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PEPP-TALK with HARRY PEPPER

I don't know if you are a Northport buff or not but their Labor Day extravaganza is really something else. The whole town must turn out to make this thing go.

If not, at least their Lions club, who are the main movers behind this fun day down there every year, are certainly doing quite a job. They get help from their Trail and Rossland counterparts but they certainly do quite a job of putting their little town on the map.

The Rossland branch of the Canadian Legion used the event as a trial run for their Golden City Days float. This event is certainly a great booster for international relations as the people of Northport return the favor at our Golden City Days celebration.

While on the subject I would like to suggest you come on up to Rossland this weekend and take in some of the events. Dancing will be the big thing on Friday with dances being held on the street and at the Legion and for the firemen.

Saturday will kick off with a breakfast in the Senior Citizens hall, the Golden City Grind will start at 9 followed by the annual parade at 11, and the Fall Fair at noon in the arena. For sport fans, this year the committee has organized a rugger tournament starting at 3 on Saturday; kiddies' sports, sponsored by Local 480 will be run at Jubilee from 2 p.m. on Sunday; and the Terry Fox Run of Hope will start an hour later in the same place. The whole thing will wind down with the beef barbecue in Esling Park sponsored by the Credit Union.

Now you know what it's all about come and enjoy yourselves — we'll make you real welcome.

Golf at the upper course for retirees this week was again played in the lovely weather we enjoyed during August and thirty-six players were out. Joe Biagioni and Tim Jenkin organized things and they ran a two-ball, best ball round. The fortunate twosomes were as follows:

Ron Rinaldi and Bud Hachey at 26 were the winners followed by Archie McCannel and yours truly at 28, P. Hamilton and C. Sankey came in at 31.

There were three more balls given out to pairs with identical scores of 32, Gil Page and Sam Martin, Jack Barnes and Bill Limacher and Jack Bailey and Bud Comba, there was one other twosome at 32 also but they lost the toss of the coin, this unlucky pair were Jack Mitchell and Joe Biagioni.

Next week it will be your favorite five clubs and your putter, least putts, hidden hole and the longest putt on No 9, so come prepared. The old firm of Watkinson and Pepper will be in charge.

A report on Sunday's Mini Mixer at the upper course, courtesy of Dorothy Fines, tells us of a very successful afternoon followed by a bang-up supper.

On the active front we have Archie McCannel and Irene Malchow successful with a 49 net, three pairs tied for second, Sam and Donna Manson, Al Faunt and Gerda Jenkin and Ivan Bell and Phil Bateman.

On the lighter side, Clem Gockel was awarded a butterfly net for his efforts on his first-ever round of golf, our old friend, Toby Edworthy, was the recipient of the crying towel.

While on the subject of golf, a further word on the Labatts-Rossland Warrior Oldtimers tourney to be played Saturday at the upper course: Glyn Harper says they expect 60 to 75 entries and will accept entries on the tee, first tee-off time is 9 a.m. If you have time on your hands on Saturday take a run down there, it will be a fun day for all concerned. Guys like Bill Gallamore, Leo Luchini and Dave Stewart, all former Senior Warriors, are helping to get this thing moving.

I attended a Warrior meeting Tuesday night and it looks as though the team business is in good hands. It was reported program advertising is up from last

year and all other systems are go. Dryland training is going well and there are 18 players taking part, 17 are local and one is coming in from Castlegar. Out-of-town hopefuls will be arriving in for the ice practice in a week or so.

Minor soccer has started again. That's the news from John Habicht, who refereed a game Tuesday. He tells me the kids are really moving, almost like they were in mid-season form, the kids have a month of play before the playoffs get under way.

And to wind down this week's column:

Two young men were pacing the waiting room near the maternity ward.

"What tough luck," one of them said. "This has to happen during my vacation."

"You think you got trouble," the other said.

"I'm on my honeymoon."