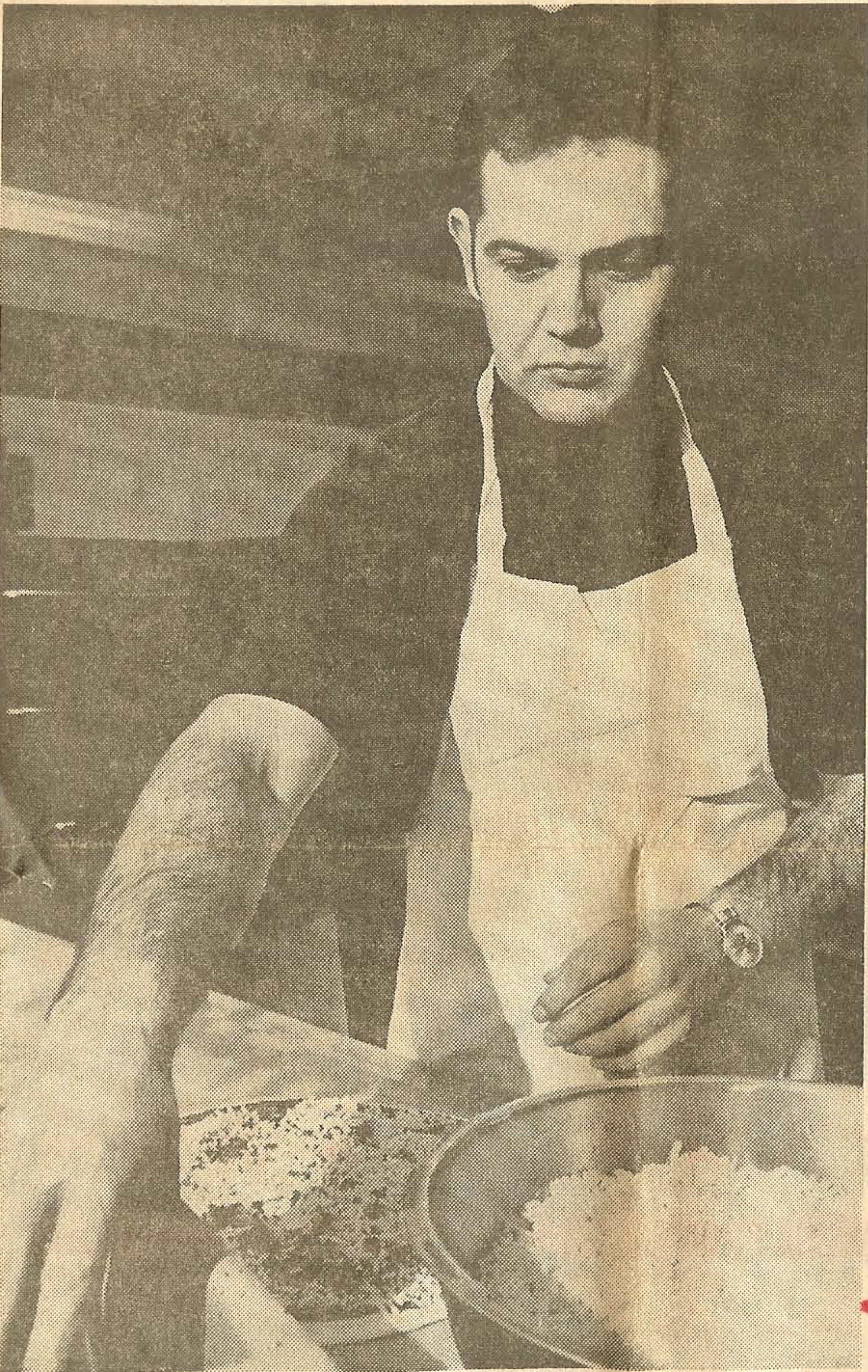




Acrobatics Help to Grab a Whistling Puck With the Glove



Always Watch the Puck



Italian Heritage Helps in Making Pizza

# Perani Adept With Puck Or Pizza

'Tis said the building of a hockey team starts with the goalie. There's plenty of evidence to support that contention in the neighborhood of the IMA Sports Arena where the Flint Generals are packing in record crowds in their second year as a member of the International Hockey League.

The Generals' rise to respectability really began when goalie Bob Perani played his first game for Flint on Dec. 31, 1969, at Toledo.

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Over the remainder of the 1969-70 season the Generals were the



Sometimes You Stop 'Em Anyway You Can

fifth-best team in the IHL although their early-season problems prevented them from qualifying for the playoffs.

Teammates elected Perani the Generals' most valuable player and he has cemented that honor by being a steadying influence as another group of young players takes shape this season.

He was born in Rome, Italy, Aug. 7, 1942, and went to Canada as a youngster.

Now he calls Flint home and since last November has strengthened his tie by opening a pizzeria, appropriately named Bob Perani's Pizza Arena. When he isn't stopping pucks at the Sports Arena, he's usually on hand at the Pizza Arena.

Pizzas are flatter and bigger—and certainly not as hard as pucks—but Perani has demonstrated ability to handle both equally well.

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Perani Has a Word for Players From Citizens Bank Which He Helps Coach in the Slo Puck Hockey League