

PEPP-TALK

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The name that is on the lips of most every Canadian at this time cropped up at the Legion on Monday evening.

Terry Fox is the courageous young man who has won the hearts of all thinking people on the North American continent, with his campaign to advance the research into the disease that has already robbed him of a leg and threatens him even more.

Terry Fox had the guts to do something which has been needed for a long time, the fight against cancer will never be won unless people get behind anyone who realizes what it is all about

because of the fact that they have come into close contact with it.

But I'm getting away from my subject. The point is that this week I met a young man who knows Terry personally; Danny Holm ran with and against Terry when both were kids in Port Coquitlam.

Danny said his main object in their races was to win, but after talking to this personable young man, I'm pretty sure that he would gladly give all his wins over to Terry to help his young friend's cause, the defeat of cancer, which is a monumental cause in its own right.

We had quite an interesting conversation for about an hour or so and I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent. Only once in a while does one get a chance to meet someone close to a national celebrity.

Monday night was also the night on which the Warriors had their first get-together to start their dry-land workouts in preparation for the opening of their camp and the coming season.

A two-mile jaunt was on the agenda and all 23 aspiring candidates took off on the run along with coaches Doug Buhr and Doug Hinton. This year, Dave Murray will also assist on the coaching lines, but he had some other chores to attend to and so didn't go out on the initial run.

Dave gave me a list of the boys' names who were in attendance. There are a number of boys who are returning from the 1979-80 season and quite a number of rookies up from Minor Hockey plus a couple from out of town.

They are Peter McLellan, Scott Armour, Doug DeGans, Rob Martin, Tim McNulty, Mark Rusten, Wayne McIntyre, Bob Drake, Peter Corrado, Rodger and Rick Woodhouse, Murray Walters, 'Hoss' Drake, Ken Davis, David Foyle, Dale Bailey, Allan Simm, Kevin MacMaster, Mike Chorney, Danny Ferguson, Lorne Partridge, Carl Moore and Terry Halisheff.

Coach Buhr opened the session by introducing Arnie Sherwood, who told the boys assembled that this year's executive are 100 per cent behind the team and extended a welcome to all of them.

The coach went into quite a lot of detail on what is expected of any boy who makes the team this year. His rules of behavior were explicit and make pretty good sense — dress, punctuality, no drinking or drugs, no smoking in the rink and behavior on road trips were stressed.

He told the boys that last year is behind them now and asked their full co-operation and all-out effort; he said all coaches are to be treated as such because all are full-time members of the coaching staff, not assistants. Systematic coaching will stress the forecheck, back-check, and bringing the puck out of their own end.

Dave Murray said hard work and belief in oneself makes the best players and Doug Hinton also stressed the 'work hard' theory.

Buhr mentioned that there are a number of prospects coming in from various parts of the country; they will come on their own with no guarantee of a spot on the team until they have proven themselves.

You've probably read all the superlatives on Golden City Days. The show was worthy of them, and it seems like it gets better every year.

This year for the first time I got a good look at the art exhibit; all of it, the work of Rossland artists, was excellent — perhaps you didn't know we had so much talent in our town. I was certainly ignorant of the fact until I got a look at the exhibit in the curling rink lounge.

The beer strike had a effect on the celebration all right, but it wasn't a paralyzing one. There were lots of other beverages and we got along without too much of the suds.

The Retirees curling club did a good stroke of business with their wheels of fortune, and the Warriors put on a good show in the lounge both Saturday and Sunday.

The parade was its usual fine effort, but I think a lot of people missed the Rossband's presence; seemed like that was about the only remark I heard against the show.

Everything else was super, the grind and the bike races were once more a real show, and the organizers on the whole thing can take a lot of pride in their achievements.