

RECREATION I

PEPP-TALK

with
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Pepper

The "thank-you" party at the Legion in Rossland last Friday evening for a hard-working person, George Dyson, could be called a reasonably successful one.

Around 75 of George's friends joined together to wish him well and tell him to come back again when his travels are over. George is going to spend the winter acting as caretaker at his daughter's home in Edmonton while she and her husband are on a round-the-world cruise.

Mim Castle represented the Fall Fair organization, Cleve Cowland the Rossland Retirees' Curling club and Jack Cox, who worked for a number of years with George on the RCAA, all brought the good wishes of those bodies. Arlene Dyson gave George a nice gift in remembrance of the occasion and it was presented to him by his long-time friend and fishing partner, 90-plus-year-old Steve Bowen.

George replied to the gathering with a number of memories recalled over the

years. Legion ladies put on a wonderful turkey supper and it was enjoyed by all.

The evening was also the scene of another presentation. Norm Garrison, who lives on the old Deep Lake road south of the border from the Waneta customs and plays most of his golf on the Rossland and Birchbank courses was presented with a miniature of the Jack Molyneux memorial trophy as the oldest golfer among the retirees clubs of the two Rossland-Trail courses.

Norm is 81 and plays a lot of golf. The trophy will remain in a case at the Rossland Legion and close-up pictures of it will go along with a replica to successive winners as they did to Norm. Rich Watkinson made the presentation on behalf of the Legion.

After the supper and speeches were over the evening was spent dancing in the Legion hall upstairs to Don Zanussi's orchestra.

Tuesday morning saw a large gathering of Rossland retirees curlers on hand at

the curling rink to take advantage of some free ice time. Last year nine teams participated in the club and from the look of it that number will increase this season.

On Thursday of last week we held an organizational meeting in the main lounge and elected new officers. Among the most important were a new president, Angus Popplewell, replacing Cleve Cowland, and Dick Cotton taking over from George Dyson as secretary-treasurer. A new slate for classification will see Joe Rosse, Jack Mitchell and Bernie Ferrey join yours truly this season and I will carry on as drawmaster again this time around.

Thursday was again free ice time and a meeting was held to draw up rinks for the first competition. Personnel of these will appear later. Lou Crowe joined us on Tuesday and may possibly end up playing in our club. Lou started curling as a youngster in the old Rossland curling rink around 1928-29 and has played off and on ever since.

By the way, that was the year a 16-year-old kid named

Pepper first set foot on Canadian soil. I didn't start curling until 1951-52 and it was in the same building as Lou started as a kid along with another old-timer in Rossland curling, Russel Jones.

We would kind of like to see Lou come back to his old stamping ground and he will be welcome if he decides to do so.

Tuesday was a busy one at the curling club as both the ladies' and men's club also took advantage of the free ice to hold open house. The mixed club and the business ladies also are having their free time, the first-named went on Wednesday evening and the latter will go on Monday.

Wouldn't you know it, after watching the Warriors take it on the chin for three games, I had to miss Saturday night's convincing win over the Rebels from Castlegar. Reports from people who were there tell me that the Warriors were well worth the 11-4 victory. After Friday night's Legion do, I was done like a dinner. I guess two nights in a row are a little too much for this

reporter. I just couldn't drag myself off the chesterfield.

Tonight Nelson visits, Sunday they go to Spokane and next Tuesday Castlegar comes back, a pretty busy schedule for our kids this next few days.

On the provincial scene the Canucks are beginning to get it together after a disastrous road trip. Their 8-1 drubbing of Hartford and the 3-2 squeaker over the Bruins have given some badly needed points as they start off on another eastern road trip hoping to improve on their last one.

Meanwhile, the B.C. Lions who started the season on a really high note, have seen that image tarnished as the season progressed. Sunday's dismal showing against Hamilton was just another page in the Lions' spotty record book this season which has seen the team unable to put two wins together. In order to survive for the playoffs they are faced with a situation that sees them facing the Stamps and Concordes and both games must be won, or else they can wait for another season.