

PEPP-TALK

with
Harry
Pepper

This week we start off with a few words from our contact in the Okanagan, the redoubtable Art "Chow" Sdao, former trainer of hockey and lacrosse teams in our city, and something of a ball player himself in his younger days. I never saw him perform on the ice as a player but those who did say he had a pretty good idea of what it was all about, and add that he had quite a burst of speed when he wanted to turn it on.

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classic battle of the sexes and should be worth watching!

Maybe some people will say "I didn't know there was a park there" but to some people in the Nickel Plate area it is really something for the little ones to use. I'm talking, of course, of the little park above and to the east of Davis Street above the portion known as the "Goat Trail". A joint effort of the city and the local Lions club saw some improvement work done awhile back and the area was levelled out, rocks were removed and grass seed was sown. Now some of the residents of the area are wondering why it is that when the city's volunteer firemen practise, they could not use the water to spray the park area instead of turning it down the ditches. It seems a reasonable assumption and maybe it would be worth taking a look at by someone in authority.

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The senior Keiths live in Texas and they brought up a barbecued brisket of beef for our little party. Sam says "You're going to have a real Texas barbecue!" and he lived up to his word, for the delicious beef, baked beans and corn on the cob were out of this world. When you mix this sort of thing with amicable chatter about this and that among good friends it's something you just can't beat. Young Sam is married to Jim and Lucille Flanders' daughter, Colleen and their family was all there except Murray, who was working. The drinks prepared and served by Sam Sr. were top-

golfer in the person of Walt Turner.

Walt introduced himself as the "quiet Turner", most of you will know to whom he was comparing himself, none other than the boisterous Times photographer, younger brother, Bill. Wonder what it is that makes these Walts such good company on a round of golf. This is our second fill-in

by that name who turned out to be a welcome addition!

While on golf I couldn't pass this one up. From a national U.S. sport magazine, Calvin Peete, after winning his first PGA victory, the Greater Milwaukee Open, "I was playing so good, it was like the hole kept getting in the way of my ball."

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Another item on softball comes from a top Rossland pitcher, Flo MacArthur, in connection with a game to be played in Rossland next Monday evening between the over-40 oldtimers and the Ladies' Softball team, possible site to be Cook Avenue Park and the time 6:30 p.m. This will be billed as a

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Retirees' Day at the Rossland course was attended by 23 golfers and the winners were, for low net, Sam Martin with a 34, Harold Dixon and Bert McCallum 35s and Gilbert Kay and Phil Bateman next with 36s; Gord McLaren was closest to the pin on No. 5.

Our regular foursome of Rich Watkinson, Doug Cavill, Herb Castle and myself, would have been a threesome as Herb returned to work at Cominco on special assignment but luckily we were augmented by the timely appearance of a pretty good

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