

Thermoid of Canada Ltd. Installs Machinery To Manufacture Clutch Facings, Starts in May

H. K. Porter Company of Canada Limited, located in Acton since 1957, are expanding and by the middle of May, expect to be in full production with their Thermoid Division. The new branch, located in the former Wool Combining Co. building, will manufacture clutch facings for the Canadian market.

The decision to set up a manufacturing centre in Acton was made during the latter part of 1960 and the distribution of clutch facings manufactured in

the United States has been made by the Porter plant in Acton since 1959.

May Deadline
Gearing the new plant has not been an easy chore and officials have had their headaches in obtaining delivery of necessary equipment and machinery for the manufacture of clutch facings. With only an odd piece of equipment yet to arrive in Acton, officials are confident their May deadline will be met.

Tom Shields, general manager of the Division, will also head the Thermoid Division and will be assisted by Dick Lee. The two officials have been busy, along with maintenance men, setting up equipment and finalizing details for the layout of the plant on the second floor of the building.

Lengthy Process
Although the finished product seems quite simple, its course of process is a lengthy and complicated one which requires the use of several pieces of machinery.

Spools of asbestos cord, purchased from the American market, are wound into a preform basket or water on several winding machines and then pressed into shape under a 350-ton eight-opening press operating under a water hydraulic system.

After being pressed into the required thickness, the basket is baked in a gas fired oven at 450 degrees until it becomes hard. A large grinding machine trims the small disc to the required calibration and then a series of drills makes the holes for the rivets which holds the facing on the clutch backing.

Final process for the asbestos basket is to be burnished and necessary dressing done before it is shipped to the Canadian market, ready for sale.

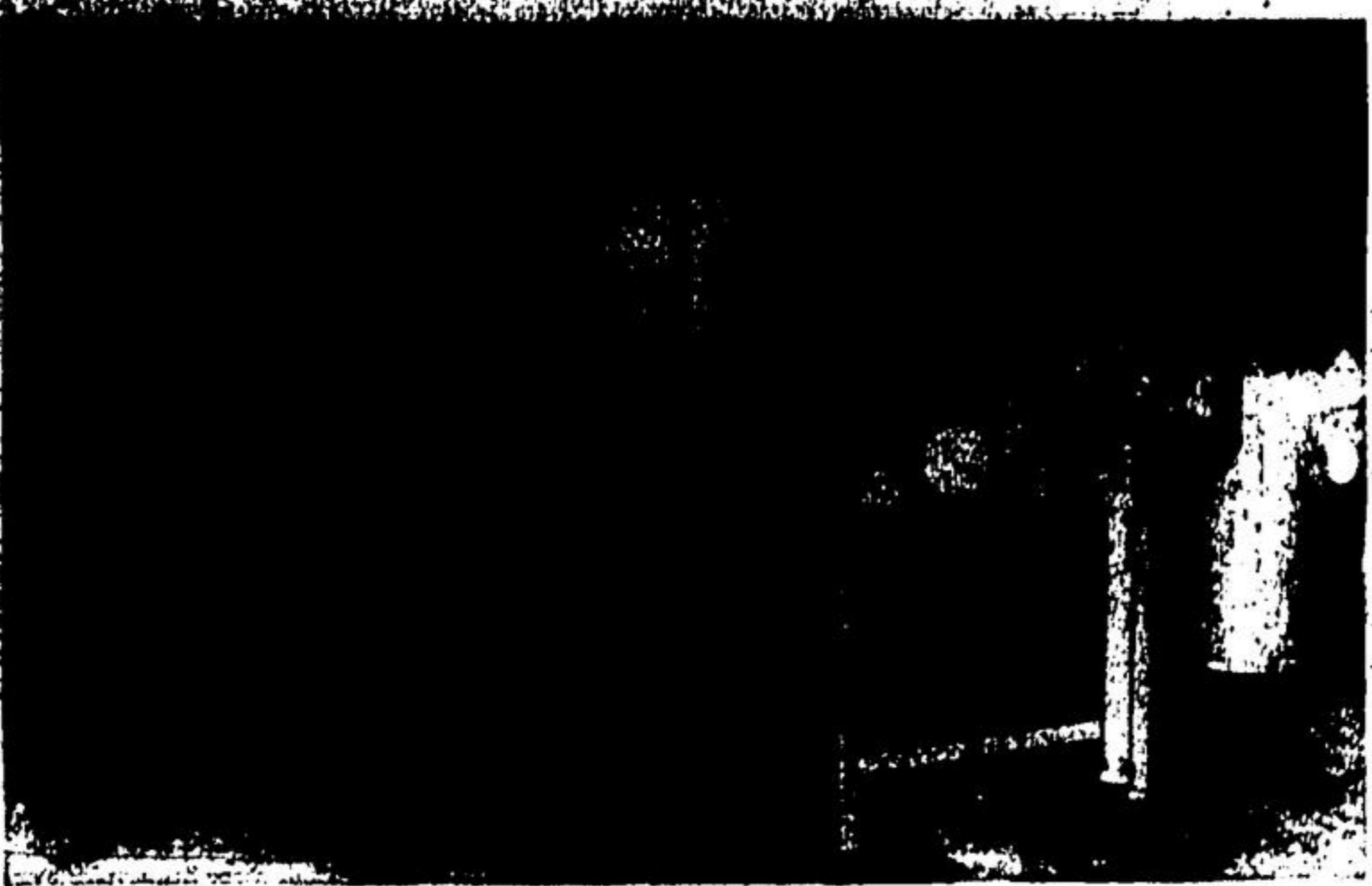
Already the winding machines have been tested and found to be quite satisfactory. When the installation of the gas lines is completed, the furnace will be checked and tested.

The layout of the new plant is efficient and compact and when production lines begin to roll, officials are confident a steady flow of clutch facing will be supplied the demanding market.

Although the initial staff will be few, it is hoped before the year is out, more workers will be employed and full time shifts will operate the machinery in Acton's newest industry.

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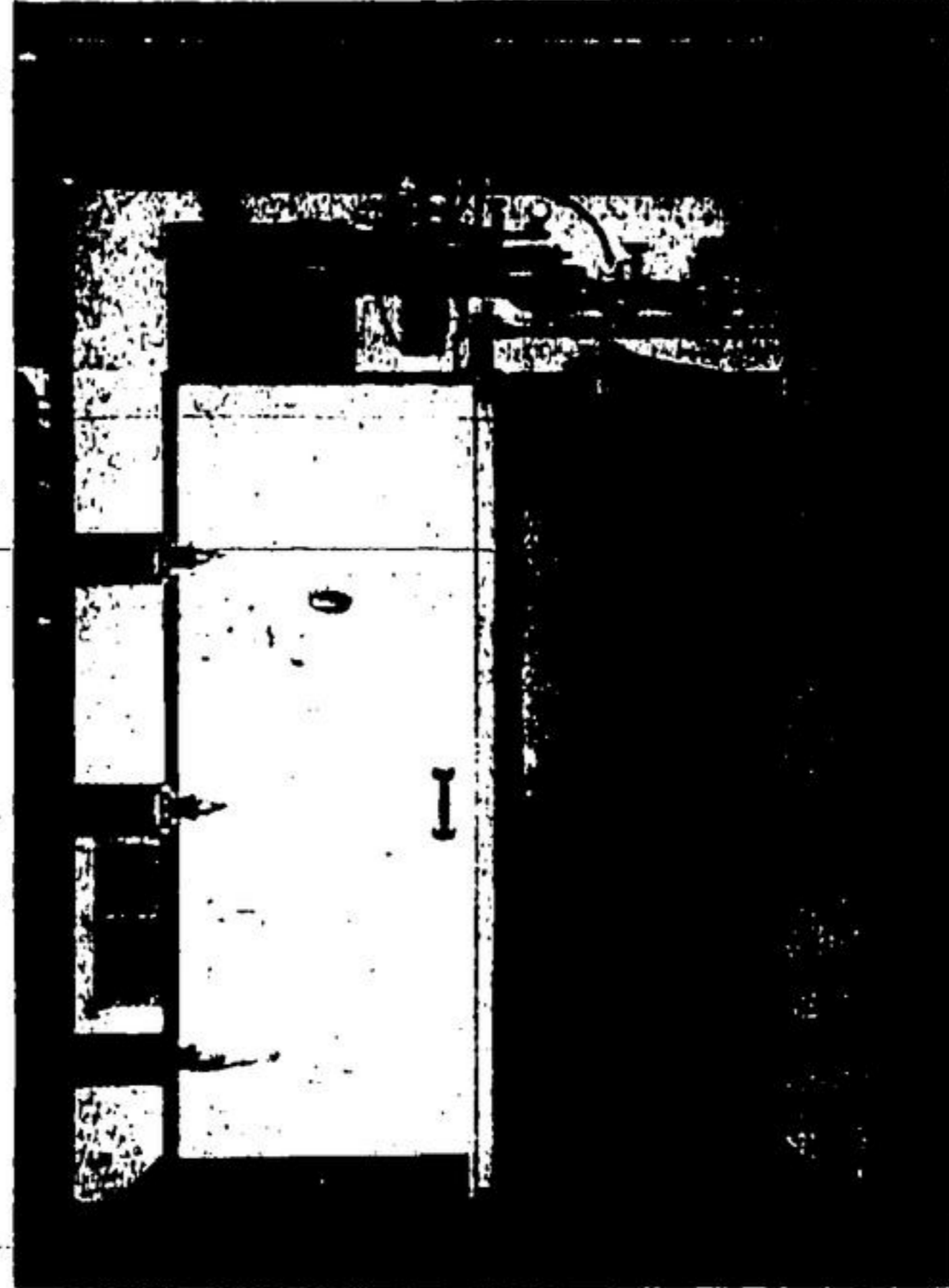
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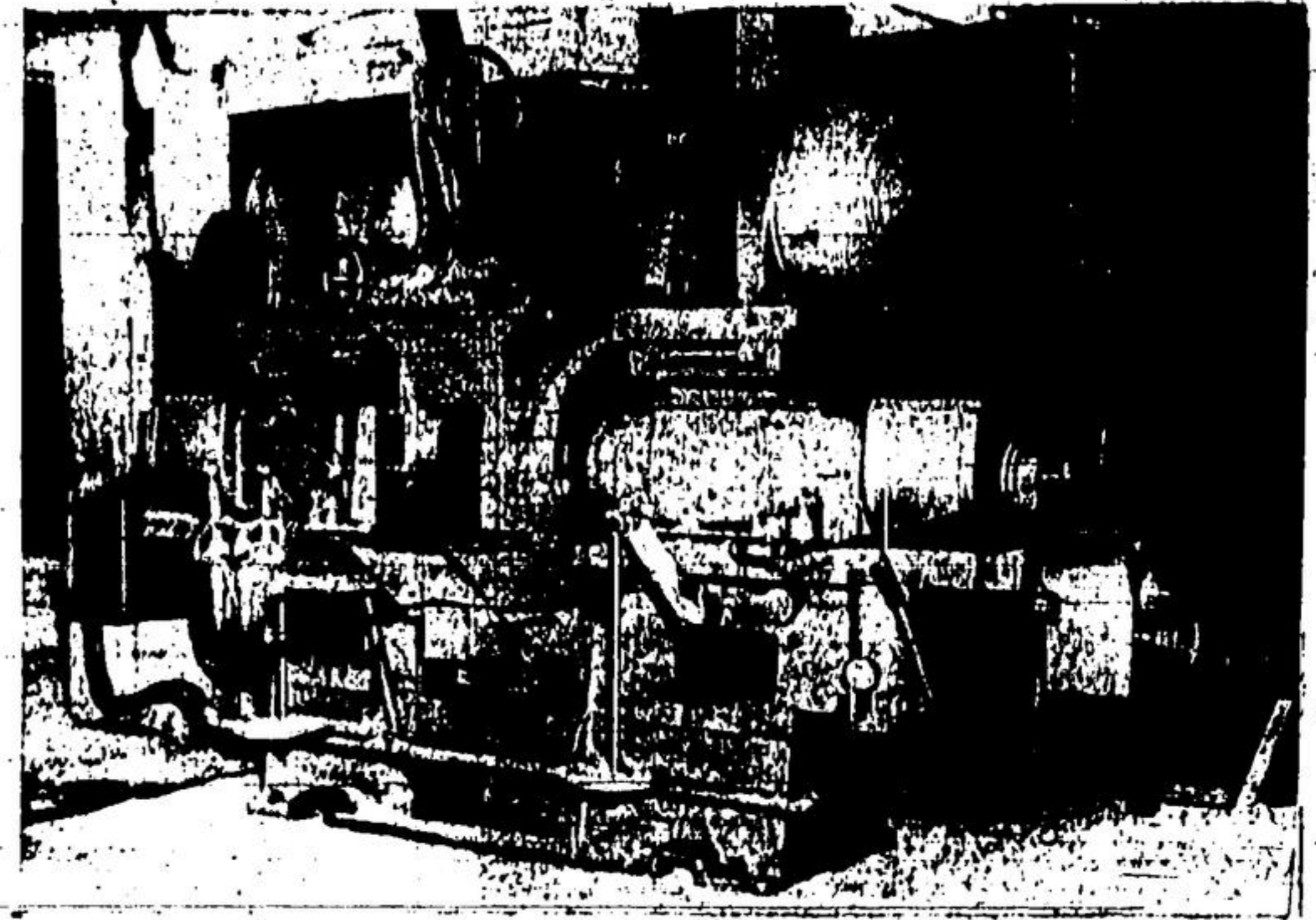
Basket Winding Machines



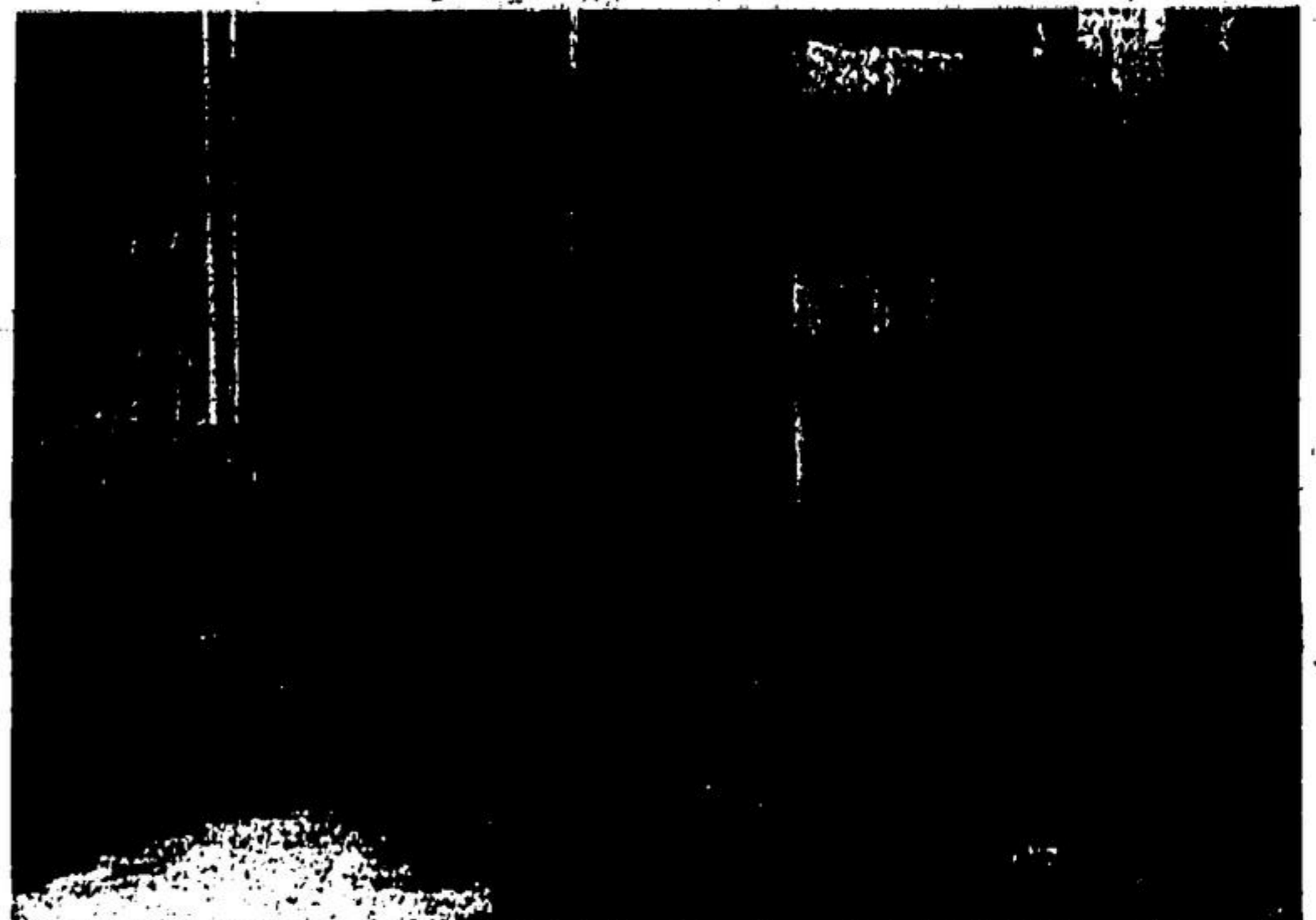
Eight Opening Press



Gas Fired Oven



Large Grinding Machine



Burnishing Machine

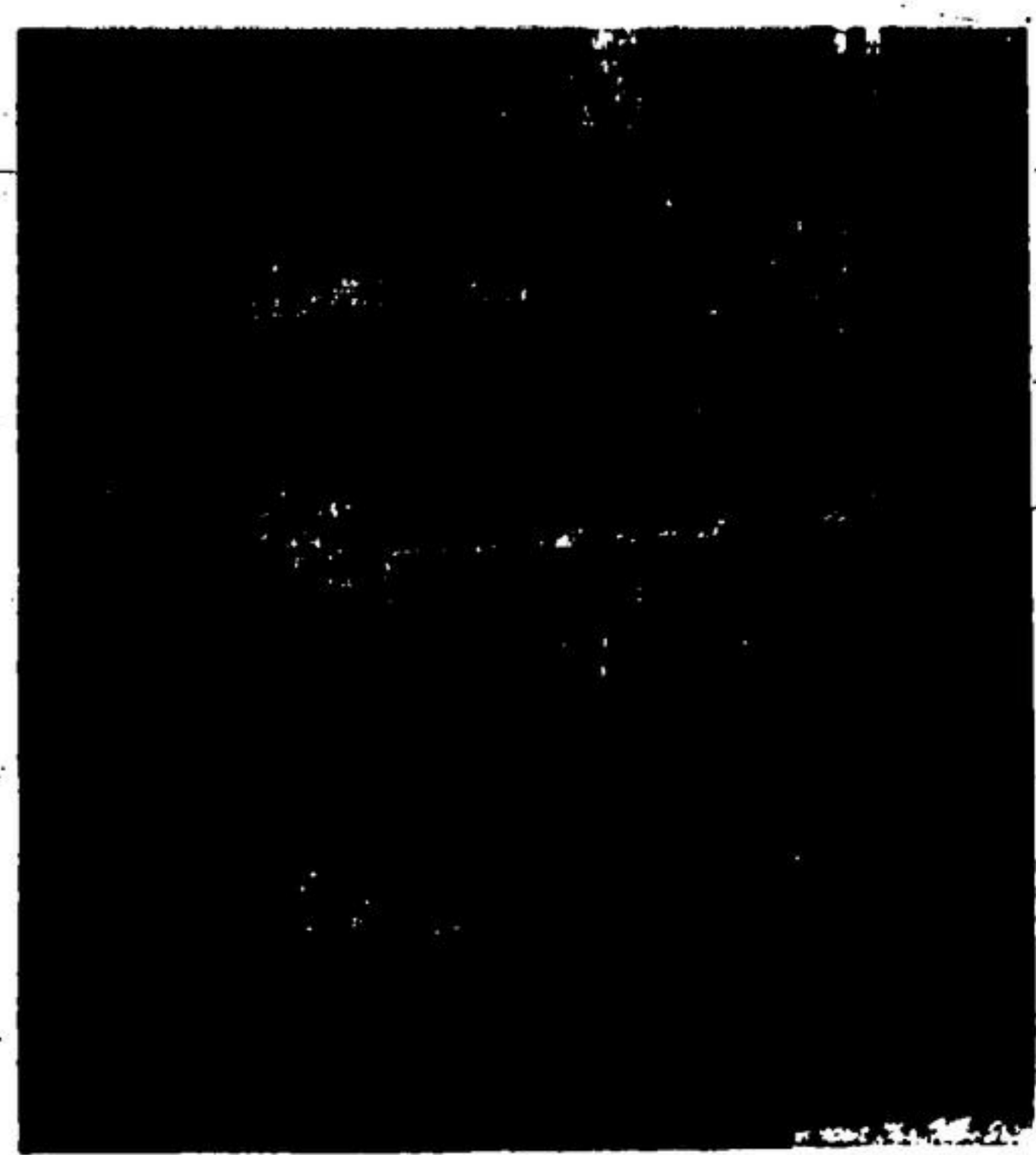
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Plaque of Silver Dollars Gift To Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Moffat
On Saturday evening, April 15, a large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Moffat, 6th line, Nassagaweya, to honor them on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Moffat, nee Irene Darby, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Darby and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Moffat were Duncan's parents, all of Nassagaweya. A very pleasant time was spent renewing old acquaintances and during the evening music for dancing was provided by Mrs. William Early and Alex Near. Many beautiful gifts of flowers, china and crystal as well as aluminum, chrome and silver were received by this popular couple. They were given a plaque made entirely of silver dollars which was very unusual and the neighbors presented them with a tri-lamp and flowers. A delicious lunch was served

from a lace covered table centered with a lovely three tiered silver decorated wedding cake flanked by tall tapers, by the daughters of the home, Jean, Mary and Norma assisted by several aunts, cousins and neighbors. Over 100 visitors signed the guest book.

Police Warn
Corporal Ray Mason, of the Acton C.P.P. Detachment this week issued a warning to residents regarding the discharging of firearms within the town limits, including the town dump on the third line. Recently youngsters have been caught discharging BB guns, 22 rifles and pellet guns and police report anyone caught will have the guns confiscated and be subject to a fine.

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Many Winners At Board Euchre
The Ladies' Agricultural Board held a raffle last Saturday at Bannockburn School. A good crowd attended. Prize winners were: first, Ed. Archibald; second, William A. Wilson; consolation, Robert Denny; Ladies first, Mrs. Walter Timbalm; second, Mrs. Willard Britton; consolation, Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer.
Glenora Stark got the prize for the lucky number. Closest anniversary prize went to Mrs. Ballentine Sr. and the dear prize to Mrs. Stan Hill, lucky draw for a ham was won by C. S. Denny.