00	<b>Edgehill Ward gym (cont.).</b> One first wards to have official size basketball court. Paul Hansen oversaw gym. Opportunities to play. Comradery with boys in the neighborhood. Interested adults in the ward refereed. Place to have fun and stay out of trouble. Great competition. Played 21, half court, and full court.
06:00	<b>Edgehill Ward gym (cont.).</b> Paul Hansen loved the game. Players came from all over for games and tournaments. Appreciated supervision of men in the ward and fathers who participated. Leagues for scouts, explorers, and M-Men. Teams from all over came to play.
10:30	<b>Bill Paul, Sr.</b> Coach and mentor.
11:43	<b>Stake competition.</b> Ward teams: Wasatch, Edgehill, Sugar House, Highland Park, Parley’s Ward. Paul Hansen kept it organized. Wednesday and Thursday night games. Paid referees.
14:36	<b>Other teams.</b> Teams came from all over the valley to take advantage of the



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	facility. One of a few official size courts.
15:15	<b>All-Church Tournament.</b> Always did fairly well as explorers and M-Men. Played every year.
16:56	<b>Stake competition (cont.).</b> Ward teams, referees, timekeepers, spectators. Overseen by Paul Hansen. Champion went to Church tournament at Deseret Gym.
18:51	<b>Teammates.</b> Rollie Williams, center. Dee Wooley, Bob Monson. Paul Hansen's organization made it fun.
19:47	<b>Sportsmanship.</b> Not much of a problem. Well organized. Supervised. Weekend games could get rowdy. Paul Hansen.
21:45	<b>Other gyms and games.</b> Some road games. Edgehill Ward had a reputation in the valley. Official games with high schools were rare.
23:22	<b>Saturday nights.</b> Played basketball in the gym then set up for Sunday School. Paul Hansen mentor and head.
24:30	<b>Non-Mormons.</b> Could have played on some teams but kept Church standards.
25:20	<b>Paul Hansen.</b> Spent hours one-on-one with Paul Hansen.. Coached for years. Responsible for gym. Loved the game.
28:13	<b>Other memories.</b> Best years of my life. Play in gym. Paul Hansen kept it organized. Fun growing up.
29:58	<b>Other memories (cont.).</b> Everybody in the valley knew about Edgehill Ward and Paul Hansen. Saturdays set up for Sunday School. Paul Hansen was the key.
33:27	<b>End time</b>