

Legion Branch Energies, Efforts To Be Turned Elsewhere

By RALPH HAWES

At one of the best attended general meetings for several years, last Thursday the membership of Branch 120 voted unanimously to discontinue the sponsorship of Saturday morning hockey, thus ending twenty years of unselfish effort to bring hockey to kids in this district by the Branch.

From where we sat during these last few months, it was obvious and very evident that the ice time question, developed into a political ball game, which was being played by some persons with no real interest in recreation for the youth of Georgetown.

It seems hard to understand how, after almost twenty years of harmony and understanding with what was the arena board, a situation such as the one that exists now could develop. One thing is for sure, the Royal Canadian Legion has not changed, community work is and will continue to be one of the organization's main projects.

Now the energies and efforts of Branch 120 will be turned elsewhere in community work. PIPED IN Branch 15 Brampton were host to visiting veterans from Sunnyside Hospital on Saturday September 25. Branch 120 Pipe Band were on hand to pipe the visitors into the building. As the disabled vets were assisted or carried over the threshold they were welcomed by the whiff of the pipes.

Members of the Pipe Band received thanks from Branch 15, for spending an afternoon with the vets, entertaining, waiting table, and giving assistance wherever it was needed. A tip of the hat to the Branch Pipers and Drummers.

BRANCH BITS It seems that Branch ladies will soon begin the Legion Auxiliary Bowling again, but prior to the first game, they would have a get together to decide just how things will be set up. A meeting is to be held on Thursday October 7th.

Branch 120 players can get a couple of teams together for that day. From a Branch of our size we leave an awful lot to be dealt as far as sports are concerned.

GEORGETOWN HERALD THURSDAY, SEPT. 30, 1971 Page 3 Let's all try just a little bit harder and everyone will feel better for their efforts.



Mrs. Connie Ferguson of 2 Bairrow Crescent tries her new Pontiac on for size. She was the winner in the Legion Branch 120 car club draw. Looking on from left are her husband John, Branch 120 president Norm Ward, and Mike Armstrong of Masson. Motors who supplied the new vehicle.

In the Mail Bag

Twenty Years of Kid Hockey Backing Ends for Legion

Georgetown, Ontario. Sir: It is with great regret that Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, at a general meeting have decided that after 20 years of running Saturday Morning Kid Hockey, we can no longer continue. There has been much publicity over the negotiations between ourselves and the Parks & Recreation Committee, resulting from the increase in charges for ice time, and I feel at this time, we of Branch 120 should try to explain the position as we see it.

Up to the season 1949-1950, the Town of Georgetown ran the Kid Hockey, but found themselves unable to continue, and there was no hockey in the year 1950-1951, at which time, at a meeting between the Town and Legion, it was decided by the Branch to take over the whole program, with the town providing the Arena free of charge.

to this we agreed. This was subject to the approval of the Committee, and at this point we understood we had reached a tentative agreement. The next day, I received a letter, delivered by hand, in which it was stated that the Committee had rejected our proposal of \$2.75, and offered us \$5.00 per boy with no grant back. If we did not wish to accept this offer, the offer of \$7.50 and \$15.00 was still open!

In closing, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who have given of themselves, and donated their time to make Legion Minor Hockey the success it has been over the last 20 years.

Norm Ward President, Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion.

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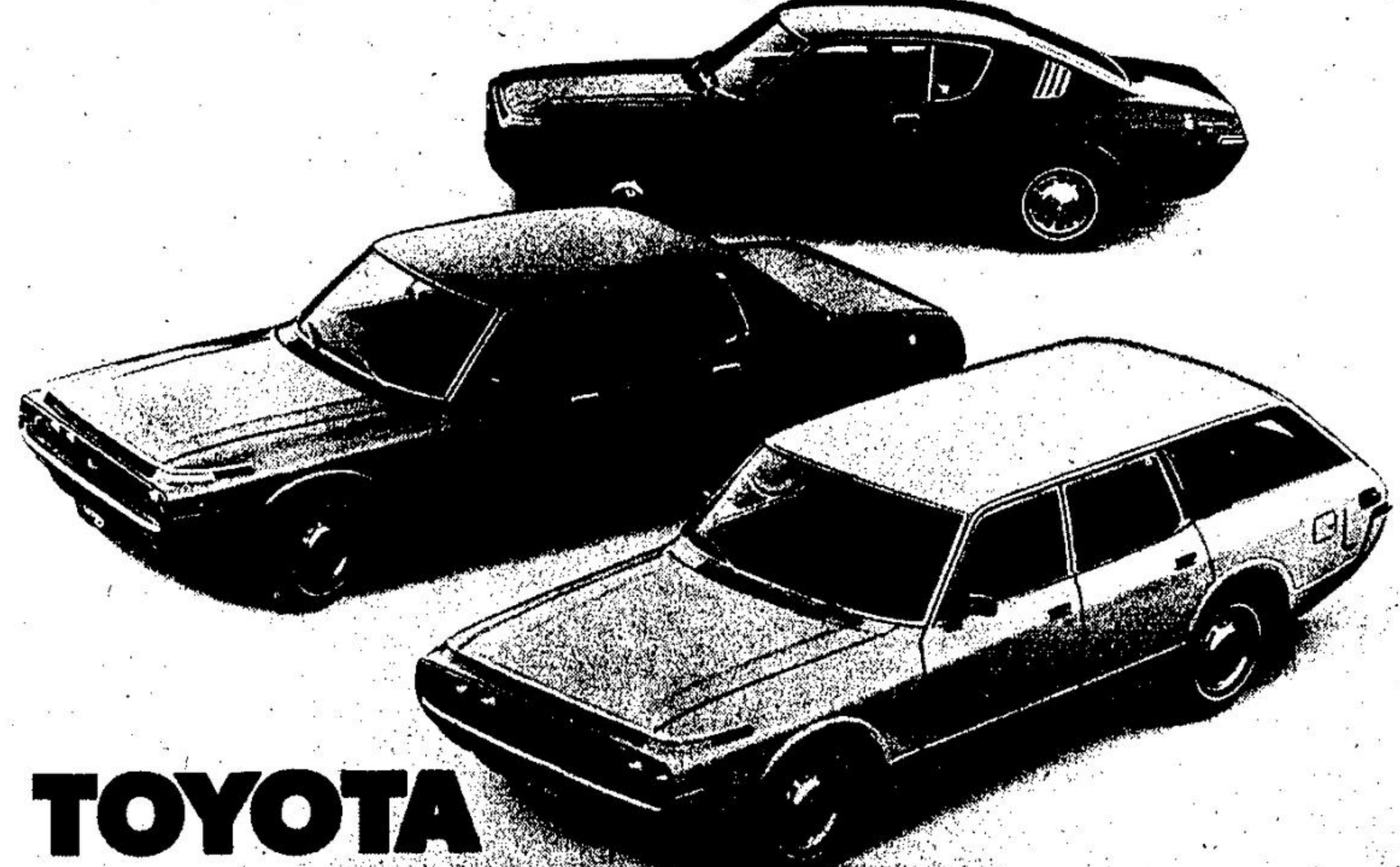
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