Legion Branch Energies, Efforts To Be Turned Elsewhere

By RALPH HAWES

general meetings for several years, last Thursday the for the youth of Georgetown. membership of Branch 120 voted unanimously to discontinue the hockey, thus ending twenty years of unselfish effort to bring bockey 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 organization's main projects. a political ball game, which was It seems hard to understand

exists now could develope.

Now the energies and efforts of received thanks from Branch 15. Thursday October 7th.

PIPED IN how, after almost twenty years of to visiting veterans from Sun- the hat to the Branch Pipers and sponsorship of Saturday morning harmony and understanding with nybrook Hospital on Saturday Drummers. what was the arena board, a September 25. Branch 120 Pipe situation such as the one that Band were on hand to pipe the visitors into the building.

One thing is for sure, the Royal As the disabled vets were Auxiliary Bowling again, but Canadian Legion has not assisted or carried over the changed, community work is and threshold they were welcomed by will continue to be one of the the whirl of the pipes.

At one of the best attended being played by some persons Branch 120 will be turned for spending an afternoon with with no real interest in recreation elsewhere in community work. the vets, entertaining, waiting table, and giving assistance Branch 15 Brampton were host | where ever it was needed. A tip of

> BRANCH BITS It seems that Branch ladles will soon begin the Legion prior to the first game, they would have a get together to decide just how things will be not

With Joe away to the auxiliary birthday dinner, Bob Mackenzie and yours truly ran the Friday night dart shoot, and in spite of

the fact that we had a couple of false starts, and had to throw about two hundred darts each, we managed to end up with ten winners, J. Ferguson, M. Carney, A. Porter, L. Cross, E. Ferguson, B. Collins, M. Hale, D. Bell and R. Hawes.

Saturday night bingo was won by M. Beatty, C. Hennessy, E. Greenwood, W. Collier.

The Country Classics were on their old form on Saturday night and had the hall full to capacity. Lucky dancers were, D. Nolan, M. Morriarity, G. Archibald, and Dave Wright.

Mr. C. W. Wall, Service Bureau Officer, Ontario Provincial Command will be at the Branch on Wednesday October 6. from 3.30 p.m. to advise and assist veterans seeking such service. The following is a special report from Sports Officer Hank Russell:

BALL TOURNEY Saturday past was the day of

the first annual Inter Branch Softball Tournament. On this day it seemed to be that the gods were against Branch 120 as they went down to an early defeat.

It seemed to be that Branch 15 from Brampton had everything on their side. Yes it was Branch 15 that went home happy and carried all the trophy hardware

The tournament itself was a very successful day. There were six of the eleven Branches in the zone represented, Acton. Georgetown, Brampton, Oakville. Cooksville and Port Credit.

The games themselves were highlighted by some very fine defensive play and some very fine hitting power by all teams playing.

. The Georgetown Team consisted of Bob Burns, Gib Telford, Tom Harlow, Dave McLeod, Hopper McLeod, Tom James, Mike Bond, George Louth and Jim Wallace. Just enough players for a starting line-up and these boys had to play all the way for three complete games. These fellows deserve a fine hand for their efforts and stamina.

I do hope that next time out some of the all talk ballplayers might find a way to try their hand and help the comrades that played their hearts out for Branch 120.

On October 16 the zone shuf-

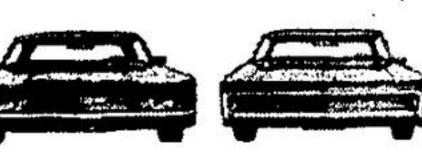
fleboard tournament will take desired as place in Port Credit, let's see if concerned.

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 desired as far as sports are

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Twenty Years of Kid Hockey **Backing Ends for Legion**

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 Kld

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. This arrangement worked

extremely well for many years, with the number of participants growing rapidly, and the number of voluntary workers expanding correspondingly. During this time, it was found to be more convenient to have the Arena Board provide ice scrapes, etc., and the Legion footed the bill. It should be noted that, during this period, the boys paid nothing except for \$1.00 insurance, which was available on an optional bauls.

In the year of 1969, we were informed by the Arena Board that a charge of \$7.50 per hour was to be initiated, and after a meeting between the Board and us, we agreed to collect this money from the boys: A registration fee of \$2.00 per boy was levied to offset part of the

We received a letter from the Parks & Recreation Committee in the month of July, 1971, informing us that the ice rates were to be \$15.00 per hour, with a grant of \$1.00 per participant for the season of 1971-1972, with a proposed charge of \$21.00 per hour for 1972-1973. This charge, we felt, was exorbitant - an increase of 100 percent over two years and almost 200 percent

asked to discuss the matter with the Committee. After this meeting, the charge for time prior to 9 a.m. was reduced to \$7.50, with the remainder at \$15.00. with the grant back of \$1.00 per participant. This was still considered too high, and we requested the Town Council to receive a delegation from the Branch, as the Parks & Recreation Committee informed us that they were tied to a

over three years. I accordingly

We presented our brief, and after a short discussion by some members of Council, we were told by the Mayor to go back to the Parks & Recreation Committee, to try to reach an a agreement, and falling this to

come back to Council. At the meeting with this Committee, the Chairman said that the difference between them and us was only 50c per boy, and we offered to collect this and hand over the full amount collected to the Committee. There was some disagreement as to whether this would be a total of \$2.50 or \$3.50, when we pointed out that the registration was \$2.00 with \$1.00 to cover insurance. The Chairman then asked if we would collect \$2.75 per boy, and

was the winner in the Legion

Branch 120 car club draw.

Looking on from left are her

was still open!

In my letter to The Herald last officiating, etc.

Committee, and at this point we Councillor Denison, whom we understood we had reached a saw for the first time during the 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 offer, the offer of \$7.50 and \$15.00 year, and assemble all the voluntary help for coaching,

husband John, Branch 120

president Norm Ward, and

Mike Armstrong of Masson

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 Georgetown, Ontario. to this we agreed. This was week, I explained what happened Hockey the success it has been subject to the approval of the ot the Council meeting, after over the last 20 years. Norm Ward

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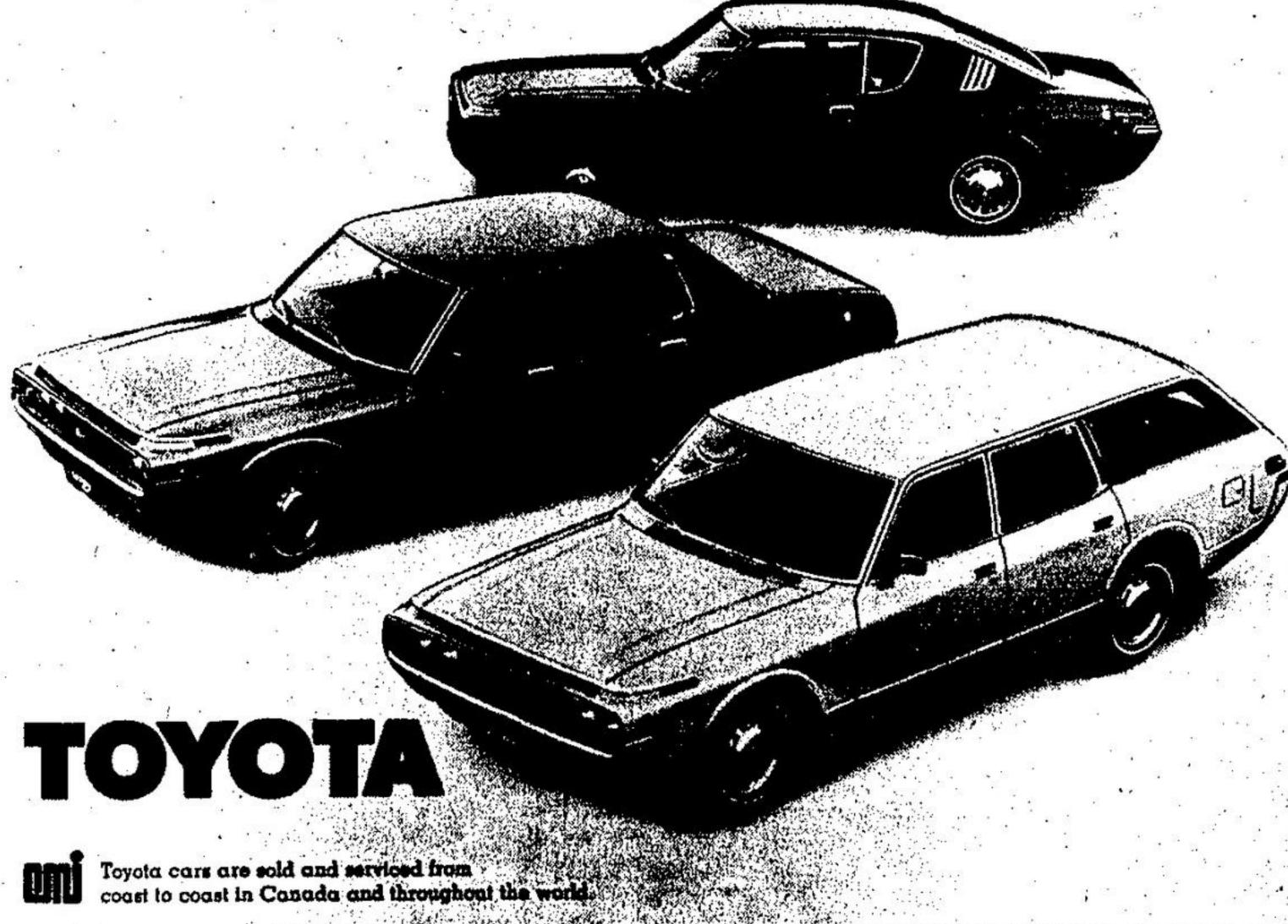
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