

# PEPP-TALK

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This is the time of the year when we are supposed to make resolutions. After Jan. 1 I'm going to try real hard to take in more minor hockey games and tournaments. I'm also going to try to increase the amount of exercise I get in any given day.

Both of these will work together since I do not drive a car. The climb up to the arena is not long but it is pretty steep and so by going to more of the kid games I will be getting exercise. Then, when the spring comes along and the kids start playing soccer, I'll just keep right on taking that long climb up to Jubilee Park for the minor games plus the Labatts' games.

Clyde Moore was telling me yesterday that the kids have a Bantam tournament coming up in January. Clyde will give me a lineup of teams entered and a schedule when they have the

final tally. From what he said yesterday it should be a top-notch tourney with entries from all over the area. These kid tournaments are really something I enjoy.

I had a call on Boxing Day from Tommy Stanton, the mighty mite of the Warriors hockey team of a few year back. Tommy is working for the Forestry Department in the Golden area at this time and writes a column for the local paper in his spare time. I have read some of his writing and he does a real good job. I asked if he were staying over to play for the Warriors Old-Timers. He said he would have enjoyed the chance and had been asked but he had to leave Monday to be back to work.

Those of you who saw Tommy play will remember his style. He wasn't very big but he was all heart. Tommy never hesitated about mucking into the corner or anywhere he was called

upon to go and did come up with the puck more often than not.

Another former Warrior from Tommy's day who is in town is big Jim Cotton. Jim was a pretty rugged defenceman in his day although he looks a bit overweight now.

As for the Warriors they have two tough games coming up away from home before the All-Star game in Nelson Jan. 8. They play in Nelson Tuesday and in Trail next Friday. Then its out to Castlegar on Jan. 11 before they start a four-game home stand on Jan. 14 against the Nite Hawks.

They will have to win a lot of games in January or they will miss the playoffs again this year. They have been playing better of late. If they could only turn some of the one-goal and overtime losses into two-pointers it would be a big help.

From the radio news I

hear there is a fund-raising campaign under way in this district to help send a couple of Rossland boys back to join the Canadian ski team in Europe, Stan Hanson and Brian Fry would like to get back over there but the funds to send them are somewhat short. If anyone is able to assist in this matter there are several collection points in Rossland where you may donate. If you can help, please do so, these kids deserve the chance to show their stuff over there.

Right now we are on a holiday break from curling. We shall be at it again on Tuesday, continuing our second retirees competition. We also have a visit from the Trail and Nelson clubs coming up early in the New Year and there is the Legion Zone 'spiel to be held in Nakusp later this month.

Meanwhile the snow keeps piling up around the house.

It's a low house and right now we have trouble seeing out of the back windows. I think local weatherman, Lomar Keir, said there has almost been nine feet of the white stuff fallen on Rossland already and there doesn't appear to be much chance of any let-up, oh well, let'er come, it won't be that long until spring now. This from a national magazine I thought you might get a smile out of. A teacher was giving an outline of a science course to his class.

He said: "Before we are finished with the part on the metric system you'll know it forward, backward and inside out. You'll think, eat and sleep the metric way."

Then, without a trace of a smile, he continued.

"Now the first thing you'll need for this course is a twelve-inch ruler."

That's it for now, see you next week.