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Jills executive looking for new facility

The future calls for expansion if local gymnastics club is to improve

President of the Halton Hills gymnastics club, Hugh Cook, sees gymnastics week in Canada as an opportunity to make local residents aware of what the club is trying to do in the area.

Cook has been president of the Jills for the past two years, succeeding Marg Lamonth to the post. Since his tenure as president Cook has developed a small but dedicated executive to assist in the many duties and responsibilities associated with running the club.

Two ideas foremost on the minds of the executive for the near future are expansion in hiring a full time head

coach and looking for a facility other than the cramped quarters above Memorial arena.

NEW DUTIES
 The duties of a new head coach would be full-time and the cost of acquiring a coach would cost somewhere between \$10,000 to \$15,000, Cook says. The executive has three prospects in mind for the job at the moment. Over the summer the Jills have

advertising in both local papers as well as the Toronto Star and the Globe and Mail.

"Over the past year we've been trying to find a new facility, but it really depends on us finding a head coach first," Cook says. The club president says the executive will start working harder towards renting a permanent facility as soon as the coach is hired. Then serious fund-raising will also begin.

At the moment the Jills cannot try complicated maneuvers on the uneven bars and any vaulting equipment cannot be used in the Rose Room, above Memorial arena. Some of the more established clubs have formed pits around their gymnastic equipment which allows the girls to experiment, something the Jills have not been able to do because of their present location, Cook says.

The costs of gymnastics are not cheap, the president says. In order to buy proper

equipment to train, rent a facility and pay for coaching, the costs do add up, he says. For instance, a brand new floor mat costs \$15,000, Cook says. This is why registration costs (some \$300 for a pre-competitive member) are so

high, the president says.

CASH CARTWHEELS
 To raise money the Halton Hills Jills have their Christmas 'Cartwheels for Cash' fundraiser plus they participate in a number of draws put together by the Ontario Gymnastics Federation (OGF), Cook says. "Gymnastics doesn't compare in numbers as in hockey, but we're trying to expand to

The club has recently applied for a bingo licence and they see this as one way to increase their revenue for the 1981 season. Norval Junction, formerly the Way-Jay club in Norval, has offered their main hall for a bingo draw. Apparently, some other clubs such as Kawartha club in Peterborough use bingos to very effectively raise money for their expenses, says Cook.

There might be a possibility that the Norval Junction vacant space can be rented out to the Jills but these procedures must wait until a head coach is hired. Another site that was looked into was an abandoned warehouse across from the Georgetown Golf Club.

The executive have been able to get new families out to help in various responsibilities, but Cook would like to see more parents get involved with the program their daughters or sons participate in. The executive might consider raising the registration fee for those parents who do not want to help in matters involving the club. Some of the major clubs in Ontario already have implemented this procedure to encourage parents to participate.

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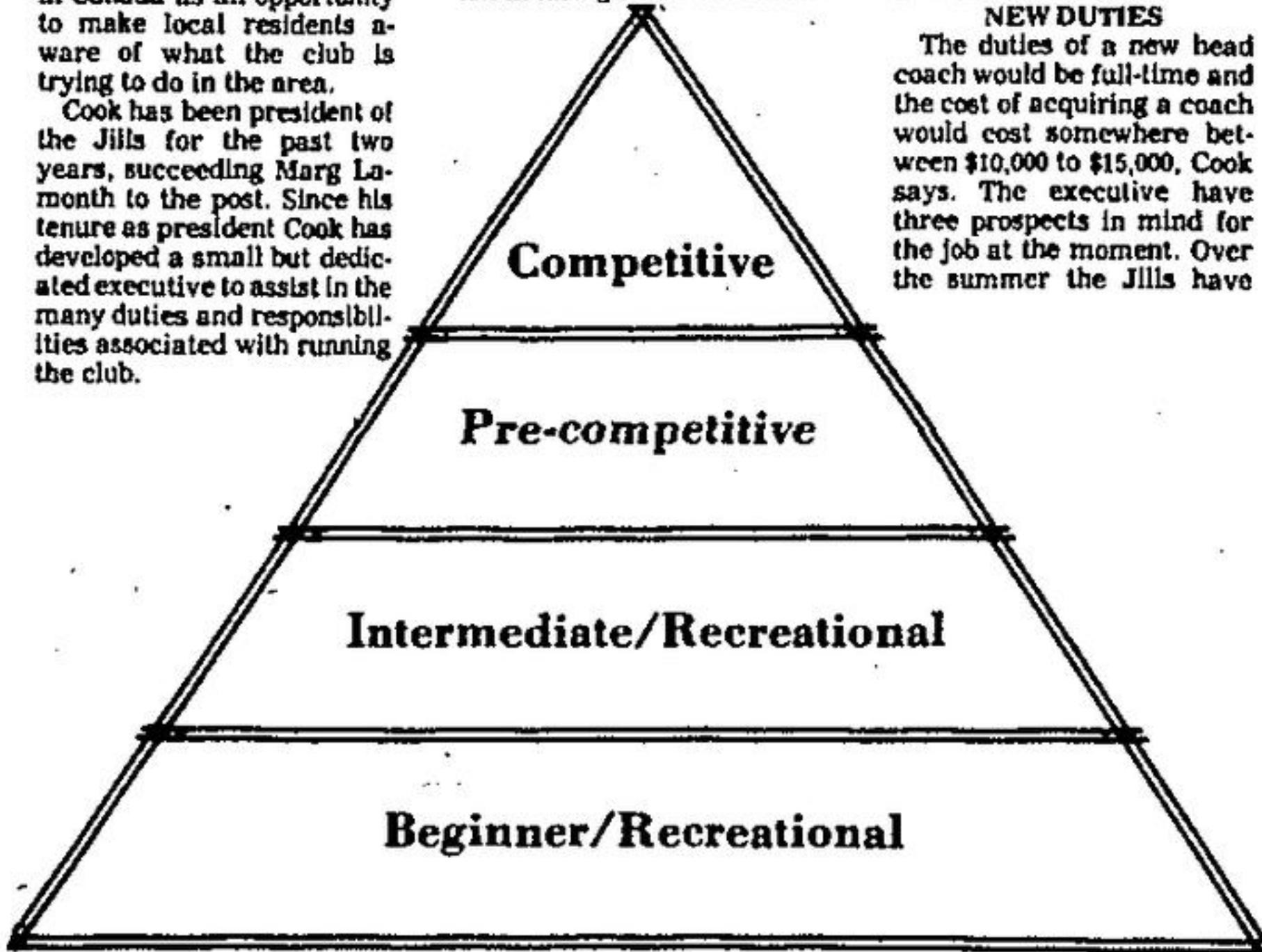
HUGH COOK

include more members, including boys, he says.

The executive has estimated that to rent a proper facility for the Town of Halton Hills for gymnastics the cost could be as much as \$30,000 per year. The president says it would be better for the club to buy their own facility, but greater support from parents would be required.



These girls seem to be enjoying their activities 'on the beam' at the Halton Hills Jills training centre above Memorial arena on Mill Street. (Herald photo)



Shown above is the gymnastics pyramid in Halton Hills where a girl may progress through different levels of training if she so desires. At the moment the Jills are hoping to acquire a more permanent training facility which will keep the better gymnasts from leaving town to practice. First a new full-time head coach must be hired.



Nikk's Pools Mariners have been at or near the top of the Tyke hardball standings since the beginning of the season. Coached by Frank Moore, the team has always been known to play with lots of spirit. Seen here in the picture are (left to right, back row) Danny Forefellow, Mark Talbot, Heather McNeil, coach Fred Moore (left to right, front row) John McElhone, Mike Wilkins, Chris McHale, Jeremy Felce, Lisa Walters, Darnelle Moore, Dave Hodge.

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