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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JACK WILSON
PRESIDENT**

**CALGARY
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Welcome to the 1976 Sportsmen's Dinner.

The Directors of the Calgary Booster Club are very proud to have you join with us in paying tribute to Henry Viney, Calgary's Sportsman of the Year. Henry has made a substantial worthwhile, voluntary contribution of his time and effort to our young athletes for many years. That contribution has helped to make Calgary a better community for all of us. We think that is important.

We also take pride in recognizing the personal accomplishments of a number of Calgary's outstanding athletes and athletic leaders.

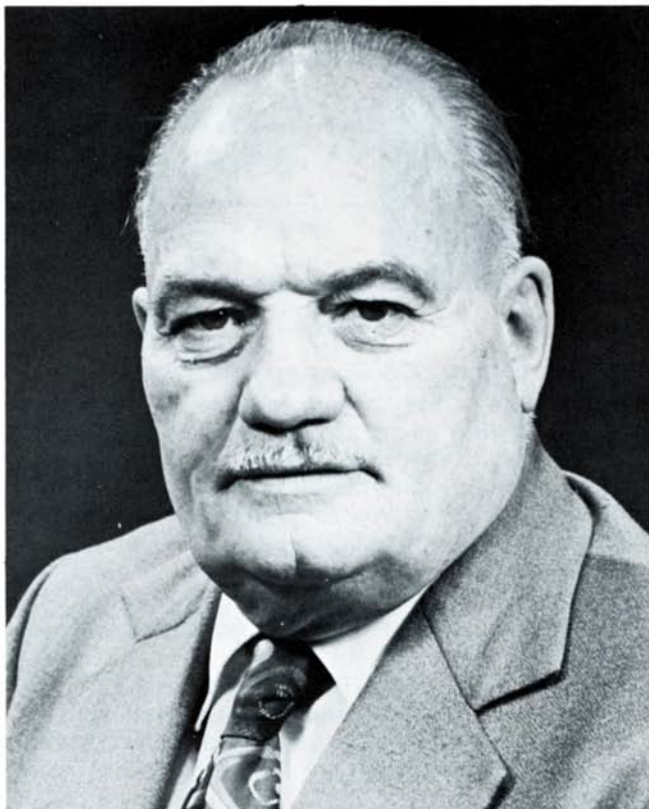
To Tom Bishop, Willie Burden, Ron Gerlitz, Ken Read, Cathy Priestner, Jim Hunter and Paul Gowsell and his teammates Neil Houston, Glen Jackson and Kelly Stearne, congratulations for achieving such a noteworthy level of personal achievement.

And to Jack Schofield, John Elick and Bill Phillips, congratulations on your success and thank you for your contributions.

We extend a warm welcome to our head table guests, and acknowledge their very important roles in tonight's Dinner. Calgary's press, radio, and television representatives have once again been very kind in their coverage, for which we thank them.

On behalf of the Directors of The Calgary Booster Club I wish to extend our most sincere thanks to you our paying guests for your support of this memorable night for Henry Viney.

**BOOSTER CLUB'S
1976 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**



HENRY VINEY

Henry Viney is a man who stands tall not only in his chosen vocation of sports broadcasting but also in his contribution to amateur sports throughout Canada.

Henry was born in Lethbridge on September 3, 1910. As a broadcaster, his career stretches back to 1932 when a Lethbridge hardware store persuaded a local station to put Henry on the air to talk about sports. Thus, without any previous

experience in journalism or broadcasting, he vaulted into a career that has brought him recognition from every corner of the world.

Among the many sporting events Henry has covered are included a total of nine World Series of baseball, numerous Olympic Games both summer and winter, the British Empire Games, the Pan-American Games, the World Hockey Championships, the English Football Cup, the heavyweight boxing championships between Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott, the Kentucky Derby, the Indianapolis 500, the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the East-West all-star Shrine football game and every Grey Cup game since 1948. He has also just returned from Czechoslovakia where he accompanied the Calgary Spurs midget hockey team on their tour of that country.

Unlike many sports reporters, Henry's knowledge stems from active participation. He has competed in provincial swimming and boxing championships and has participated in baseball, basketball, hockey, track and field and wrestling. As an official, he has refereed Allan Cup hockey, Ladies World Basketball Tournaments, the Dominion Men's Basketball Championships, senior baseball and senior football.

Throughout his career Henry has devoted his time unselfishly to all levels of amateur sports. He has served at the executive level as Commissioner of the Southern Alberta Junior Baseball League and as Vice-President of the Calgary Junior Soccer Association. He has spoken to literally thousands as a guest speaker at various sports banquets in addition to serving as Master of Ceremonies countless times. His door has always been open to those in amateur sports who require his services.

Henry has been honoured many times throughout his career but a few of those awards have special significance to him. In 1967, he received the Foster Hewitt Award as Canada's Outstanding Sportscaster. In addition, he was honoured by the Amateur Sports Federation of Canada in 1968 and recently was named Outstanding Media Personality during the annual Love Awards presentations.

Henry has spent his life promoting amateur sporting activities in Canada and particularly in the Calgary area. Without his co-operation and guidance, many sporting groups would not be as efficient or active as they are today.

The Booster Club is extremely proud to add the name of Henry Viney to the distinguished list of Sportsmen of the Years.

"SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR"

1954	Eugene 'Musty' McGill
1955	Mrs. Rose Kohn
1956	Father Jim Whelihan
1957	Lloyd Turner
1958	Art Davis
1959	Pete Egan
1960	Frank Woodman
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1962	Jimmy Condon
1963	Jerry Trudel
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1967	Ed Corbett
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The Calgary High School Golf Championships.

The Calgary High School Swim Meet. Held at the University pool with over 300 students participating.

Scholarships for hockey players to attend University of Calgary.

Scholarships for C A H A registered hockey players who are attending a Calgary university, college or technical school.

Committee to promote the construction of an indoor multi-purpose sports facility.

Century Calgary Sports Program — administrative assistance for a program that included 33 different athletic events, 19 of which were Canadian championships.

Rose Kohn Hockey Scholarship.

Laurie Robertson Memorial Trophy.

Harry Hood Memorial Trophy.

Financial grants to amateur athletes and groups.

Sportsmen's Dinner honouring Sportsman of the Year, Honoured Athletes, and Athletic Leaders.

BOOSTER CLUB AWARD RECIPIENTS

HARRY HOOD MEMORIAL AWARD



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A trophy donated in memory of Harry Hood, a former Calgary Stampeder football player, and awarded to the outstanding Senior High School Football player exhibiting scholastic achievement, football ability, citizenship and sportsmanship.

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Crescent Heights
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Elwood Threlfall,
Henry Wise Wood
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LAURIE ROBERTSON MEMORIAL AWARD



Presented in memory of Laurie Robertson, former High School Physical Education Instructor, and presented to the outstanding Senior High School Basketball player.

Winner - Monty Leavitt
Lord Beaverbrook
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ROSE KOHN SCHOLARSHIP



Perpetuating the memory of Rose Kohn, a dedicated minor hockey executive, the scholarship is awarded to a player in the Calgary Juvenile B Hockey League who has displayed scholastic achievement, hockey ability, sportsmanship and citizenship and is selected from players nominated by coaches, managers and school principals.

Winner - Marty Barry

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



CATHY PRIESTNER

Cathy has been honoured by the Booster Club on two previous occasions for her speed-skating triumphs. This year, as is well known, she surpassed all her previous accomplishments by winning a silver medal in the 500 metre event at the Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria. She also placed sixth in the 1000 metres.

Cathy holds the Canadian record in both the 500 and 1000 metre events and she recently won the Canadian Open Championship. In 1975 she became the first Canadian ever to win a gold medal in the World Sprint Championships and she finished fifth overall in the 1975 World Speedskating Championships, the best-ever showing, once again, by a Canadian. For four consecutive years beginning in 1973, Cathy has had the fastest time-set in 500 metre world competition.

The Booster Club is pleased to honour this outstanding young athlete.



JIM HUNTER

Jim Hunter has recently completed his most successful year on the international ski circuit. In World Cup competition, he finished third in the combined, over all point totals. He thus became the first Canadian male to achieve medal status in the final World Cup standings. En route to his excellent finish, Jim placed third in the downhill in both Wengen, Switzerland and Mount Ste. Anne, Quebec. He also finished tenth in the Olympic Games downhill.

In the Canadian championships, Jim won both the slalom and giant slalom events and placed third in both the dual slalom and downhill.

Jim has been singularly honoured by being chosen by Canada's National Film Board as the subject of a feature length movie depicting his skiing prowess and wholesome life style.

It is a privilege to honour an athlete who has maintained such high standards in both his skiing life and his personal life.

JOHN ELICK



John Elick played minor baseball in Calgary before moving to the U.S. on a baseball scholarship to play at both the College of Sequoia and the University of California at Northridge.

Returning to Calgary in 1968 John managed and coached the Calgary Cubs who subsequently became the Calgary Jimmies. John led the Jimmies to two provincial championships and into the Canadian championships on two occasions, where their best showing was a second place finish in Vancouver in 1975.

John was chosen to play on the National Baseball Team which represented Canada in the 1972 World Amateur Baseball Championships in Nicaragua. He was also invited to join the Edmonton Tigers as a player and assistant coach when they won the Canadian Championship in 1974.

John Elick has been instrumental in organizing and keeping baseball in Calgary.

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JACK SCHOFIELD

Jack Schofield is well known to many of us for his contribution over the years in the field of coaching hockey. Jack has coached a number of provincial champion Juvenile and Midget teams over the years since 1960.

One of the highlights of Jack's career was the recent winning of the Wrigley Tournament (Canadian Midget Championship) by his Calgary Spurs and the subsequent trip to Europe with those same Spurs which has just been completed.

The Spurs received numerous accolades for their mature behavior as ambassadors for Canada as well as for their hockey ability. At no time were they intimidated or did they succumb to the pressures of international competition. The man who instilled much of this behavior in the youngsters was of course, their coach, Jack Schofield.

The Booster Club takes pleasure in honouring Jack not only for his coaching ability but also for his ability to impart sound principles of character development to his players.

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WILLIAM "BILL" A. PHILLIPS

Bill Phillips has a list of accomplishments in amateur sports in Calgary that would fill four or five pages of this program. Although he is best known as a trainer, Bill has also contributed to amateur athletics as a participant, a referee and a coach. He has served in one capacity or another in football, hockey, soccer, baseball, track and field, curling, volleyball, basketball, tennis and bowling. He currently enjoys playing handball three or four times a week.

Bill and his wife Mary, have raised their family of five sons and one daughter in Calgary. The reason for Bill's unselfish contributions to athletics in our community is best summed up by quoting his own personal philosophy: "If young people today have a desire and want to keep healthy, happy and physically fit and become a model citizen, then I would sincerely urge each of them to get into action, and keep their leisure hours actively engaged in competitive sports."

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**MASTER OF
CEREMONIES**

NORMIE KWONG

Normie Kwong is the self-proclaimed "Living Legend" of the Canadian gridiron. A veteran of thirteen years in the C.F.L. with both the Calgary Stampeders and the Edmonton Eskimos, the "China Clipper" gained over 9,000 yards rushing and was twice awarded the Schenley Award as the "Outstanding Canadian" playing in the C.F.L.

Normie was named to the C.F.L. All-Star team on five different occasions and last summer was voted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in Toronto.

He is recognized as one of the leading emcees and after-dinner speakers in Canada, having been the feature speaker at numerous functions including two Grey Cup Dinners, the Ontario Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Dinner and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers Annual Dinner.

Normie was born and raised in Calgary. He is married and has four sons.

AGENDA

COCKTAILS

DINNER

PRESIDENT OF CALGARY BOOSTER CLUB
JACK WILSON

INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES
NORMIE KWONG

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

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INTRODUCTION OF:

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS
BOOSTER CLUB AWARD WINNERS
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HONOURED ATHLETES

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
HENRY VINEY

GUEST SPEAKER
LYNN SWANN

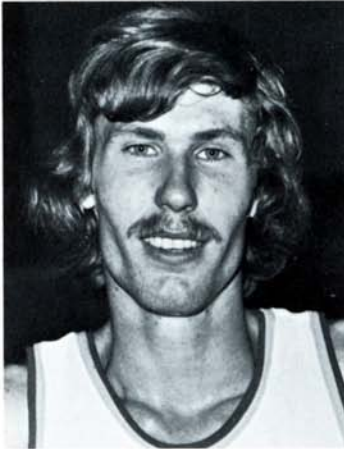
GUEST SPEAKER
VIC OBECK

GUEST SPEAKER
RUDY PILOUS

DRAW FOR DOOR PRIZES

CLOSING MESSAGE

HONOUREI



TOM BISHOP

Basketball has been enjoying a tremendous revival in the Calgary area and one of the reasons for this turn around has been the play of 6'6" Tom Bishop.

Tom has just completed his fourth year at centre for the University of Calgary Dinosaurs. Born and raised in Calgary, Tom played high school basketball at Western Canada High School and also played one year for the Mount Royal College Cougars.

In 1975, he was honoured by being selected to the all-star team in the Winnipeg Golden Boy Classic Tournament. During 1975-76, Tom averaged 21.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game for the Dinosaurs and was voted the

most valuable player at the Dinosaur Basketball Classic Tournament, was an all-star in the C.W.I.A.A. and was voted first team all Canadian in the C.I.A.U.



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WILLIE BURDEN

The football prowess of Willie Burden is well known to Canadian fans. The 25 year old running back joined the Stampeders at the tail end of the 1974 season and was an instant sensation. But that was only the beginning. With the opportunity to play the full season in 1975, Willie established a new Canadian Football League record by rushing for 1898 yards. He was named by his team mates as the winner of the President's Ring award as the outstanding player on the team. To top the season off, he was named Canada's outstanding Football Player and winner of the Schenley Award.

Willie attended North Carolina State and his football credits there include being named Player of the Year in his college conference in 1973, the same year that he established seven individual North Carolina rushing records.

Willie is active in youth work in his native Raleigh, North Carolina. It is a privilege to recognize Willie not only as an outstanding athlete, but also as an outstanding citizen.



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RON GERLITZ

As team captain of the University of Calgary Dinosaurs hockey club, Ron Gerlitz was the man who provided not only the hockey skills, but also the leadership and inspiration that enabled the team to enjoy such a successful 1975-76 season.

Ron has just completed his fourth year with the Dinosaurs. As a first year player, he was awarded rookie of the year honours. This past year he was named to the Western Conference first all-star team and was the leading goal scorer in the Conference.

A graduate of Viscount Bennett High School, Ron has a Bachelor of Physical Education Degree and is currently completing a teacher certification program at the University of Calgary.

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PAUL GOWSELL RINK

One of the more dramatic moments in sport in the last year was the victory by the Paul Gowsell rink of Calgary in the World Junior Curling Championships held in Aviemore, Scotland. Following victories in the Alberta School Boy Playdowns and the Canadian School Boy Championship, the rink moved on to international competition where they advanced through the 10 team round robin play to

defeat Scotland in the semi-finals and Sweden in the finals. This was the first Canadian rink ever to win the World Junior Championship.

The Booster Club takes much pleasure in recognizing the outstanding performance of Paul Gowsell, Glen Jackson, Neil Houston and Kelly Stearne.



KEN READ

Ken Read is one of the best skiers in the world. At the tender age of twenty, he became the first Canadian male ever to win a World Cup downhill race which he did at Val d'Isere, France in December, 1975. He also placed fifth in the recently completed Olympic men's downhill, only 24/100th of a second out of first place.

This is Ken's third year on the Canadian National Ski Team. He has won the Canadian Downhill Championship for the last two years and added the Canadian Dual Slalom Championship this year.

Ken's parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Read, are residents of Calgary, as is his sister and his two brothers, all of whom are accomplished skiers. When he is not involved in competitive skiing, Ken is a student at the University of Calgary.



GUEST SPEAKER

RUDY PILOUS

Currently the General Manager of the Winnipeg Jets, Rudy Pilous has completed over thirty years of coaching and managing hockey.

Pilous-coached teams have won numerous league titles beginning with Houston back in 1948 and San Diego in 1951. He guided the St. Catharines Teepees to two Memorial Cup Championships in 1954 and 1960 where he coached such players as Roger Crozier, Vic Hadfield and Elmer Vasko.

One of the highlights of his career was the winning of the Stanley Cup with the 1961 Chicago Black Hawks. That team was famous for its "name" lines. It included the "Million Dollar Line" of Bobby Hull, Billy Hay and the late Murray Balfour and the "Scooter Line" of Stan Mikita, Kenny Wharram and Ab McDonald. Glen Hall was the goalie for the Black Hawks at that time.

Rudy is also well-known as an entertaining after-dinner speaker and the Booster Club is pleased to welcome him to the head table.



GUEST SPEAKER

VIC OBECK

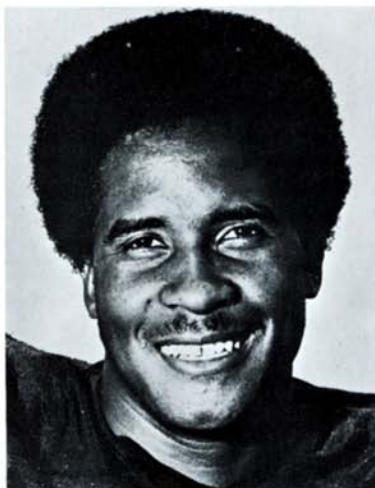
The Booster Club is pleased to welcome to the head table a man who has had a wealth of experience in both amateur and professional athletics.

Mr. Vic Obeck is a graduate of Springfield College and Columbia University and spent three years in the National Football League as a player with the Chicago Cardinals. He also played with Brooklyn in the All-American Conference where he knew both Glen Dobbs and Martin Ruby, two well-known names to football fans in Western Canada. Following his playing days, Vic spent nine years as Director of Athletics at McGill University after which he joined the Montreal Alouettes as vice-president and general manager. Two years later he accepted the post of Athletic Director with New York University where he stayed for ten years.

In addition to his wide ranging background in athletics, Vic has also fashioned a career in T.V. and radio broadcasting both in Canada and the U.S.

He has served on Olympic Games Committees in Rome, Tokyo and Mexico.

Vic is currently the head of his own Public Relations firm and is doing special consulting work for the organizing committee for the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.



GUEST SPEAKER

LYNN SWANN

His first catch was incredible . . . his second unbelievable . . . his third was merely a standard, difficult dramatic touchdown, sealed up "Super Bowl X" for the Pittsburgh Steelers and earned slender Lynn Swann most valuable player honours.

This brilliant twenty-three year old receiver was drafted out of the University of Southern California just two years ago. He became a starter as a receiver in his first year of pro-ball and also established himself as an excellent punt return man, finishing fifth in the entire league in that category. During the 1975 season, he blossomed into one of the premier receivers in football, making fifty receptions for over eight hundred yards and eleven touchdowns.

Swann's outstanding athletic ability enabled him to compete in the television series "Super Stars" while his warm personality has made him a highly sought-after television guest as evidenced by his recent appearance on the Dinah Shore Show.

There is no question that the talented Lynn Swann will continue to provide football excitement for many years to come.

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YEAR	HOCKEY	FOOTBALL	OTHERS	
1956		N. Kwong		
1957	L. Carr R. Dutton S. Finney G. Kyle A. Michaluk D. Schriener T. Thompson	D. Huffman H. Langford N. Kwong B. Pullar P. Rowe	B. Gardner S. Foss Jim Cross	- Golf - Curling - General
1958	J. McGoldrick E. Wares	K. Spaith J. Gotta	J. Fitzsimmons	- Horse Racing
1959	F. McCool J. Arbour	D. Luzzi	Marj. Crossland Andy Baxter Marty Woods Les Lear	- Skating - Baseball - Bronc Riding - Horse Trainer
1960	Stu Adams	J. Gilkes H. Wylie	Ernie McCullough Doug Kyle	- Track - Track
1961	Lou Jankowski Dave Duchak		Keith Alexander Dodger Lewis Winston Bruce	- Golf - Baseball - Rodeo
1962	Hank Bassen Paul Thompson	T. Pajaczkowski	Bob Wylie F. Bunshocks Marj. Eustace	- Golf - Soccer - Tennis
1963	Fred Hucul	E. Lunsford R. Allbright	Lloyd Harris Jim Shields Bill Patrick	- Basketball - Curling - Diving
1964	Bill Gadsby Al Rollins		Jamie Paulson Ralph Olin	- Badminton - Speed Skating
1965	Ernie Anderson	Lovell Coleman	Jean Folinsbee Ed Corbett	- Badminton - Fastball
1966	Warren Hicks Doug Barclay	Wayne Harris	Ron Northcott Brian Howse Robin Fry	- Curling - Curling - Basketball
1967	Art Rice-Jones Jack Wilson	Terry Evanshen	Lane Bickell Lee Green Charlie Scott	- Badminton - Curling - Golf
1968	Russ Dertell Dunc Grant Tony Schneider	Peter Liske	Doug Silverberg Ted Thomas	- Golf - Swimming

YEAR	HOCKEY	FOOTBALL	OTHERS
1969	Doug Cairns Bob Liddington	Jerry Shaw Herm Harrison	Bill Jack - Swimming Steve Johnson - Marksman
1970	Bill Hay Jack Setters	Ron Payne	Dave Atkinson - Track and Field Pete Savingoff - Fastball Doug Crarer - Swimming
1971	George Hill Harry Maubert	Lutz Keller	Ray Kingsmith - Baseball Bob Devolin - Weight Lifting Bob Blanchette - Gymnastics
1972	D. Olmstead	Jerry Keeling	Jim Hunter - Skiing Steve Becker - Skiing Athletic Leadership Award Joe Shea - Minor Hockey & Baseball George Blundun - Figure Skating
1973	John Davidson	Larry Robinson	Ed Jans - Marksman Cathy Preistner - Speed Skating Athletic Leadership Award Dale Parsons - Minor Football Russ Parker - Baseball
1974	Mike Rogers John Jenkins	John Helton	Diane Kirby - Basketball Athletic Leadership Award John Semkuley - Football George Kingston - Hockey
1975	Dan Diduck Rudy Linterman		Bill Benko - Wrestling Randy Makolosky - Track and Field Phil Mohtadi - Squash Al Taylor - Volleyball Athletic Leadership Award Mary-Ann Reeves - Synchronized Swimming Bill Salt - Soccer Graeme Smith - Curling



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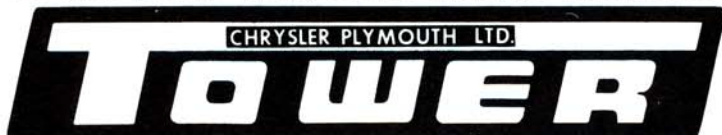
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