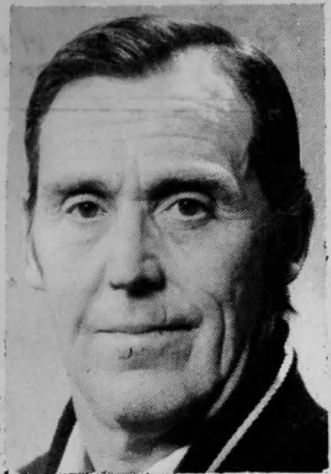


# AS I SEE IT

WITH  
HARRY PEPPER



Well, here it is, the Christmas season with all its bright lights, giving and accepting presents and happy gatherings of families and friends.

During the last couple of years I have made a habit of using this medium to wish all my friends the Best Wishes of the Season, and for this channel of greeting I have been very grateful.

Now with the expanding circulation of the Miner, I'm doubly happy because I can reach that many more. Before, it was largely my Rossland friends I could say "Hello" to, now, I can say "Hello" to quite a large segment of the West Kootenay.

First of all, because they are nearest and dearest to me, my sons and daughter and their families, may every succeeding Christmas get better and better and may you always be as happy as you are today.

Next in line are all the playing members of the Junior Warriors and their families, also Coach Lloyd and members of the executive. For you, I would like to wish a shot at the B.C. Junior Championship and more immediately the hope that you'll be able to snap that losing streak of the past week.

Summer is a distant memory but I want next to wish for the perennial winners of the Kootenay Baseball Championship a continuation of this good fortune. By your efforts you have given us all top-notch entertainment. Hail! Rossland Capilanos and coaches Joey and Barry. To you in particular,

The Minor Hockey youngsters are enjoying a good season, not too many wins for Rep teams, perhaps, but productive I would say, and to all of you, from Mighty Mites all the way up to the League president I have nothing but admiration and wishes for these good things to continue.

To the Castlegar and district girls who went to the coast and showed them down there that the West Kootenay is still a power in girls softball, all the best for another bang-up season. That includes you too, Maurice and your assistants, and the kind members of the Lions Club, who treated me so royally.

To the members of Trail's GROW League who have also been very good to me the past two seasons, may you continue to enjoy the same success in coming years.

To the oldest and spryest lady curler in these parts, who also does a fine job of keeping me supplied with news of the Ladies Curling Club, to you, Mrs. Margaret Stephens and all the members of your club, Best Wishes. To me, you've just got to be the greatest!

Joey, in what must be a trying time for you and yours, all my wishes for a better future.

To the Rossland Royals and their young counterparts, the Junior Royals, I wish much better things to happen in the coming year.

To all the members of the Play-For-Fun League, I just wish that things keep going the way they are now, I don't think I could wish more for you.

To my young soccer-playing friends and all the coaches and all who help out, my very best wishes for continued success to the winners and hopes for better things in the future for those not so fortunate.

To Don Holmes and his merry men of the Rossland Baseball Little League executive and all the kids who enjoy the sport that these men help along on its way, the best of things that can happen to you.

To all Minor and Junior Hockey players and coaches throughout the Kootenays, many of whom I have come in contact in my news-gathering forays, I salute you and wish you all the best.

To all those hard working ladies and gents out in the Beaver Valley, who are responsible for helping supply many hours of first-class entertainment, Labour Day for example, may you find much pleasure in continuing the good work.

Many are the personal friends I have gathered over my few years in this news job, and I would like to remember every one singly, but that would be too big a job and so I'm going to satisfy myself with saying how enjoyable it's been to know you and may your shadows never grow shorter and my Best Wishes to you all.