

Stress Research, Improvements In Retarded Children Work

The seventh annual conference for the Ontario Association for Retarded Children was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, on April 28, 29th and 30th. Theme for the conference was Blue Printing Progress for the Retarded. This was followed by Mrs. Ernest Bell, Mrs. Max English, Miss Hal Newman, Mr. Andrew Miller and a representative from the Kinamen.

The programs were designed to broaden horizons of service, to reassess and to refine programming and above all, to carry away new insights for application to problems at the local level.

The conference opened with workshops in education, institutions, recreation and research.

Dr. M. Arlene Albright spoke on Home Care and training of Retarded children. Dr. Albright's professional career has been in training teachers, parents, and exceptional children, with emphasis on special education and research. Dr. Albright is also a member of the Faculty of the Dept. of Education at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her address was a most inspiring one, dealing with her research program with retarded children. Dr. Albright explained that she deals only with children from 8 days to 5 years. She explained these little people are human beings and must be treated as any other child. They are little people with a scratch somewhere and it is the place of research to find that scratch and by finding it to prevent it in the future. Dr. Albright spoke at great length of the 70 children she has looked after from birth and the plan she has made to help parents keep their children at home, to teach the parent to teach the child to fit into society as easily as possible.

The Hon. John Roberts, Minister of Education spoke briefly and said that his department of education would continue to help and support the Retarded children's organization. This was followed by the Hamilton A.M.C. Children's choir from the

Manhatten school. The children sang several songs, and gave a display of music and rhythm. It was obvious the children loved the rhythm, marching on and off the stage in perfect time.

Dr. Dubrow spoke on sheltered workshops. Dr. Dubrow is director of the training centre and workshops of the New York Association for the help of the retarded. Dr. Dubrow is also responsible for the program and professional services of counselling, psychological diagnosis, treatment, vocational evaluation, training and job placement follow up. His talk explained the needs for the place of workshops for adult retarded, new projects, also research is a program of vocational rehabilitation for 70 mentally retarded young adults and has been designated as a prototype by the United States Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The annual banquet Saturday evening was attended by the Hon. M. B. Dymond, Minister of Health, who renewed his promises to do anything he could to help the problem of retardation. Dr. Dymond presented the Association with a film to show the general public of the Hospital School at Orillia, showing the children there at work, prayer and play. Also showing the overcrowding of the school, and the urgent need of more hospital schools of this nature.

Dr. Robert Guthrie ended the conference by giving an interesting talk on research. Dr. Robert Guthrie is a medical specialist in bacteriology surgeon with the USPHS National Institute of Health, a professor paediatrics and bacteriology. Dr. Guthrie is also a parent of a Retarded child and spoke of his recent developments in research and ended by saying there was a great need of parents and professional to learn more about research into the causes of Retardation.

Meeting Guest Speaker Reviews Book on Luke

Mrs. H. C. Wrigglesworth was a welcome guest at the regular meeting of the Park group WA of St. John's United Church which met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Urquhart on Wednesday. Mrs. Wrigglesworth gave a most interesting review of the book "Great and Lovely Physician" better known as "Luke, the beloved Physician". Her talk brought a vivid word picture of many best loved Bible characters and stories of their personal lives was most thrilling.

Mrs. A. M. Nielsen gave a very uplifting devotional closing with prayer. A donation of print from Group 3 was received and distributed. The roll call was answered with an exchange of house plants and slips.

Miss H. Harrison read a humorous poem entitled "My Get up and go has went." Mrs. Ian Ritchie and Mrs. W. Brownridge assisted the hostess in serving a refreshing cup of tea and Mrs. H. Curtis moved a vote of thanks to the speaker and all who had contributed to the enjoyment of the meeting.

AUNT'S SHOWER HOSTS FOR HOORONTOWN BRIDE

Prior to her marriage on April 23rd, Mrs. Fraser Edward Hase, the former Linda Mino was tendered several showers and presentations.

Her aunt, Mrs. William Hill and cousin Mrs. Hank Mulder and Miss Diane Hill entertained at a miscellaneous shower. Another aunt, Mrs. Richard Haves held a similar event for her.

The office girls at Alliance Paper Mills presented her with parcel sheets and pillow case, and the staff association at the mill gave her a living room. Mr. and Mrs. Hase are living at 9 John Street East.

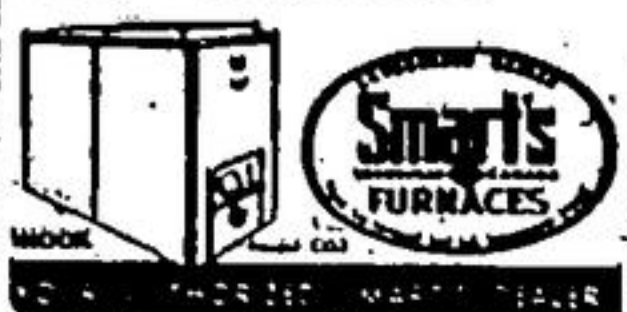
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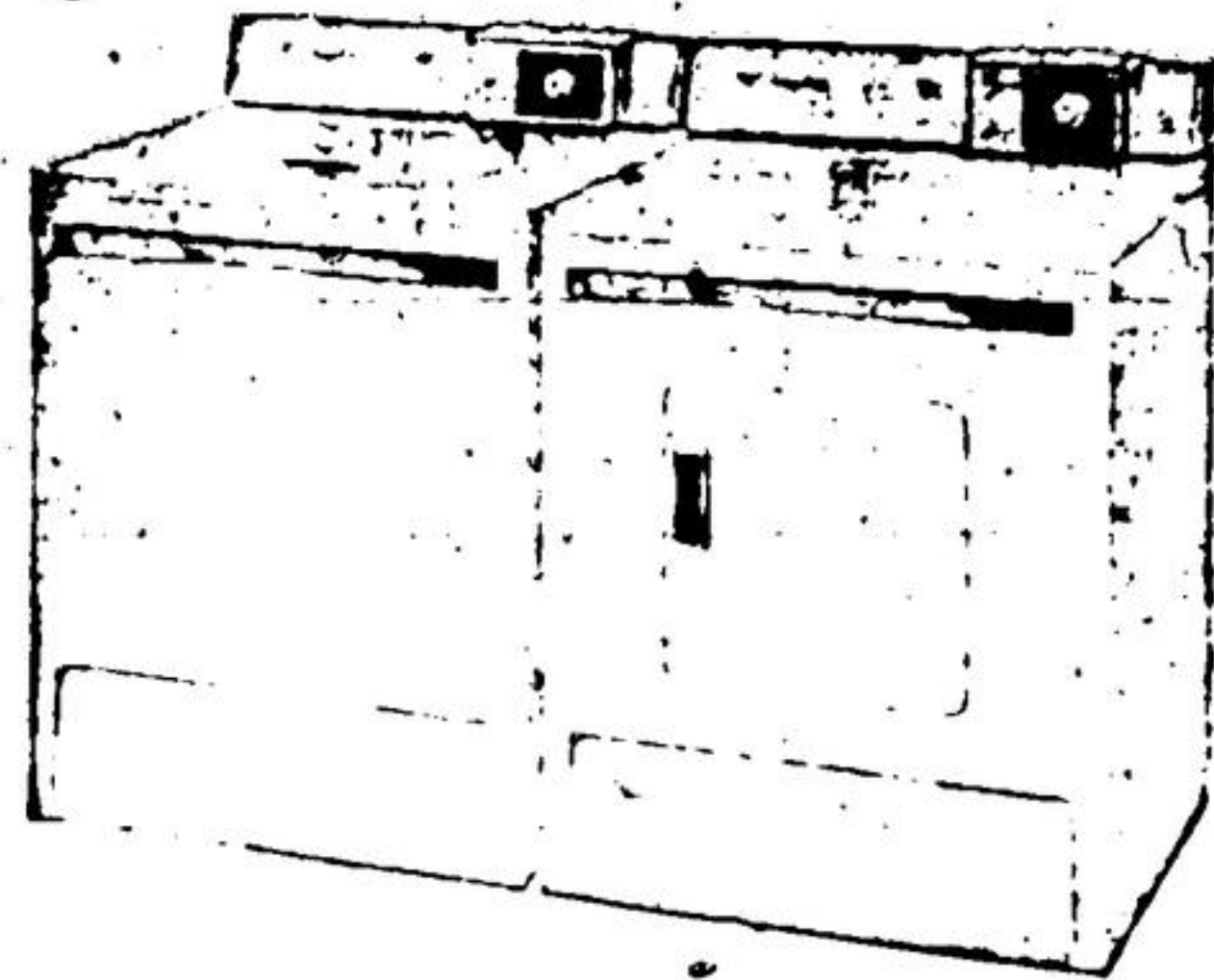
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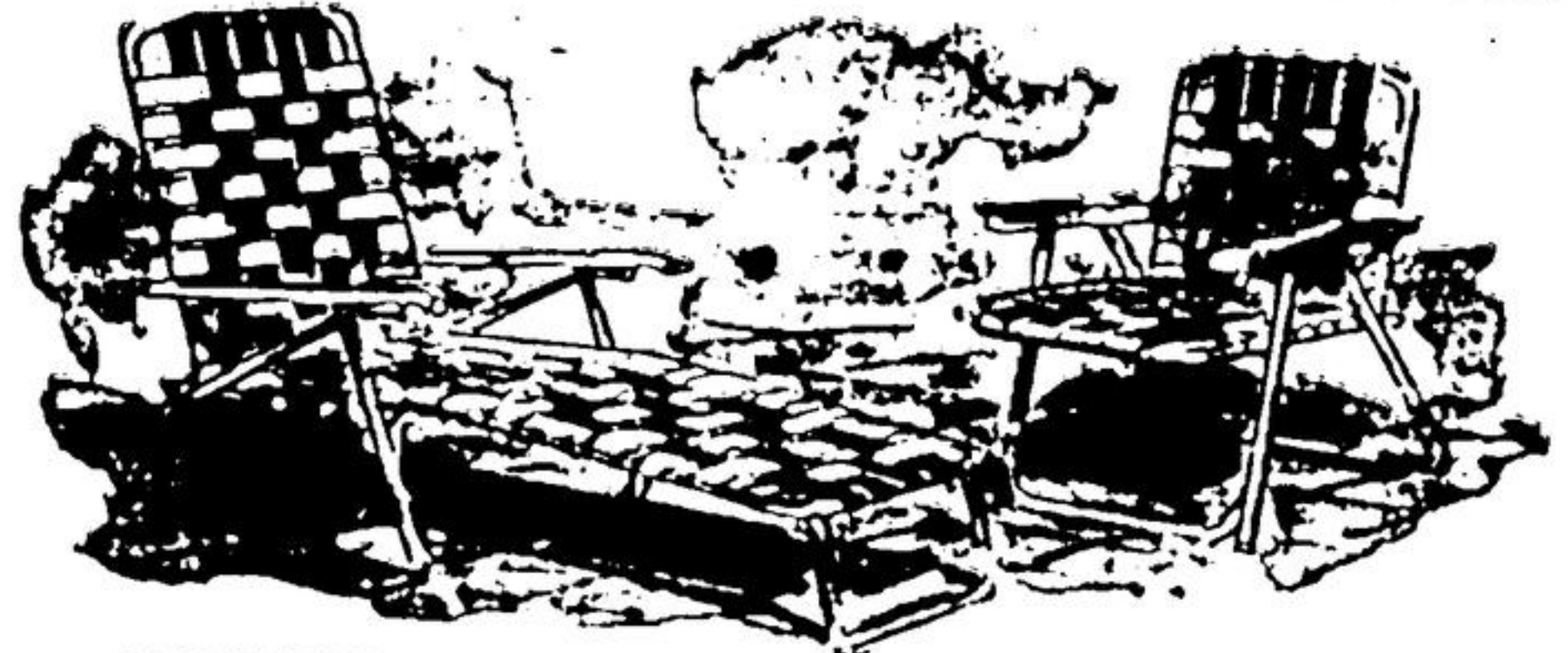
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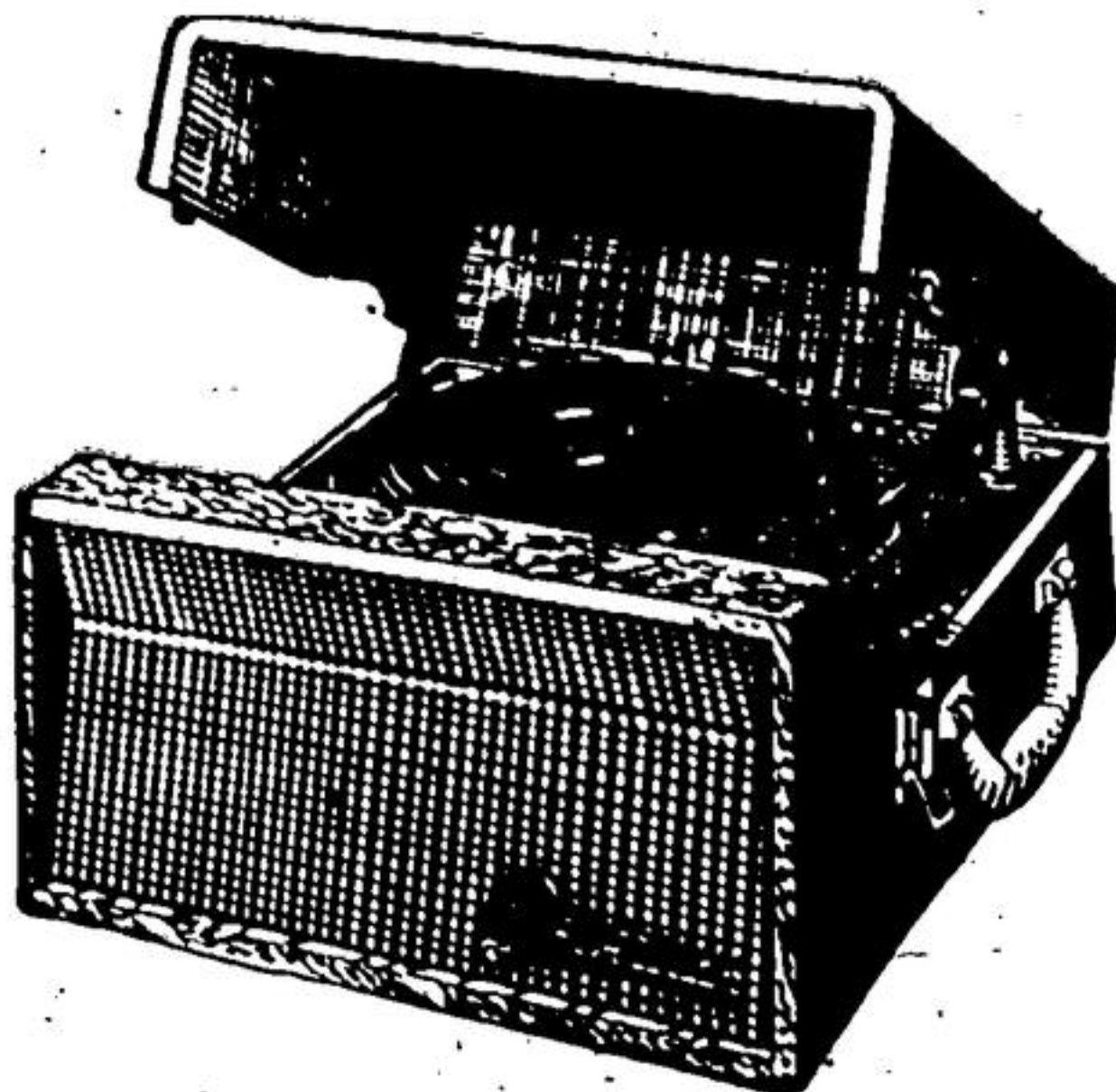
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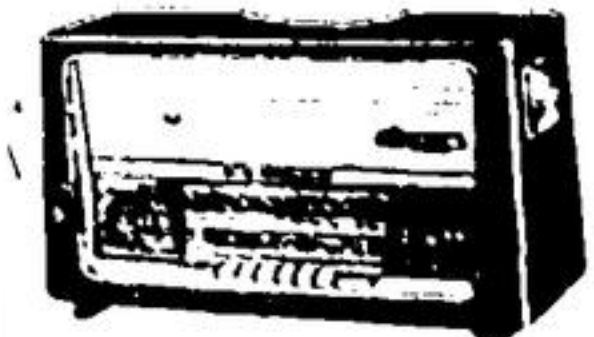
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