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The Golden City Grind is expected to draw the usual group of enthusiasts and all participants will get T-shirts, in short, everyone taking part in the Grind will be a winner.

As in former years various organizations and businesses from all over the area will set up shop in the main arena. It is understood that the Fall Fair exhibits of garden, cooking and canning produce will take place in the curling rink along with another art exhibit as was appreciated by many last year.

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Requests for TV coverage have been received and a good showing of the different events will be forthcoming. The committee would like a good picture of this year's Queen's Pageant for a brochure to be put together for 1983's celebration.

The Credit Union steak barbecue will go on at Esling Park on Sunday afternoon and it is hoped the 40 tables will be available to those who enjoy this fine outdoor meal.

It has been drawn to my attention that a mixed softball tournament is planned for Centennial Park. More on this when we know more about it. The mixed tourney is along the

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