

# International match has Halton flavor

The 1971 edition of the International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration, held last week in Haldimand County, had a distinctly "Halton" air about it. Besides numerous Halton plowmen competing in the daily plowing contests, Halton equipment owners were among the exhibitors around the 75-acre "tented city".

In 1974 the big match comes to Halton and it will be held on the W. T. Craig Reid farm on Ashgrove Sideroad, south of Norval. Visitors from this area who attended the match in Haldimand last week got a good preview of the big event Halton is already planning to host in 1974.

**Paved streets**  
This year's match, held on Harewood Acres farms near Nanticoke and Jarvis, spilled over 350 acres of land and the tented city itself covered 75 acres of land once used for an airport. It was probably the only match in the 58-year history of the Ontario Plowmen's Association that had paved streets (former runways)

in the tent city. Plowing competitions were held on neighboring lands.

Jack Taylor of Burlington is president of the OPA this year and he and his committee, plus members of the Haldimand Local Committee, were busy arranging the '71 match and its daily features.

Plowing contests included classes for seniors and juniors, local and visiting plowboys, with classes for both tractor-drawn and horse-drawn plows.

**"Mini steam show"**

The Golden Horseshoe Antique Society of Caledonia was given permission to stage an antique display this year and the exhibit drew a lot of attention. Sponsors of the Golden Horseshoe City every civic holiday weekend at Caledonia, the group put up several rustic old buildings in the form of a model pioneer town. At the rear, seven steam engines, eight vintage gas tractors, a sawmill, fan, two threshing machines, two eight-furrow plows and a four-furrow plow, a

dog-power and churn and a couple of dozen restored gas engines formed a "mini steam show".

Sherwood Hume of Milton had his big antique Minneapolis gas tractor there, with an eight-furrow plow he and Dennis Webb of Beamsville jointly own. It drew a lot of attention as it plowed fields in a demonstration of pioneer power. Emerson Downs of Milton displayed his 1925 Rumely gas tractor throughout the match and in the noon parade it hauled a trailer on which Fred Ruddell of Ashgrove operated his dog-power treadmill working an old butter churn.

**Callope too**

The callope from the Minnie Thomson Museum at Stratford was also there all week and it was as popular with match visitors as it is with Steam-Era visitors in Milton each labor day weekend. Several other exhibitors were members of Steam-Era and exhibit regularly at the Milton shows.

Halton plowmen competing at the match did not fare too well this year. Among the competitors

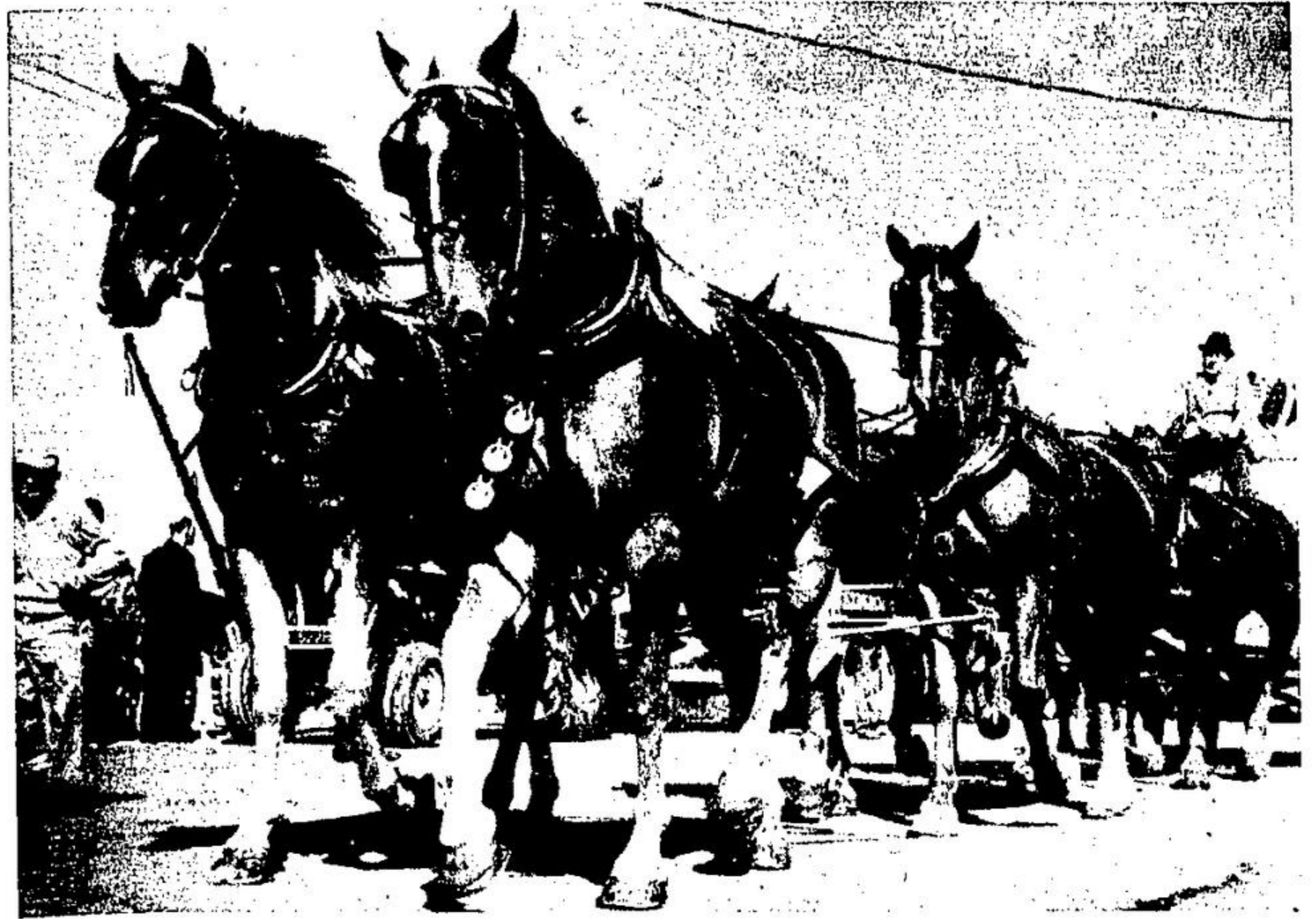
were Bryan Marshall, R.R. 4 Milton; Bert Robertson, Acton; Murray Breckon, R.R. 2 Burlington; Keith Leslie, R.R. 4 Georgetown; Stan May, R.R. 2 Hornby; Harley Pickering, R.R. 1 Oakville; Larry Pickett, R.R. 3 Georgetown; Jean Wilson, Norval.

**Mayor wins**

Mayor Brian Best of Milton won the class for Mayors of Ontario towns, held Saturday. It was his fourth attempt to win the coveted award and he beat 19 others in the class. Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith also competed. Runners-up were the mayors of Welland, Dunnville, Wainham Alta., Lincoln and Galt.

Halton's Warden Dr. F. G. Oakes did not compete in the class for wardens this year. Warden Jack Alexander of Goderich, in Huron County, was winner of that class.

Milton resident George Swann, who is official sign painter for the OPA as well as sound car driver for Supersweet Feeds, put up a trophy which was won by Cameron Mitchell of Norfolk County.



A RARE SIGHT THESE DAYS, this six horse team caused a nostalgic stir at the International Plowing Match, held on a 650-acre site near Nanticoke in Haldimand County last week. You don't see many six horse teams these days. The match was a big success and many competitors and exhibitors from this area were among the crowd of 100,000 attending the Tuesday to Saturday event. —(Staff Photo)



THIS PRETTY young miss was one of the competitors in the first day of competition at this year's International Plowing match near Nanticoke. She is Miss Jean Wilson of R. R. 1, Norval. This year's match ran from October 12 to 16. —(Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food)

## Urge farmers appeal assessment themselves

Halton County Federation of Agriculture advises each farmer working 11 acres or more must appeal his 1971 assessment for 1972 taxes individually, and mail the appeal before Oct. 31.

The reason that should be stated is that the assessment is too high for farming purposes. Appeals are to be sent to J. L. M. Harbinson, Regional Registrar, Suite 303, 713 Davis Dr., Newmarket, Ont.

In the past, the Federation has done some of the appeals for area farmers, but this year appeals must be made individually.

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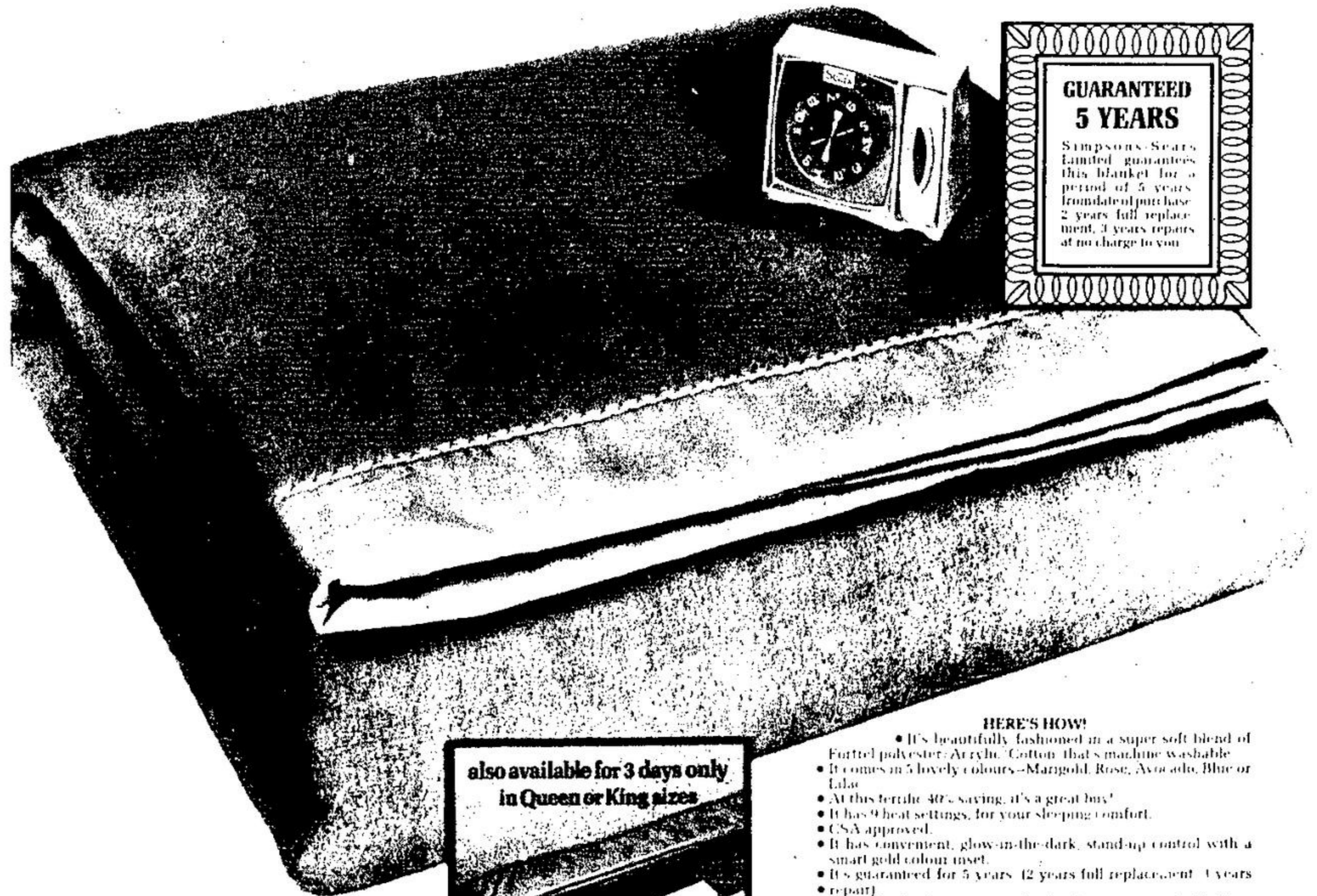
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