

Says Polluted Water Creates Ontario Desert

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By Guy Kinsey

Ontario could be a desert by 1980 because of polluted water, according to D. N. Walker, member of the Conservation Council of Canada and editor for the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

"An extreme statement," comments Dr. James A. Vance, chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

The Conservation Council has issued Premier Roberts a report on its three-year study of water pollution. The report says the situation is worsening and calls for more drastic and urgent action by government, industry and the public in general.

PROGRESS SEEN

Dr. Vance thinks the report serves a valuable purpose in alerting the public and its officials to the seriousness of water pollution. He questions some of the conclusions, however. He does not think the situation is worsening. He believes the Water Resources Commission has made "tremendous progress" since it began work in 1957.

What powers does the Commission possess to tackle the job?

Major problems of water

supply and treatment of domestic and industrial wastes emerged in the 1930s, when municipalities had no money for water and sewage works. The war then channelled all money and effort in the one direction. After the war came an explosive period of population and industrial growth, along with spiralling costs and interest rates.

All this meant a much greater use of water and a much increased amount of wastes to be disposed of by treatment plants, many of which were inadequate in the 30s but would be very costly to extend or replace.

The provincial government set up a special investigating committee in 1953. This led to the establishment in 1958 of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, which began functioning the following year.

Under the Ontario Water Resources Commission Act of 1957, the OWRC is empowered to:

- Keep close watch over water pollution through examination of streams and sources of pollution; it has the right of enforcement of any of its suggestions to individuals, industries or municipalities;
- Advise municipalities concerning water treatment requirements and needs in connection with sewage disposal

and treatment;

- Review plans and approve or disapprove of all water and sewage projects to be undertaken by municipalities or persons;
- Construct, finance and operate water and sewage works for Ontario municipalities on request;
- Advise concerning industrial waste disposal projects to be undertaken by industry;
- Operate laboratory and research services in connection with water, sewage and industrial waste problems;
- Carry on a continuous search for new ground water sources;
- Regulate the use of chemicals used to control aquatic nuisances;
- Regulate, in certain instances (as for irrigation), the taking of water from any source of supply.

EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY

It has some other duties—administering plumbing regulations, for example—but the ones listed show the extent of its authority in the areas of water supply and quality.

In 1957 the OWRC issued certificates of approval for water and sewage works with a total value of \$28.4 million. By the end of 1963, the cumulative total amounted to over \$203 million. The total for this year up to the end of August exceeded \$250 million.

Enrol 46 Children in Holy Cross Kindergarten

Forty-six local children became Holy Cross Separate School's Kindergarten class Monday when they took their places in a new classroom added to the building this fall.

Up until this term, Holy Cross parish children of Kindergarten age have been attending K.P. classes in the town's five public schools. The Holy Cross school has been operating since 1958.

Mrs. L. O'Reilly, hired to teach the new class, started her duties at the school at the first of September, and has been doing fill-in work until now.

Here are the members of the first Holy Cross Kindergarten class:

Michael Baxter, David Bell, Ronald Bouhuys, Lauris

Burns, Yvonne Carney, Thomas Diamond, Kay Doucet, Andrew Dreier, Stephen Duncan, Scott Dwyer, Lance Early, Brian Edwards, Catherine Elzinger, Deborah Ferguson, Kenneth Flynn, Geraldine Ford, Stephen Fortowsky, William Freeman, Laurie Harrington, Paula Hewitt, Shelley Jeffrey, David Jeffrey, Kent Kennedy, Joyce Layton, Donna Magdy, Stuart Malison, Gregory Martin, Ronald Mead, Marie Milor, Paul McAuley, Gerard Nelias, Marianne Nemeth, Robert Nolan, Randy Power, Susan Pringle, David Rawlinson, Paul Sargent, Scott Secord, Patricia Smith, Judith Shone, Richard Strle, Margaret Taylor, Elizabeth Wilcox, Carol Ann Brown, Bernice Stoyles, Derrick Mahoney.

East Coast Honeymoon Mr. & Mrs. John Wilson

Quebec, the East Coast, Prince Edward Island and the Northern States were included in the honeymoon itinerary of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wilson, whose wedding took place recently in Brampton.

The bride, Rita Van Arkel, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert J. Van Arkel, 448 Main St. N., and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer T. Wilson, R.R. 1, Norval.

White gladioli and pink bows decorated Grace United Church for the ceremony, conducted by Rev. D. Stringer. Mrs. Ruth Lyons, Norval, sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "O Perfect Love," accompanied by Mrs. Murray Hetherington.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length sheath gown of chiffon over tulle with a long chapel train. A crown of sequins and pearls held her shoulder-length veil, and she carried a white orchid with white gladioli.

Miss Betty Van Arkel Brampton the bride's sister, was maid-of-honour, and the bridesmaids were Miss Aveline Van Arkel, R.R. 1, Norval sister, and Miss Joan Chamberlain R.R. 1, Klineberg. The junior bridesmaid was the bridegroom's sister, Miss Jean Wilson.

They wore full-skirted gowns of tulle with sweetheart necklines. Their accessories were white and they carried bouquets of white roses. Wedding ring hands completed their ensembles.

Mr. Paul May, R.R. 2, Hornby, was the best man, and the ushers were Mr. Herb Van Arkel, the bride's brother, and Mr. Tom Hunter, R.R. 2, Georgetown.

To receive the guests at the reception in the Fellowship Hall of Grace United Church, the bride's mother wore a dress of printed nylon chiffon over tulle with a gardenia corsage. She was assisted by the bridegroom's mother who chose a sheath dress with a jacket of blue brocade with black accessories and a white gardenia corsage.

For going away the bride wore a beige wool suit and gold brocade blouse with accessories of beige and brown, and a white orchid corsage.

Out-of-town guests came from Port Arthur, Oshawa, London, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Acton, Erin, Burlington, Stouffville, Milton, Georgetown and Cheltenham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson live in their new house at R.R. 1, Norval.

Assaults Deny, Must Apologize, Pay Costs

An Oakville man was placed on probation for two years and ordered to apologize to the deputy sheriff he was convicted of assaulting when he appeared for sentence in Magistrate's Court last week.

Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon also ordered the man to keep the peace and pay court costs of \$30.

The accused was convicted of assaulting Mac Sprowl on October 7. Sprowl testified the accused had knocked him down and beat him when he attempted to serve the man with a writ of summons to appear in division court.

A druggist and optometrist in Timmins for 45 years, Dr. Basil Curtis, 78 died in Port Arthur Hospital on October 16.

Born in Georgetown, he attended school here. He moved to Port Arthur in 1958, following the death of his wife Rose. He leaves a daughter, Ruth, Mrs. T. P. Callee of Port Arthur, a son James of Toronto and eight grandchildren.

Requiem mass was celebrated October 19th in the Church of the Transfiguration, Weston with interment later that day in the family plot in Greenwood Cemetery here.

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SENIOR, JUNIOR DAY

Winners at a Senior, Junior day held at the North Halton Club Sunday were: Louth and Phil Bludd, Ted Fenning and Bob Bradley (gross), and Ernie and Roger Smith and Bud and Bob Monckton (net). Presentation of prizes and a supper were held later in the clubhouse.

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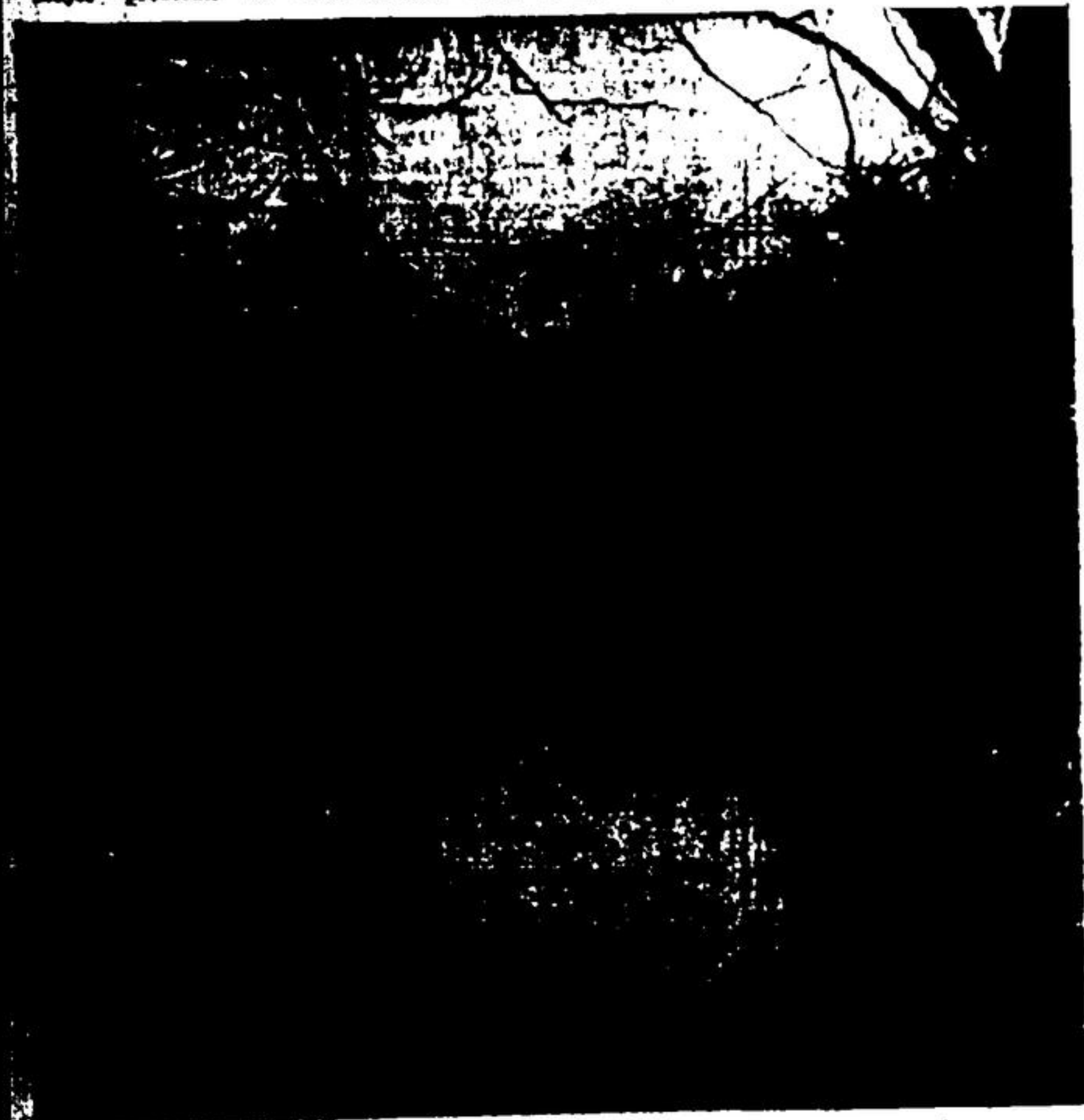
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Remembrance Supper First Event for Legion Reopening

Members of Branch 120, Royal Canadian Legion, are showing much more interest than usual in the coming Remembrance Supper, on Friday, November 6th.

This year it will also be the first time the auditorium has been used since the renovation of the building began, and will give members attending a preview of the 'new look' of their building. While the whole project will not be completed, unfortunately, the auditorium and entrance halls and rooms upstairs will be.

The auditorium will be completely panelled, with a ceiling

of acoustic tile, and new lighting throughout. The kitchen has been enlarged, a new lounge incorporated and new washroom facilities throughout. The entrance downstairs and in the auditorium has been completely

changed and modernized, and now features a wide sweeping entrance to the upstairs. The lighting will be controlled and can be adjusted up or down, according to needs.

To officially open the fall, the annual Remembrance Supper is scheduled for November 6th, with a turkey dinner featured, an exceptional guest speaker and a dance following.

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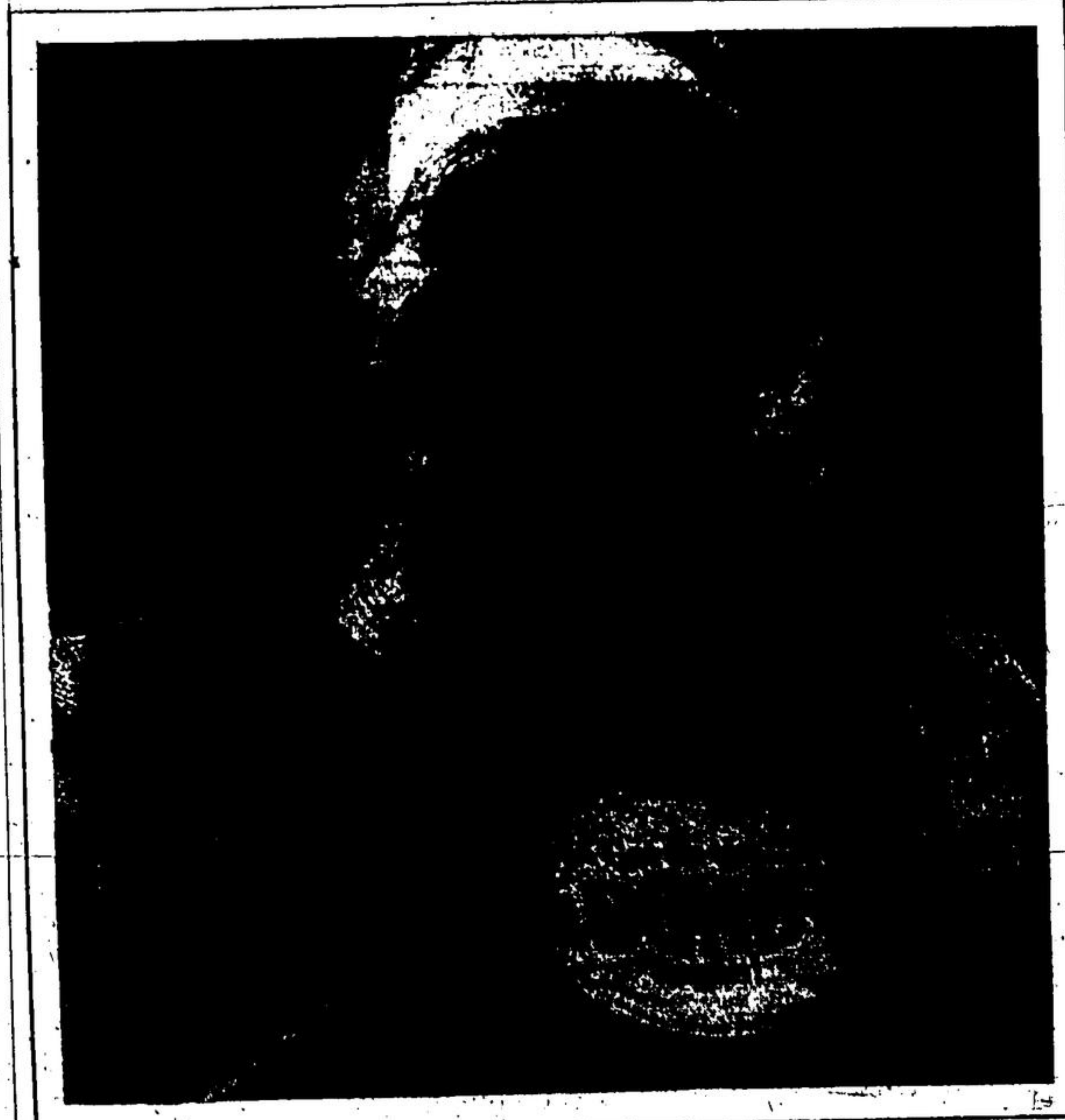
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