

PEPP-TALK

with
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The arrival, expected within a week, of a new Recreational Director for the city's growing recreation facilities, (see Recreation column), started a trend of thought as to what the retiring director's feelings are as he leaves his post to go on to something different in the way of a job.

Let me say at the outset that I feel, in the company of quite a number of people I have talked to, that Lloyd McLellan has done a really top job in the recreation field in our city. When he took over the job things were in a rather sorry state and today improvements at the arena lead a variety of programs which were either instituted by him or improved upon during his time as our head recreation officer.

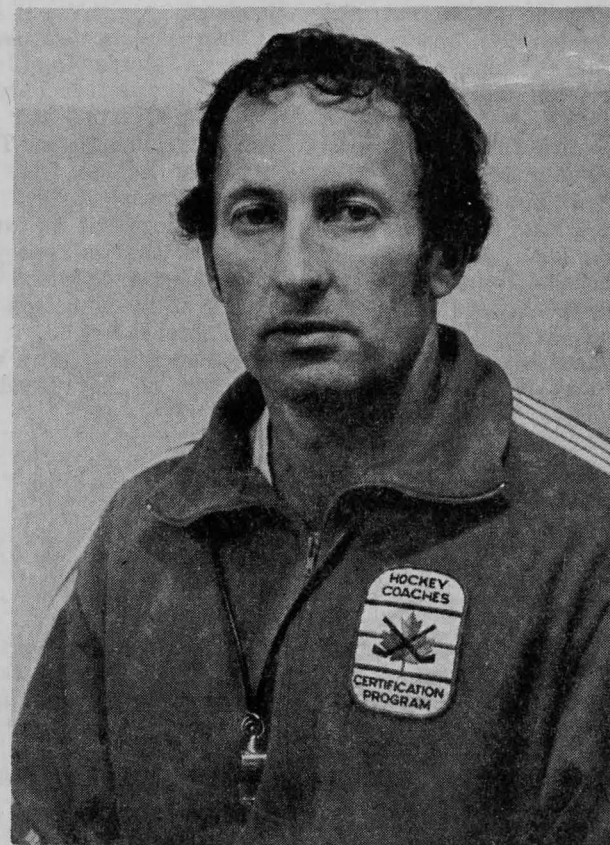
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before writing this column, I asked him if he had any second thoughts about his decision to give up the recreation position in Rossland.

Lloyd said that he gave it a lot of consideration before making his move. He felt that he was not the happiest guy in the world in the job, that there were several drawbacks that he would have liked to have changed to make the job ideal, but he felt over all that he should make a change and did.

He has several applications out for other work and fully expects to get something in the very near future. He did not hesitate to admit that second thoughts could crop up if he didn't realize on these, however he feels that he did the thing he wanted to do. Back on an eight-hour-a-day job he will have more time to spend with a growing family and this is something he says his work on the recreation job did not give him much time for.

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Leagues in all sports were spawning grounds for a bunch of pub crawlers and the like.

I couldn't agree more. I have spent quite a lot of time with the guys who make up the bulk of these leagues. Sure, they are a fun-loving bunch of guys who don't see anything wrong in enjoying themselves in any way whatever so long as they are not hurting someone else by doing it.

Two of the premier sports attractions in our town are sponsored by this group of young men and it can now be seen that not all the proceeds of these efforts go to be spent on riotous living. While not too many of these young fellers will ever aspire to hold high political office or council seats, they are pretty well all good solid citizens to whom the maintenance of their young families and the upholding of the good friendly atmosphere of our town comes first and foremost.

I'd like to thank Geoff for his observations and say I'm only too glad to pass them along to any who read these words. If ever a guy could say 'I told you so' and mean it, I feel now is one of those times.

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Now, as Lloyd leaves the post as director, I would like to emphasize that Rossland can be grateful to him for his contribution to the boosting of our recreation facilities. As I said at the start, I think he has done a really great job. I only hope he will make as much of a success out of whatever he does in the future, and let's hope that his successor will give us as good value in the job as Lloyd has.

Some time ago the new president of the Rossland Minor Hockey Association, Geoff Davies, approached me on a subject that is very pleasant to me.

Geoff was talking about a donation his organization had received from Rossland's Fun Hockey League to assist in the promotion of kid hockey in our town.

He said he would like to see special mention made of this fact because he felt that too many people felt that our Fun

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I saw them a couple of times previously, and have never enjoyed anything as much as the zany antics of these super athletes. They are undoubtedly the greatest sports attraction ever concocted.

What price on the B.C. Lions in their semi-final game against the Calgary Stampers? Do you think they can pull this one out and go on against Edmonton in the Western final?

Our Grey Cup breakfast at the Legion would have a much better flavor if our Lions were representing the west — did I hear some dissenting votes on that one?