

Bob Blaind (Bait and Tackle)

kid," says Nancy.

In the late 1960s or early 1970s Blaind and some friends built a concrete block addition onto the boat-house and it became the main section, with the latter being used for live bait and motor repairs.

The worms came from the fairways of area golf clubs Blaind rented from the owners. The worms were picked at night and Nancy remembers

driving a bus full of people to one of the courses and picking worms until morning.

The slippery creatures were kept in a large walk-in fridge. Blaind also sold crayfish and frogs and wholesaled these items to stores in Toronto and Montreal, says Betty.

By the late 1970s Blaind was facing tough competition from large chain stores and when the recession hit in 1981 the business was forced to close.

Blaind took a job with a bait and tackle shop on Dundas Street East and then took over the business. But his health, worn down from years of hard work, was failing. He died of a heart attack Jan. 8, 1984. David and Nancy continued the business on Dundas Street for a little less than a year before giving it up.

But Bob Blaind and his bait and tackle shop will remain etched in the minds of local sportmen for years to come.



Betty Blaind



Bob Blaind, right, explains fishing gear to Jack O'Neil.

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Members of the Mustangs hockey team, 1967, sponsored by Bob Blaind, front row from left, Bob Blaind, Paul Smith, ? Ferguson, 'Rusty' Garvin. Middle, Dave Snedden, Pat Asselstine, Doug Bone, ?, ?, ?. Back, Bill Raycroft, ?, Jack Garvin, ?, Bob Horwood.