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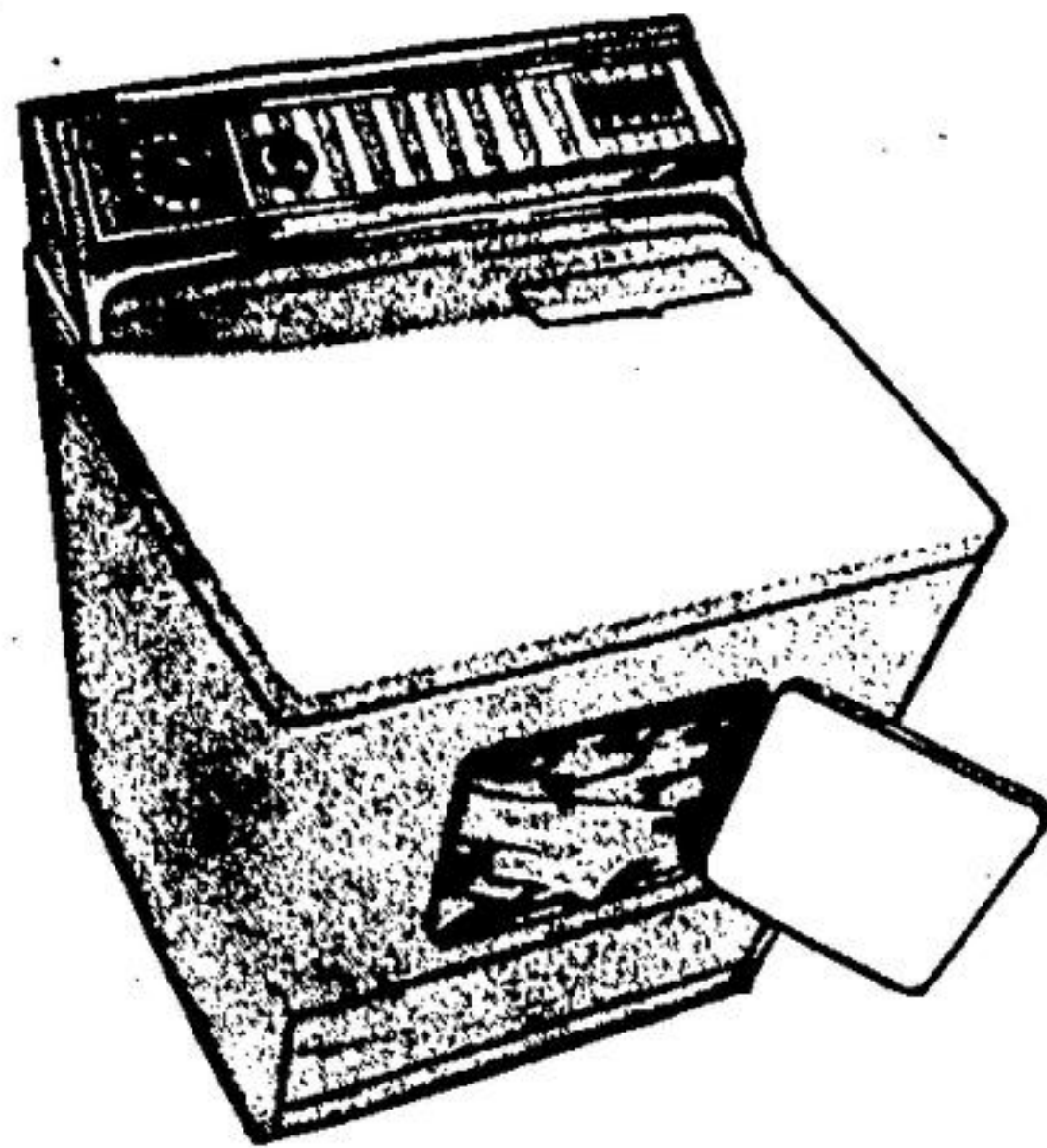
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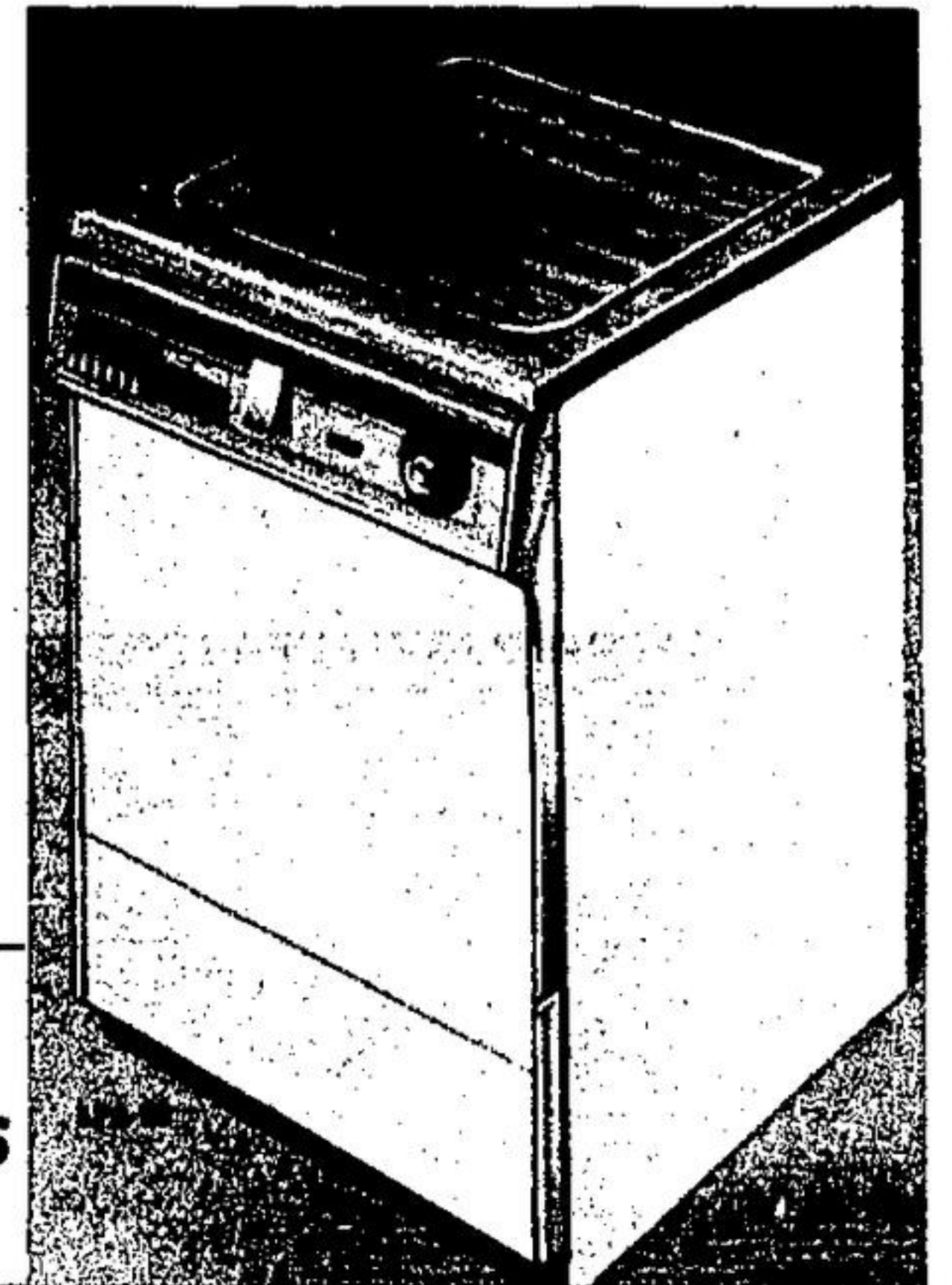
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## Winter comes to Kelso

### Ski club opens

While motorists greeted the weekend's snowfall with gritted teeth and then hustled off to the garage to have overdue snow tires put on, the snowmobilers, skiers and winter sports enthusiasts accepted the white stuff as a blessing from above.

Among those delighted with the snowfall is Alec Duncan, supervisor of Glen Eden Ski Area and Kelso Conservation Area.

The area's newly acquired snowmaking equipment was put into action last week adding to natural snowfall and the area is open now.

This winter promises to be one of the greatest at Kelso. Mr. Duncan revealed plans to offer skating, ice hockey, improved skiing as well as snowmobiling and tobogganing. Special areas will be zoned for skiing only and

provisions will be made for exclusive areas for tobogganing and snowmobiling.

Ski tows will be in operation every day except Monday this year and the main hill will be completely lighted for night skiing.

#### Better chalet

The new improved skiing chalet will make life happier for patrons. The new chalet will be ready soon and will feature a large assembly room, accommodations for the ski patrol and ski rentals as well as ticket office.

Snack bar facilities will be bigger and better than last year as well. New and improved washroom facilities are also part of the addition. Skiers will be able to watch others make their descent from the main hill from a seat on the balcony.

Mr. Duncan claims a solid effort will be made to keep a sheet of ice cleared for skating and a second sheet for ice hockey once the lake ice is frozen solid. He expressed a desire for greater local participation.

#### Patrol head

Brian Paul will head the ski patrol staffers this year and Kurt Laichmann will return as head of the skiing program.

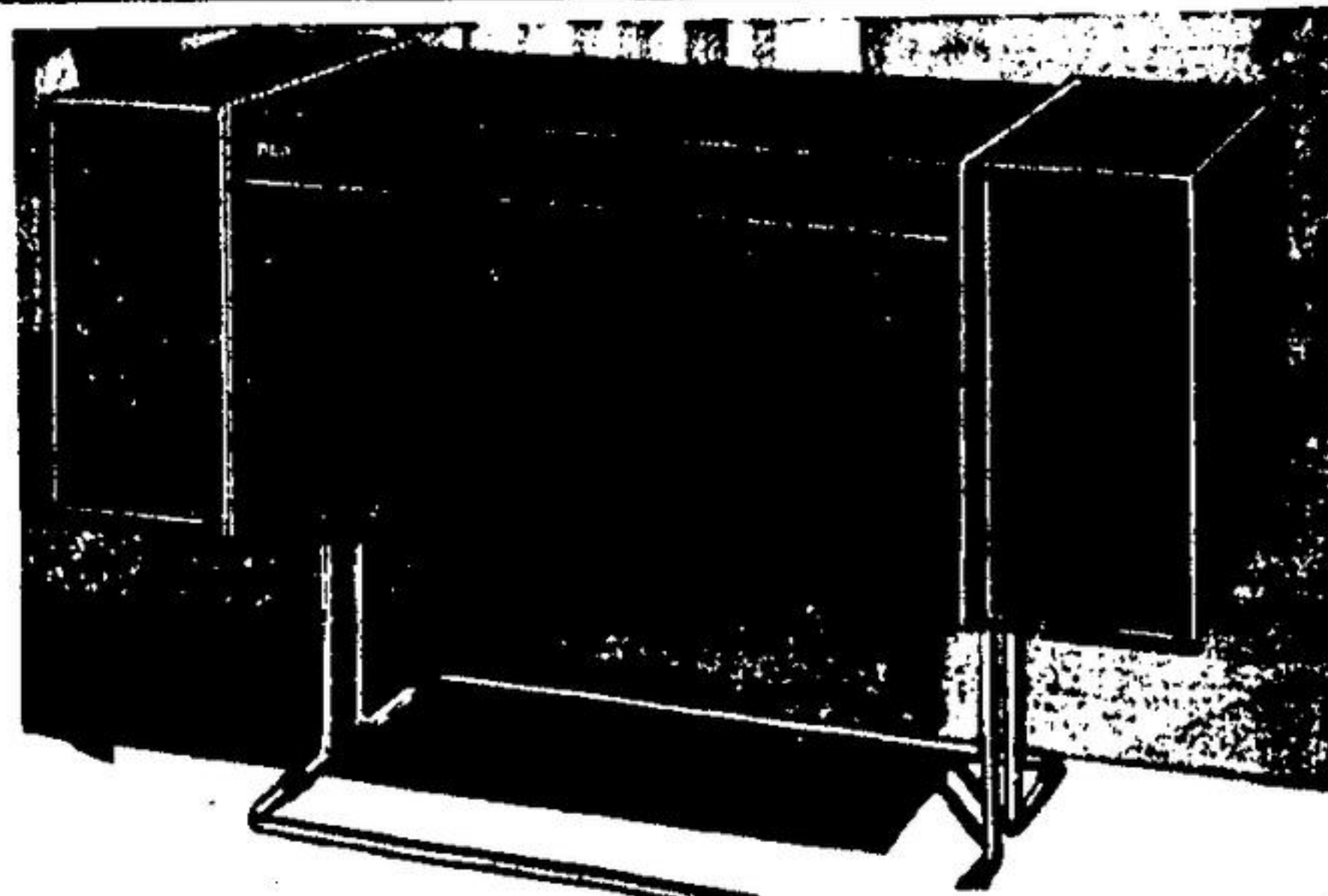
A complete program of ski instructions is being offered this year. Milton Recreation Committee is offering a ski program for juniors and housewives.

The junior program will run for eight consecutive Saturdays beginning Jan. 9.

Under Laichmann's direction the Halton Region Conservation Authority is also offering a racing program. The program is divided into two phases, one aimed to develop good skiers and to lead into racing and a second for those who are good skiers and would like to take racing instruction. The authority is offering a housewife program as well.

Tuesday through Friday the tows will run from 1 to 5 p.m. in the afternoons and again from 6.30 to 10 p.m. weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The area will be closed all day Christmas day but open through the holidays.

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## Five new members on county board two of them ladies

There will be five new faces on the Halton County Board of Education when the board holds its inaugural meeting early in the new year.

Two of the five new faces belong to ladies. Mrs. E. Goobie and Judy Alexander, both of Oakville, will become the first women ever to hold office on the Halton County Board. Other newcomers are Len Crosier of Oakville and Noel Cooper and Vern Connell of Burlington.

#### Five retire

Those leaving the board are Bruce Edwards, Liberty Pease, Jim Price, E. R. Sovereign and J. G. Blakelock.

John Hanson, Harold Thorpe, George Pelletier, Fred Armitage and G. W. Johnston were acclaimed in Burlington

and Fred Bidwell was re-elected.

Chairman Doug Wood received the only acclamation in Oakville. Dick Goodin and L. D. Palmer were re-elected to another term. Hugh Clohecy and Bill Priestner will again represent the separate school ratepayers on the public board. Both men are from Burlington.

#### North men

Bill Lawson and John Noble will continue to represent Esquesing and Milton respectively on the board, following acclamation.

Tom Watson was re-elected to represent Nassagaweya and Acton. Ernest Bodnar was acclaimed to a second two-year term representing Georgetown on the 20-member county board.

## Giving is part of a tradition

Since the Wise Men gave of their treasures to the Christ Child, giving has been part of the tradition of Christmas.

The idea of gifts as homage dates from even earlier times, when kings demanded special tribute from the subjects during holiday seasons. Thus the Wise Men, in offering precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, expressed their reverence for the newborn King of mankind.

#### Pagan festival

Giving to celebrate a happy time was a familiar part of many

pagan festivals.

The Romans honored Saturn, their god of agriculture, with a winter festival called the Saturnalia. During this joyous feast, they exchanged gifts — wax candles, clay dolls and various trinkets.

When these pagan customs of exchanging gifts were transferred to the celebration of the birth of Christ, church leaders added a new idea; selfless giving. Through the ages, giving to help the less fortunate has been a special tradition of Christmas.