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The other night I went to a retirement party for an old friend of mine, Gordie Pillar, and some of the people who worked with him. Gordie and I were chums together almost from the time I started on the Hill and had been in touch through the years even though we worked in different parts of the Cominco Operations.

Many and varied are the stories I could tell of exploits together; one which stands out in my mind is the one in which we got together a couple of hundred bucks, most of it in the form of a loan from George Rennison, then the

manager of the Bank of Commerce in Trail, bought ourselves a bunch of cheap fire-extinguishers and travelled all over the West Kootenay selling them. Gordie was the driver in his old Fargo truck and I was the salesman.

How we ever made any money I'll never know, but at summer's end we had enough to pay back our loan and take a wild trip to Spokane on the balance. It was kinda crazy but it sure was fun.

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the introductions of the guests of honor were marred by a number of things. Speakers for the occasion would get up and say something but because they were either too far from the mike or the volume on the speaker system was not turned up the result was their talk came out all garbled. I suppose Howie Ross, Jim Broster and Bob Milne thought they were doing OK, but from where I sat it was one of the most frustrating things that I have sat through in a long time.

I don't know about the acoustics in the Tadanac Hall, it may have been that the lack of volume on the speaker system was at fault, but when I go to something like that I want to hear what's going on.

About a week ago I spent the day in company with another old chum of mine, probably one of the shortest pole climbers ever to work for West Kootenay Power. Jack Molyneux is right now enjoying his retirement up at the Manor in Rossland. He has a grand little suite opening onto a little verandah where he spends a lot of time scanning the surrounding country with a set of binoculars.

For a gent who is rapidly approaching his 80th birthday, Jack is a picture of health, plays a lot of golf in the summer, a game at which he excels; he was West Kootenay Senior champion for some two or three years, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if now that they have a retirees curling club in Rossland, we'll see Jack up there a couple of days a week throwing rocks.

Jack enjoyed showing me his trophies and pictures very much and there was a story to go along with each, but the one I got the most kick out of was the one told by his daughter, Joanie. It seems that she took Jack along to one of the soccer practices to which her sons go a couple times a week. Jack watched for a while but pretty soon he was out there dazzling the young-uns with his footwork and believe it or not, this went on for most of an hour.

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division. After two big wins over two of the top teams in the East division last weekend they now own a 5-1 record. Beating Kimberley Knights here on Friday 5-1 they followed it up with a really great win over the Colts in Cranbrook by a narrow margin of 2-1.

Both games saw the Warriors get excellent net minding from Ron Cox and Danny McFarland; the defence also showed that they are a pretty capable bunch, keeping the number of shots on goal down as low as possible.

The forwards too have got some pretty nifty plays going for them and the execution is getting better all the time, and now it seems any or all of them can finish off the plays for goals.

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I won't see any of these games as Jimmy Flanders, Sam Keith and I are heading up into the Lardeau country to do a bit of hunting. I'm told that is beautiful country up there and I'm sure looking forward to the trip.