

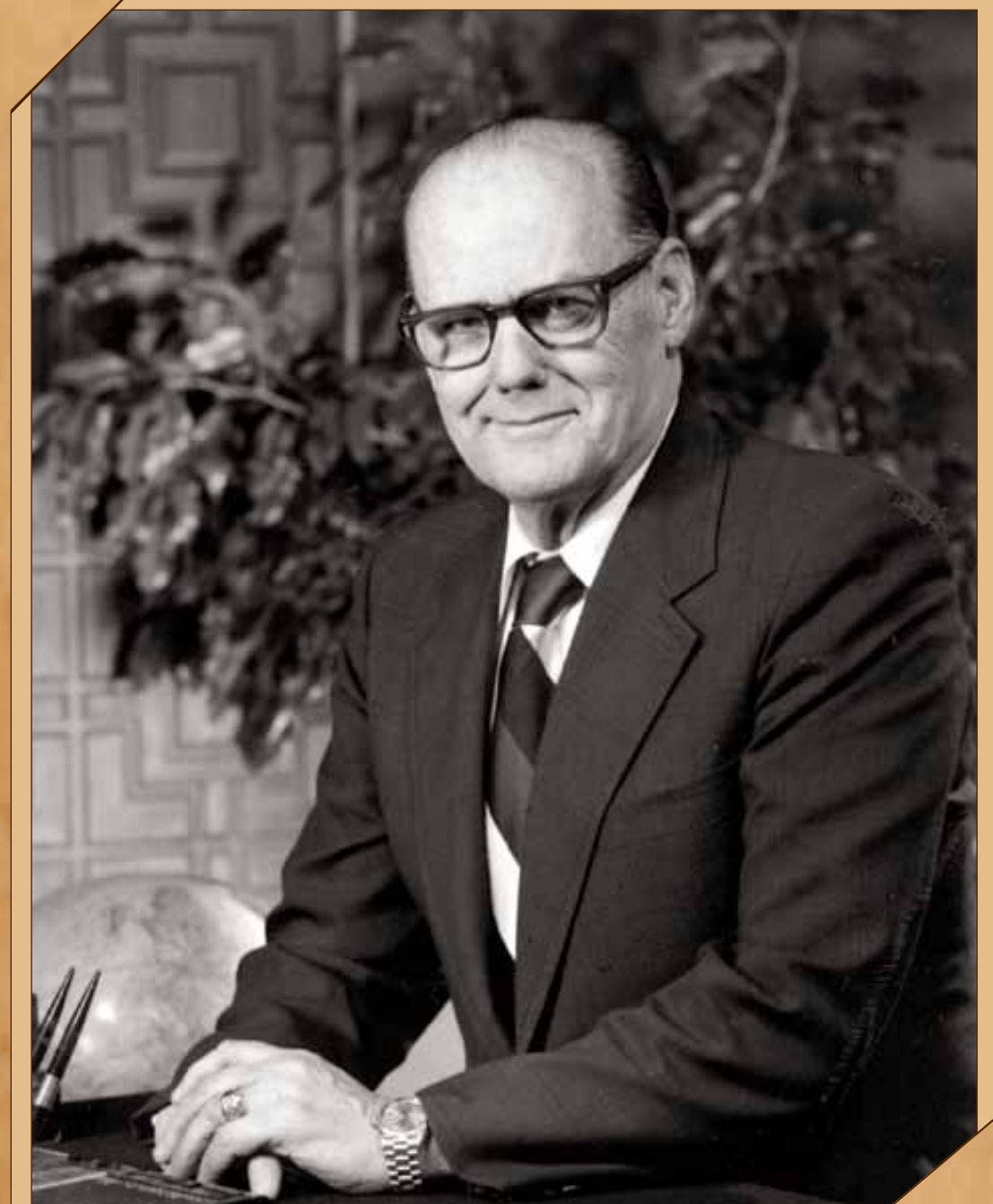


1988 SPECIAL



LETHBRIDGE LABOR CLUB SPECIAL AWARD

For over 30 years the Lethbridge Labor Club has made major contributions to sports in the city. The club currently supports soccer, football, baseball, slow pitch, football, judo, boxing, and basketball at the individual, team, club and league levels. In 1987 the Labor Club put more than \$300,000 back into the community, with a large portion of those funds directed at sports. The club has also been very supportive in the construction of sporting facilities. A number of parks in the city have been built with the help of Labor Club funds. As well, the Labor Club contributed close to \$500,000 towards the construction of the Labor Club Ice Arena, which was a welcome addition to the city's sports facilities in 1979. In total, the Labor Club has contributed well over \$2,000,000 to the sporting community of Lethbridge.



A.C. "ANDY" ANDERSON SPECIAL AWARD

Special Award Sports, like many other facets of life in our city, benefited significantly from the work of Andy Anderson. He first served Lethbridge on the School District #51 Board from 1950-64. Anderson moved on to City Hall putting in four years as an alderman, before working tirelessly for the Lethbridge citizens, as Mayor from 1964-86. Andy Anderson's tenure as Mayor, saw the city invest heavily in sports and recreation facilities. He was Mayor during nine wheelchair racing, professional baseball, professional basketball, major junior hockey, university and college athletics along with other community sports, reached their zenith of popularity in our city. Amateur baseball achieved great successes on the national scale. Lethbridge became Canada's "Little League Capital", in large part because of city facilities and support. Lethbridge hosted many Canadian Championships during Anderson's years as Mayor but undoubtedly the biggest and most successful was the 1975 Canada Winter Games. Lethbridge showed Canada it could put on a first class show and benefited from it, by an influx of new and improved sporting facilities. Andy Anderson has received many awards ranging up to the position of Member of the Order of Canada for his efforts on behalf of our city.



1989 BUILDERS



DOUG CLARK BASKETBALL

Doug Clark has been a good friend of sports teams in Lethbridge and area for many years. From 1955 to 1983, his name was particularly synonymous with senior men's basketball. He organized and sponsored the Doug's Christmas Tournament, which was a popular Yuletide tradition in southern Alberta for more than 25 years. The event, which was held annually at the First Sick Memorial Centre, attracted teams from Calgary, Edmonton, British Columbia, Utah, Montana, and Washington. Clark was also involved in organizing the Broder's Men's Basketball team which won several Canadian championships, and the Southern Alberta Chinook Senior Men's basketball team. He also ran the City's Senior Men's basketball league for many years, providing a means for many southern Alberta players to continue their basketball careers after high school and college. Clark has also been a willing sponsor of local teams in ice-pitch, softball, and soccer, at the minor and senior levels.



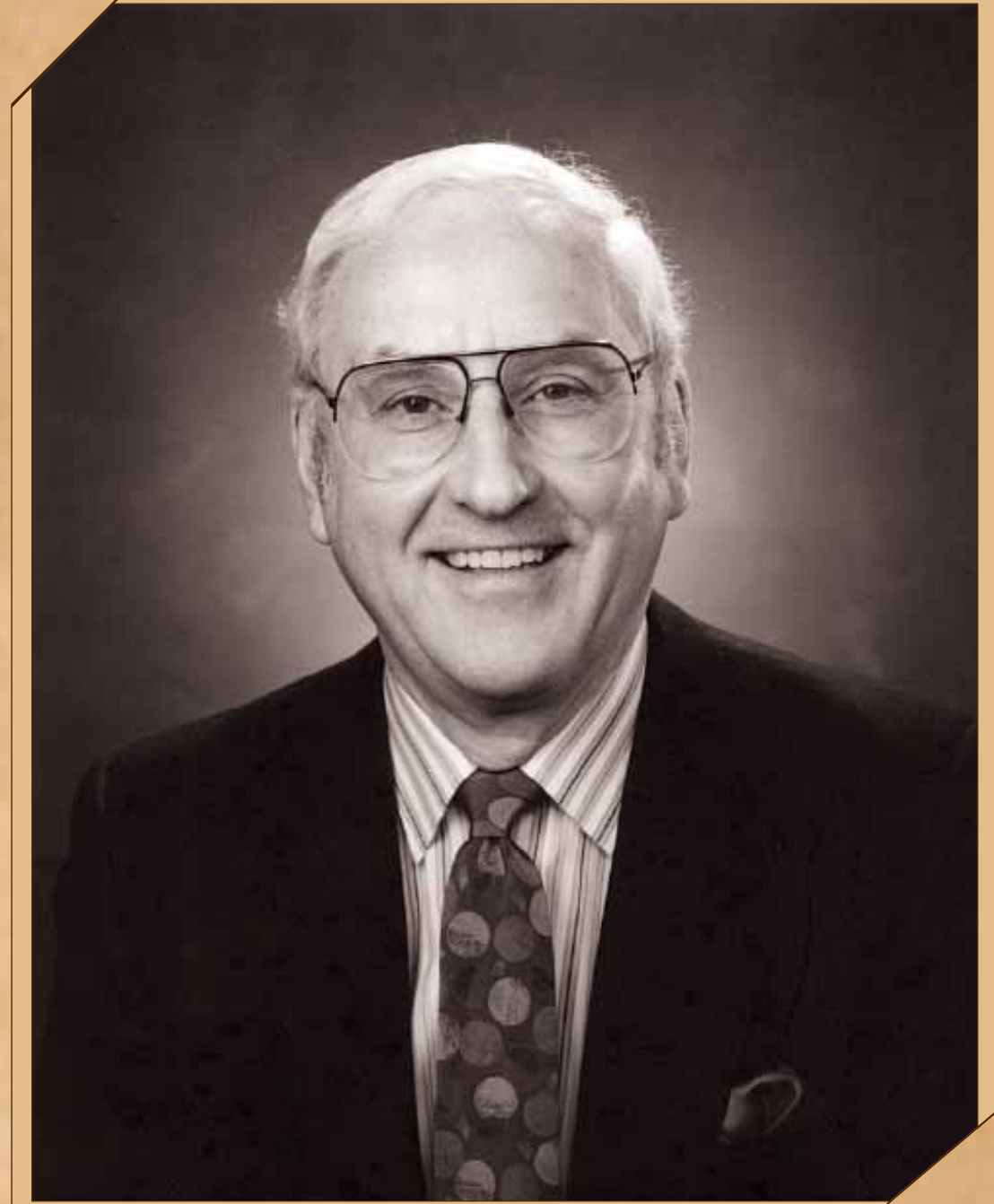
GARY BOWIE MULTI-SPORTS

Each time a winning player or team is honored the spotlight spills onto the builders standing in the wings. Such is the importance of builders such as Gary Bowie, past athletic director at the University of Lethbridge and a former chairman of the board of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame. Bowie has a PhD in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Utah—reaching that pinnacle via studies and degrees from Utah State, Brigham Young and Washington State Universities. Born in Clatskanie, Bowie began coaching in 1961 as assistant baseball coach at Washington State University, and continued through basketball, volleyball, curling, and baseball at Lethbridge College, Lethbridge Community College, U of L, the City and Gilbert Paterson Junior High School. As with his academic and coaching careers, Bowie's public service and leadership contributions have also been made through the Alberta Teachers Association.



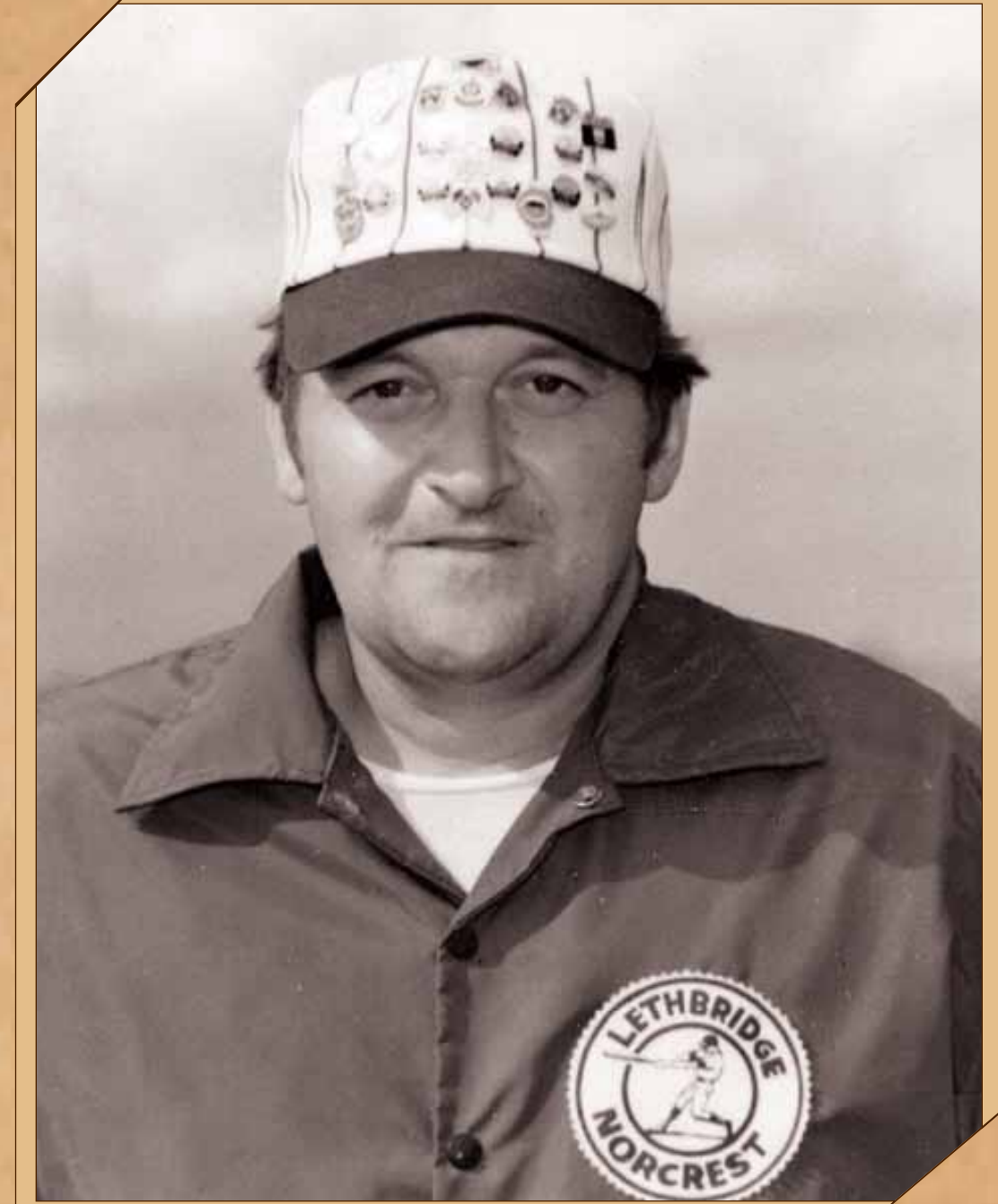
IRENE KARIA MULTI-SPORTS

She's been called 'one of the finest physical education in the Province' and her record of achievements confirm it. Her hours of dedication to others has created winners of substance. Many of her students have excelled in golf, racquetball, and curling. In 13 years as coach of the Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Clipper Queens, the team advanced to the Provincial basketball finals every year taking the title four times and finishing second on eight occasions. In football, Karia twice coached the Lethbridge Junior Optimists to the Canadian Junior Women's championships, also winning the Alberta title. Karia made time for vital committee work, including the executive of the Margrath, Picture Butte, and Lethbridge Golf Clubs, the Canada Winter Games Badminton committee, the Alberta Schools Athletic Association golf championship committee, and the Health and Physical Education Council of the Alberta Teachers Association's conference committee.



BENO LIZZI BASEBALL FASTBALL

If there is a person who might be considered 'Mr. Baseball' in Lethbridge, Beno Lizzi would be a strong candidate for the title. Lizzi has had a long involvement in baseball and football in the city. He played baseball and football locally, and later became involved in coaching football. In 1948, he formed the city's first Junior Football Club, the Lethbridge Colts, to play in Lethbridge's Major Senior League. After his playing and coaching careers ended, Lizzi continued to be involved in the baseball scene, spearheading the move to bring Premier League Baseball to the city in 1975 with the Lethbridge Skopes. Two years later, in 1977, Lizzi was responsible for bringing a Los Angeles Dodgers' farm team to Lethbridge to replace the Expos, beginning an association that lasted until the Dodgers moved the team to Great Falls after the 1983 season. Lizzi served as host for radio and TV sports programs, and he was also a strong supporter of the Lethbridge Youth Sons Junior B Hockey club.



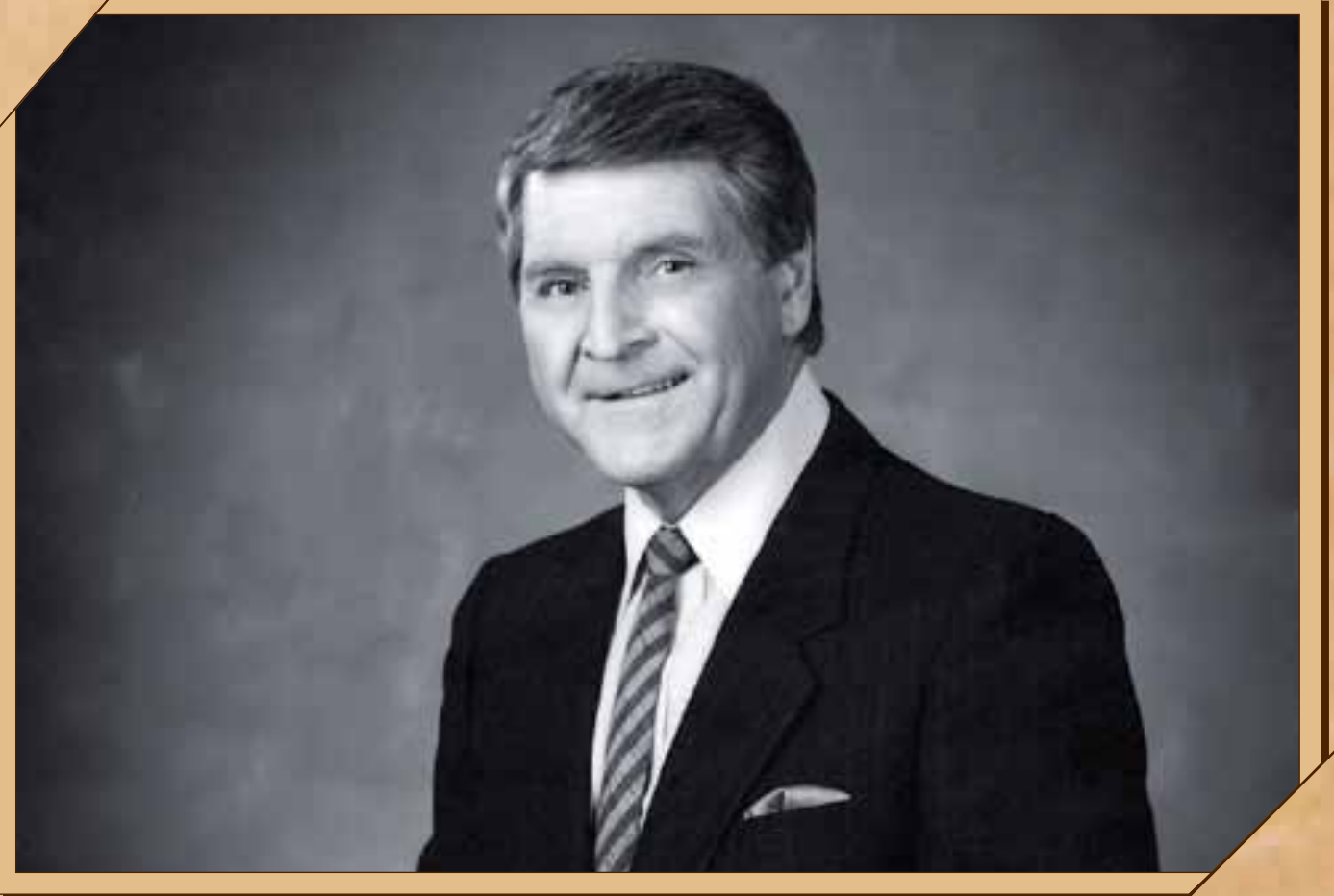
JIM SENEK BASEBALL

Minor league baseball in Lethbridge and the first name to pop up is likely Jim Senec. Senec coached minor league baseball in Lethbridge for 15 years. In the 1970s his teams dominated locally, regionally, and nationally. Five of his Little League teams went to the Canadian Championships, including a four year span from 1974-1977. In a career highlighted by baseball titles none was sweeter for Senec than the 1977 Canadian Little League championship and an eighth place finish at Williamsport in the Little League World Series. Senec also coached minor league hockey for five years in the late 1960s and early 1970s. But, his first love was baseball. He was instrumental in organizing a league for 13 year olds (Little League graduates) and as well helped organize the Big League Elks, a team he coached to the Canadian finals in 1978. The Elks, who would later dominate Canadian Big League finals, placed fourth in the Canadians in their first year under the direction of Senec.



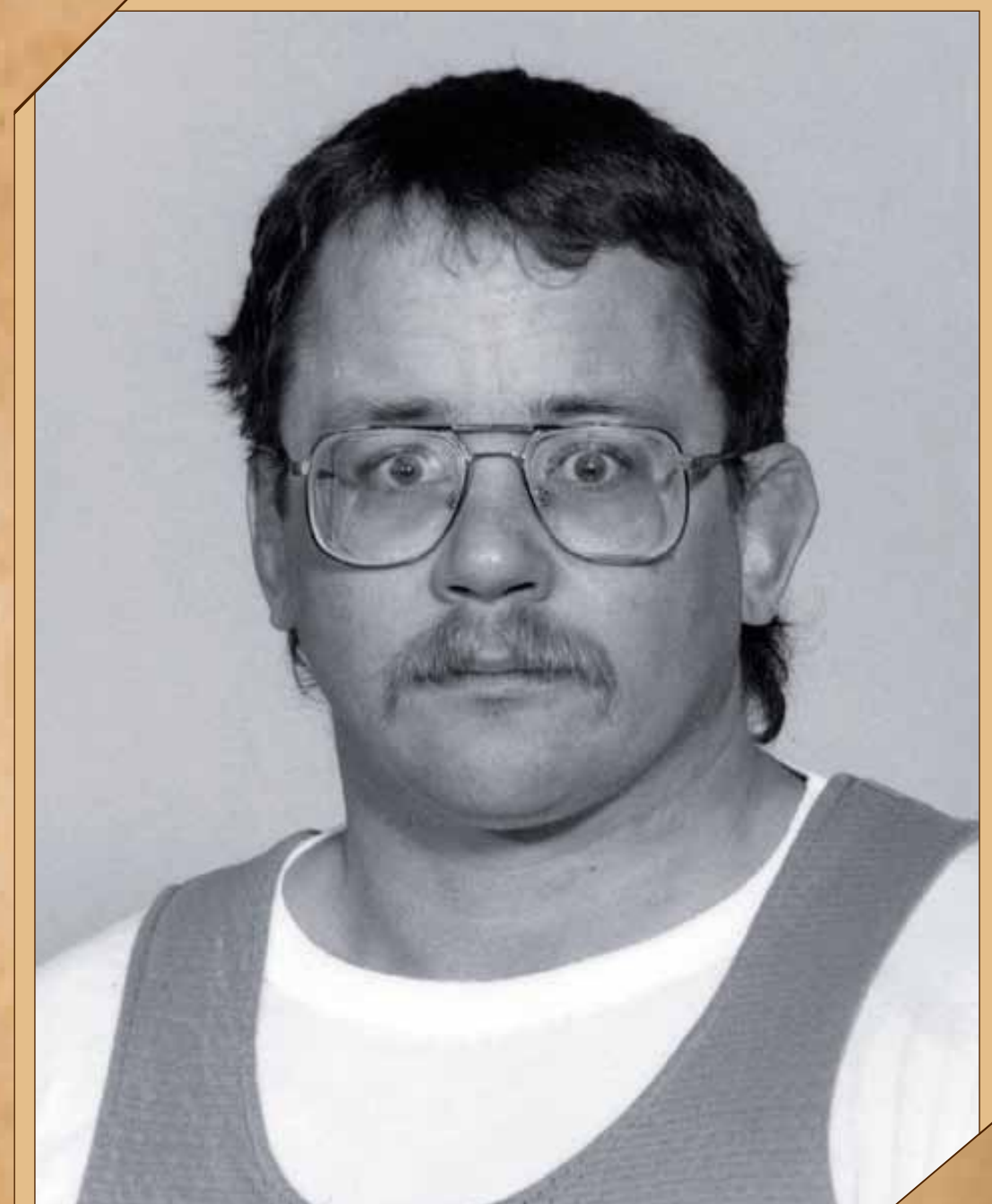
JODY FRY RACQUETBALL

The Lethbridge women's racquetball spotlight shone brightly on Jody Fry from the middle of the 1970s until 1987. A late starter by some standards, Fry took up the game at age 28 and she had an outstanding career until she hung up her racquet in 1987 after winning the Canadian Senior Women's title one last time. Fry began her climb to the upper echelons of women's racquetball in 1974 when she won the Lethbridge Ladies Open title. She followed that with a triumph in the Alberta Open and capped off a brilliant year with her first Canadian crown. It was six years before Fry captured her next Provincial title as she once again won the Alberta Senior Ladies title on the way to the National crown. She followed the same format in 1987 as she won the Alberta title as a reigning senior in Canadian honours.



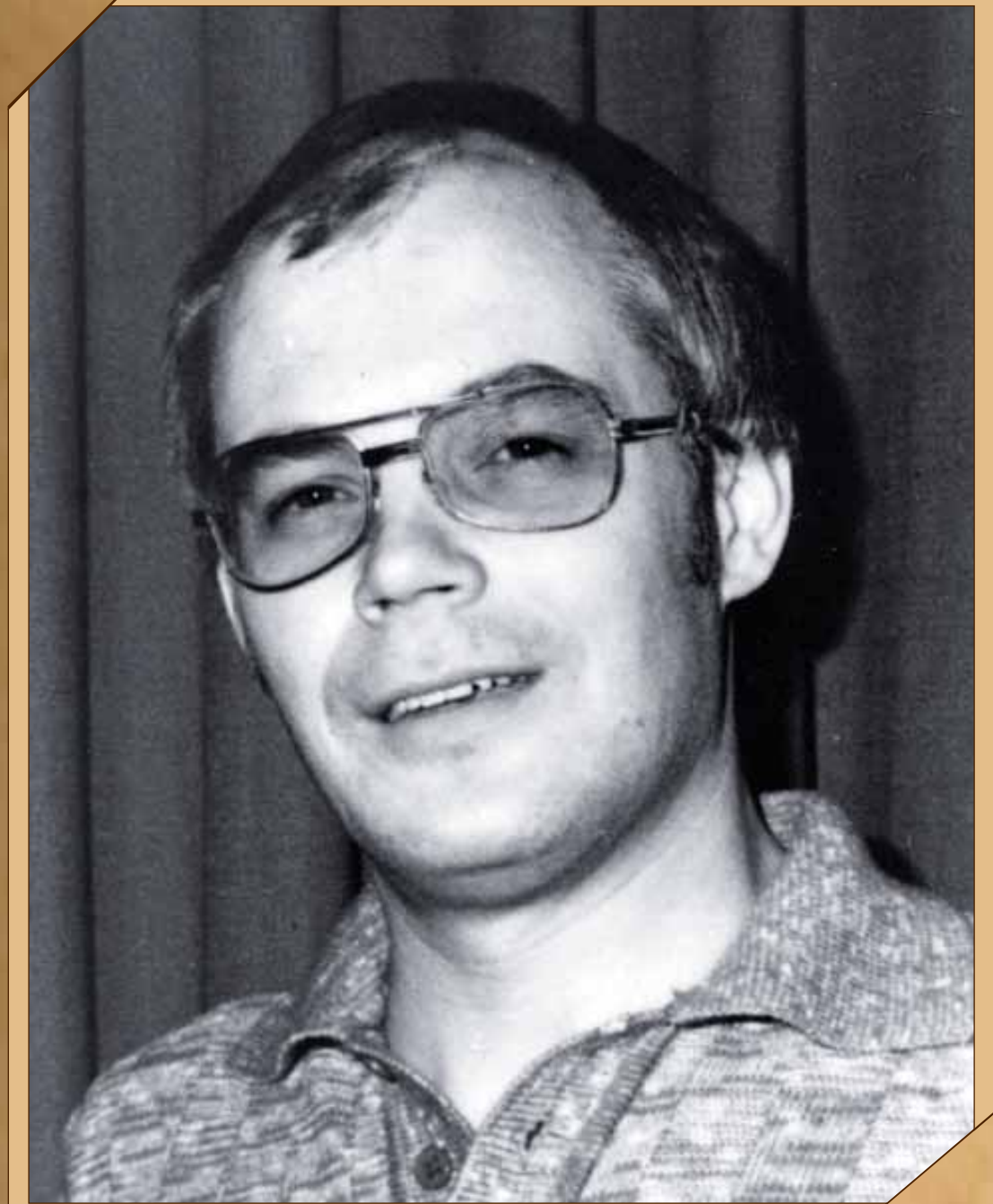
JOHN KLEN BASEBALL FASTBALL

There's never been an argument about John Klen being perhaps the finest baseball and football funder in Southern Alberta. At one stage of his 26-year career, Klen was considered seriously by the Brooklyn Dodgers and he attended spring training with the club's triple-A Salton Stadium. In his prime playing days, starting in 1942, Klen played football for Cadillac, Towne Hall, Hutton's, and the Stampede Cadillacs. He was with the Cadillacs in the Western Canada finals in 1952. Baseball clubs honored by Klen's running speed, unerring glove and strong arm included the Lethbridge Miners, Reds, and Cubs, and the Picture Butte Indians. He played with the Miners and Cubs for four seasons that peaked with Alberta Championship play-offs. In high school, Klen was involved in inter-mural badminton and boxed inter-provincially under the tutelage of Bas Murdoch.



TOM GREENWAY JUDO

The list of places Tom Greenway has visited as a judo competitor reads like a travel brochure: West Germany, Holland, Argentina, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Tokyo, Puerto Rico, Paris, Hawaii, Arizona, California, Venezuela, Cuba, and Scotland. He's been all over the world and across Canada many times. Greenway's tick to toke in 1977 and 1981 and he was a member of two Canadian Olympic teams (1976 and 1980). Greenway represented Canada at the Montreal Olympics in 1976 and he was deemed a top 100 athlete in Moscow because of the Olympic boycott. Greenway was a silver medalist at the Canadian championships on two occasions and he won the bronze medal six times. He has competed in many top international events, finishing third at the Commonwealth games in Scotland in 1986 and placing third at the Pan Am Games in Argentina in 1978.



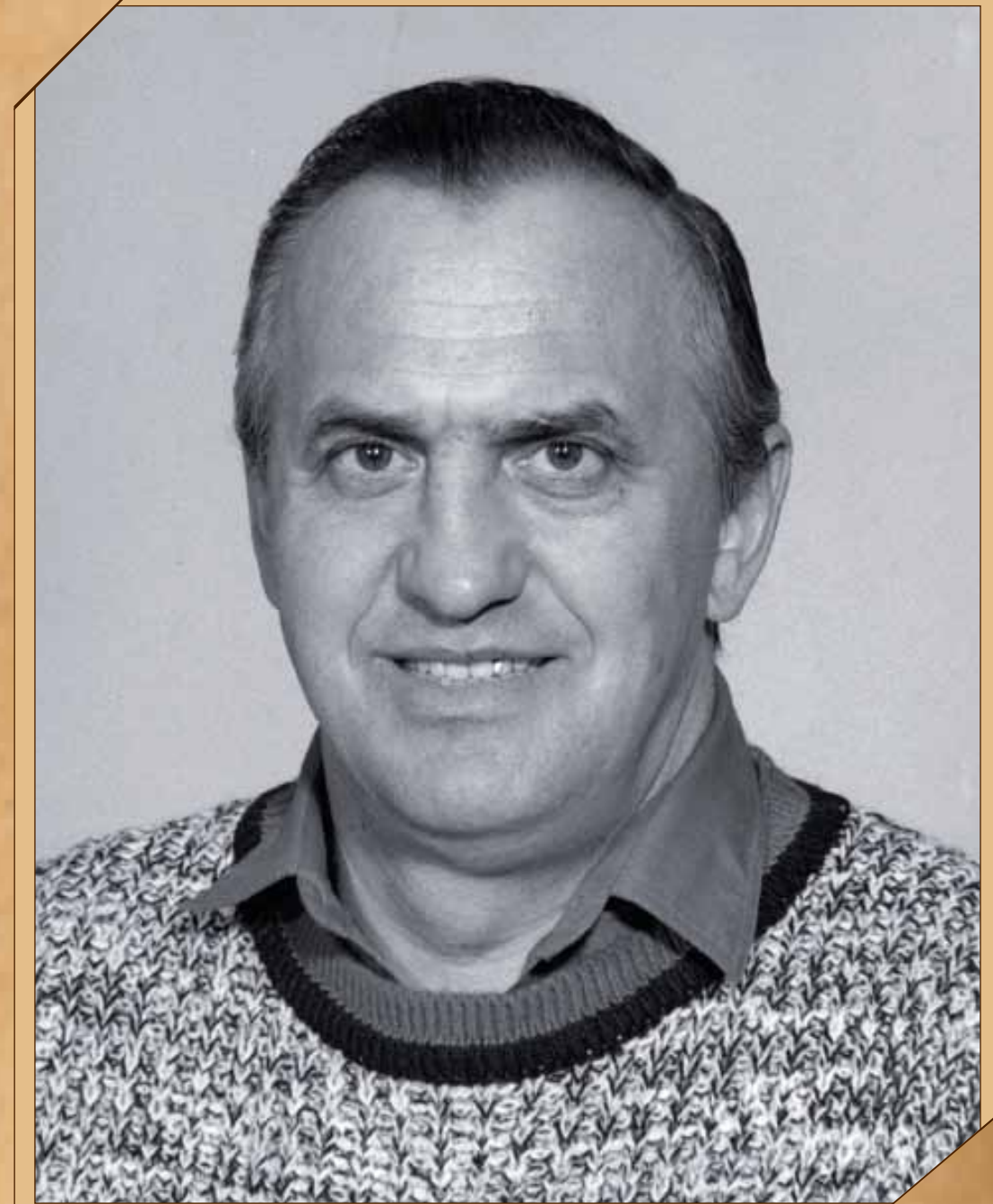
JACK SMEED BOWLING

Anything to do with 5-pin bowling is right up Jack Smeed's alley. Long considered one of the finest bowlers in the country, Smeed can boast two Lethbridge singles titles, two South Zone crowns, seven Western Canada and Provincial team titles and three National team titles. In addition, Smeed has coached three Provincial championship teams, as well as one National winner. In 1967, Smeed won the Western Canada Men's Singles title and followed that in 1971 with the Master Bowlers National Singles title. One of the highlights of his career was his victory in the 1961 Govt. Cup championship on national TV, in Toronto. Smeed has made 23 appearances on South Zone teams as a player and coach, including 13 consecutive years as a player. Smeed's talents are not confined to his lanes. He has served as President of the Alberta 5-Pin Bowlers Association and has volunteered many years on the Lethbridge and South Zone executives.



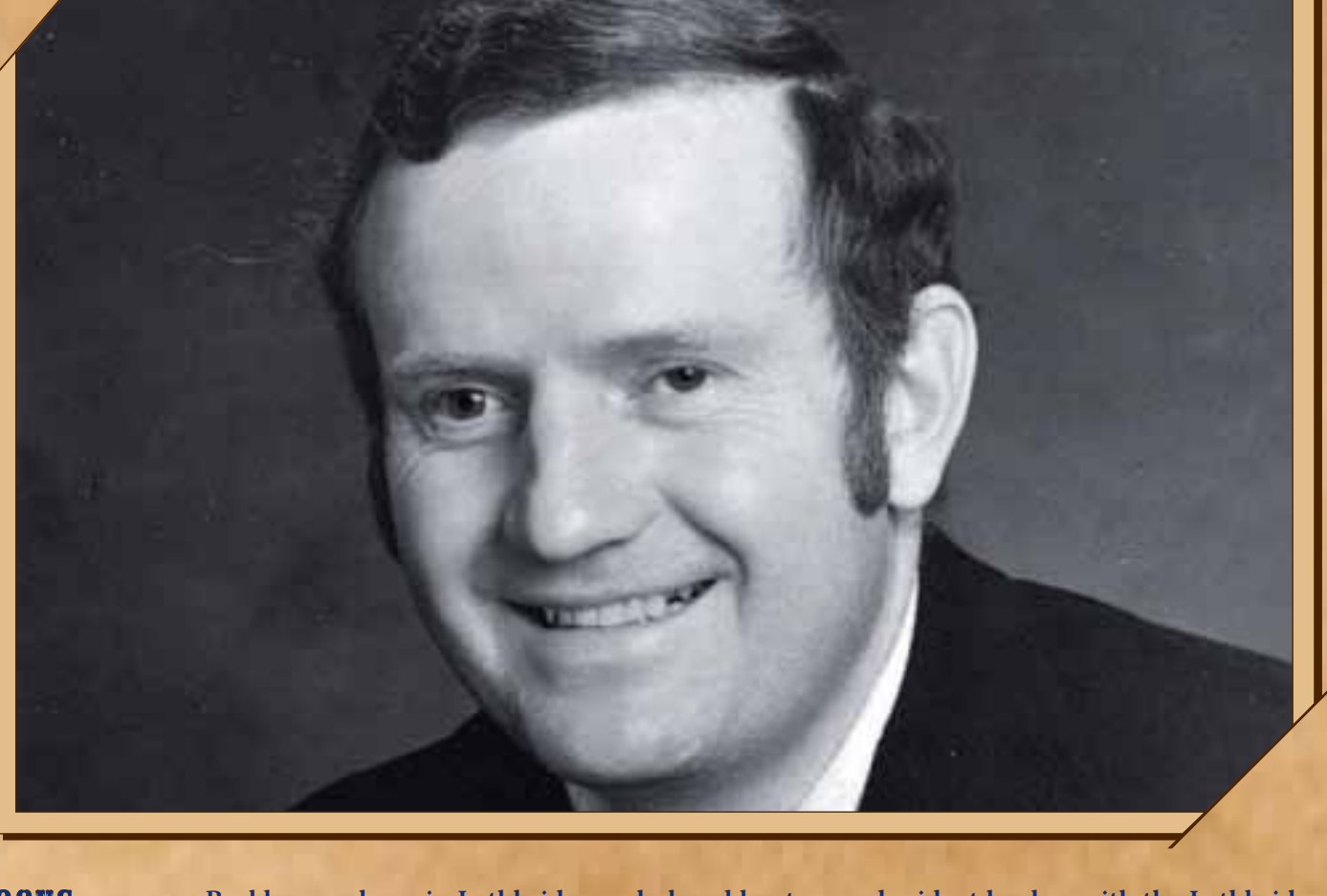
ED SCHWARTZ GOLF

A long list of championships in solo and team golfing rates Lethbridge's Ed Schwartz high among Southern Albertans who have played the fairways and greens of Canada. Among the honours Schwartz garnered for himself was being on the team that won the Canadian Amateur Golf title in 1960. Team members were Keith Alexander, Bob Wylie, and Neil Green. This was the first time Alberta had won the National Schwartz was the Willington Cup team (Alberta) in 1957, 1959, and 1960. He was Southern Alberta Amateur golf champion four times, Southern Alberta Junior champion six times, he won more than 75 tournaments in Southern Alberta, and he won the Eaton Cup in 1959, with Henry Martel and Frank Fowler. In 1954, Schwartz was named Lethbridge Athlete of the Year and he was honored at the popular Kimmert's Sportsman's Dinner. He was Henderson Lake and Lethbridge County Club champion several times, winner of the First and Last Chance tournaments, and in 1958 he was the low Amateur in the Saskatchewan Open. While golf was Schwartz's passion, he was also Lethbridge High School Curling champion in 1955.



ALVIN TIETZ SOCCER

In Lethbridge and Western Canada, more broadly, few names are as prominent as Alvin Tietz in soccer and basketball history. Tietz, known for his patented "banana kick", excelled in both soccer and basketball, representing the City in inter-provincial championships in both. He also refereed in both, including soccer's national finals. His contributions to soccer began in 1969 and included 13 years as a star player. He was selected as Most Valuable Player in Southern Alberta. He entered basketball in 1976 as both player and coach. When a volunteer was needed for minor or senior soccer tournaments, or for a committee, Tietz was always there. He was associated with both Lethbridge Hungarian and Lethbridge Royals soccer teams. As a player, Tietz took part in the Western Canada, Missouri Cup, Ritchie Paterson Cup, Frank Miles Memorial Trophy and the Alberta Soccer Association Cup. As a coach, Tietz had teams to victory as Alberta Pee Wee Soccer champions, and basketball All State champions.



DOUG BARKLEY HOCKEY

Barkley was born in Lethbridge and played bantam and midget hockey with the Lethbridge Native Sons. He went on to play junior hockey with the Medicine Hat Tigers before turning professional. He spent four seasons with the Calgary Stampede and two with the Buffalo Bisons. He joined the NHL's Detroit Red Wings in 1962-63 and he was a leading candidate for the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year, scoring three goals and adding 24 assists. The next year he collected 11 goals and 21 assists. After a one injury ended his playing career in 1966, Barkley turned to coaching. He spent several seasons in the Detroit farm system before coaching the Red Wings in the 1975-76 season. He later coached for the Wings, then returned to Calgary to become owner of the junior Calgary Wranglers. On the hall of fame, Barkley also shone. He played in two World Football Championships with the Calgary Orioles and Calgary Raiders.



Lethbridge Lacrosse Team in Galt Gardens

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