

Waiting nine years for chance Muir seeks Tory nomination

For the past nine years Jim Muir, 37, has been grooming himself for a shot at federal politics. He's convinced he is ready now and he'll get his chance at it March 15 when Halton Tories gather to choose a man to go against sitting Liberal member Rud Whiting. In an interview last week Muir said he knew he was the dark horse in the three man race, but insisted he was the best equipped to handle the job. Terry O'Connor of Oakville and Bert Hinton of Acton are also seeking the PC nomination.



JIM MUIR

He charged the CNR was continually dropping their passenger miles and forcing more cars onto the highways. He felt Oakville is particularly hard hit by this, because 60 per cent of the community commutes.

An active Tory
Muir has been active with the Tories since 1962 when he among others organized the Nickelbelt YPC's into an effective political machine which, according to Muir, was directly responsible for the election of Gaston Demers.

Born in Toronto, Muir received his secondary education in Barrie and received his Bachelor of Science degree at Queen's University. Muir is a member of the Life Underwriters' Association, the Masonic Lodge and is actively involved in volunteer drives for the Cancer Society and Red Cross organization in Oakville. He was also commanding officer of the Lorne Scots at Oakville for a few years.

Asked if he felt Rud Whiting would provide tough opposition, Muir said, "You'd better believe it. Rud's nobody's fool. You have to give an incumbent 30 per cent of the votes off the top."

With Yaremko
Muir's rather vast bank of experience covers 15 years of broadcasting, a stint in the army and two and a half years as executive assistant to John Yaremko when Yaremko was Minister of Social and Family Services Department. Muir still keeps an interest in broadcasting as a part time broadcaster with CFRB in Toronto and holds an advisory role at Sheridan College with the broadcasting course there.

Muir indicated the economy and the need for more jobs will be key issues in the election campaign; he felt transportation would also be an issue.

Muir was critical of the CNR for the poor service and the staggering costs Ontario is saddled with through their agreement with the federal government to provide GO Transit.

O'Connor in race

Economics key issue

The economic condition of the country will be a key issue in the coming election and the Trudeau government should be judged over a four year period, not a four month period like Trudeau would like it, Terry O'Connor said in an interview.



TERRY O'CONNOR

O'Connor is one of three seeking the Halton Progressive Conservative ticket and the right to challenge Liberal MP Rud Whiting for his seat in parliament.

O'Connor charged Trudeau with giving press and TV interviews now in the face of an election and said he avoided the six to eight per cent inflation and the problem of employment that was at six to seven per cent over the past four years.

Not necessary
"It is not necessary, it can be disposed of. John Turner is suggesting means to combat the problem that Stanfield has been pressing for during the past four years."

O'Connor said Paul Hellyer came the closest to suggesting a

cure for the housing problem and Eric Kierans came closest to suggesting a cure for the economy. Both became frustrated and quit.

O'Connor is married with four

daughters and lives in Oakville. The Oakville lawyer is now employed as executive counsel to Ontario Minister of Justice Allan Lawrence.

O'Connor attended high school in Toronto, received a BA from University of Western Ontario and graduated from Osgoode Hall Bar Admission course in 1968 and lectured there in 1970.

PC president
O'Connor was elected president of the Halton and Halton East PC Association at their annual meeting last month and has held a wide variety of positions in the party—locally, provincially and federally.

He has been active in cancer and heart fund drives and served as zone chairman for the United Appeal campaign. He is on the board of directors for the Oakville YM-YWCA and chairman of the membership committee of the Oakville YM-YWCA.

He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, York County Bar Association, the Oakville Club and the Albany Club.



W. J. KEMPLING

Dundas man seeking H-W Tory nomination

"Small to medium-size businesses are the backbone of our economy, yet they are being smothered by red tape and taxes. There are over 100,000 such businesses in Canada, employing millions of people, and they need better representation in government. I intend to see that they get it."

So says William J. Kempling of Dundas, in announcing his intention to seek the Progressive Conservative nomination in Halton-Wentworth for the anticipated spring federal election.

Mr. Kempling, a life-long resident of the valley town, is president of Wheels, Brakes and Equipment Limited, a successful and expanding Hamilton manufacturing and wholesale company serving the trucking industry. He is married, with two sons and a daughter in high school and university.

Assisted Ewen
A flight lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. during the Second World War, he served in Britain and the Far East, where he was a

liaison officer to the Chinese military for a year. Following the war he taught school, then entered the business world and has had several years' experience in sales and administration. In 1915, he organized the company of which he is now president and general manager. Mr. Kempling was campaign manager for successful MPP Donald Ewen in the last provincial election.

Halton-Wentworth Progressive Conservative Association president James Swanborough recently announced the riding nomination will be held in mid-April.

Bird census

Georgetown Naturalists took a census one day in December—counting birds only. They discovered some of the usual migrants skipped their jaunt to the sunny south this winter.

The count, made by 13 naturalists in a seven and a half mile radius around Georgetown Dec. 27, produced:

1 great blue heron, 22 mallard ducks, 11 black ducks, 1 sharp-shinned hawk, 22 red-tailed hawks, 1 red-shouldered hawk, 8 rough-legged hawks, 8 sparrow hawks, 48 herring gulls, 12 ring-billed gulls, 11 rock doves, 2 mourning doves, 2 belted kingfishers, 1 immature yellow-bellied sapsucker, 7 hairy woodpeckers, 49 downy woodpeckers, 47 blue jays, 4 crows, 139 black-capped chickadees, 28 white-breasted nuthatches, 4 brown creepers, 1 winter wren, 1 robin, 2 ruby-crowned kinglets, 16 cedar waxwings, 2 northern shrikes, 330 starlings, 253 house sparrows, 12 eastern meadowlark, 2 red-winged blackbirds, 50 cardinals, 132 evening grosbeak, 91 purple finch, 94 common redpoll, 2 pine siskin, 71 american goldfinch, 53 snow-bellied junco, 1 Oregon junco, 69 tree sparrow, 12 song sparrow.

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Bureau, two brigades win prevention awards

Halton Fire Prevention Bureau and the Oakville and Milton Fire Departments were named among the winners of the National Fire Protection Association's 1971 fire prevention scrapbook competition, according to the results of the contest, released today.

The Bureau, which includes members of Halton's five fire departments, submitted a 300-page scrapbook on its 1971 activities and was awarded a "special recognition for an outstanding county-sponsored fire prevention program" by the judges.

Third prize for Ontario
Oakville Fire Department received third place for Ontario and honorable mention in the Canada-wide competition for communities with a population between 25,000 and 100,000. The Oakville fire prevention division's scrapbook also placed 2nd in all of Canada when the 39 top-ranking municipalities' entries were judged regardless of population.

Milton Fire Department's scrapbook earned an honorable mention prize in the contest for communities with 5,000 to 10,000 population.

Representatives of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office will present the three agencies with certificates of recognition, at a banquet to be held in Milton in April.

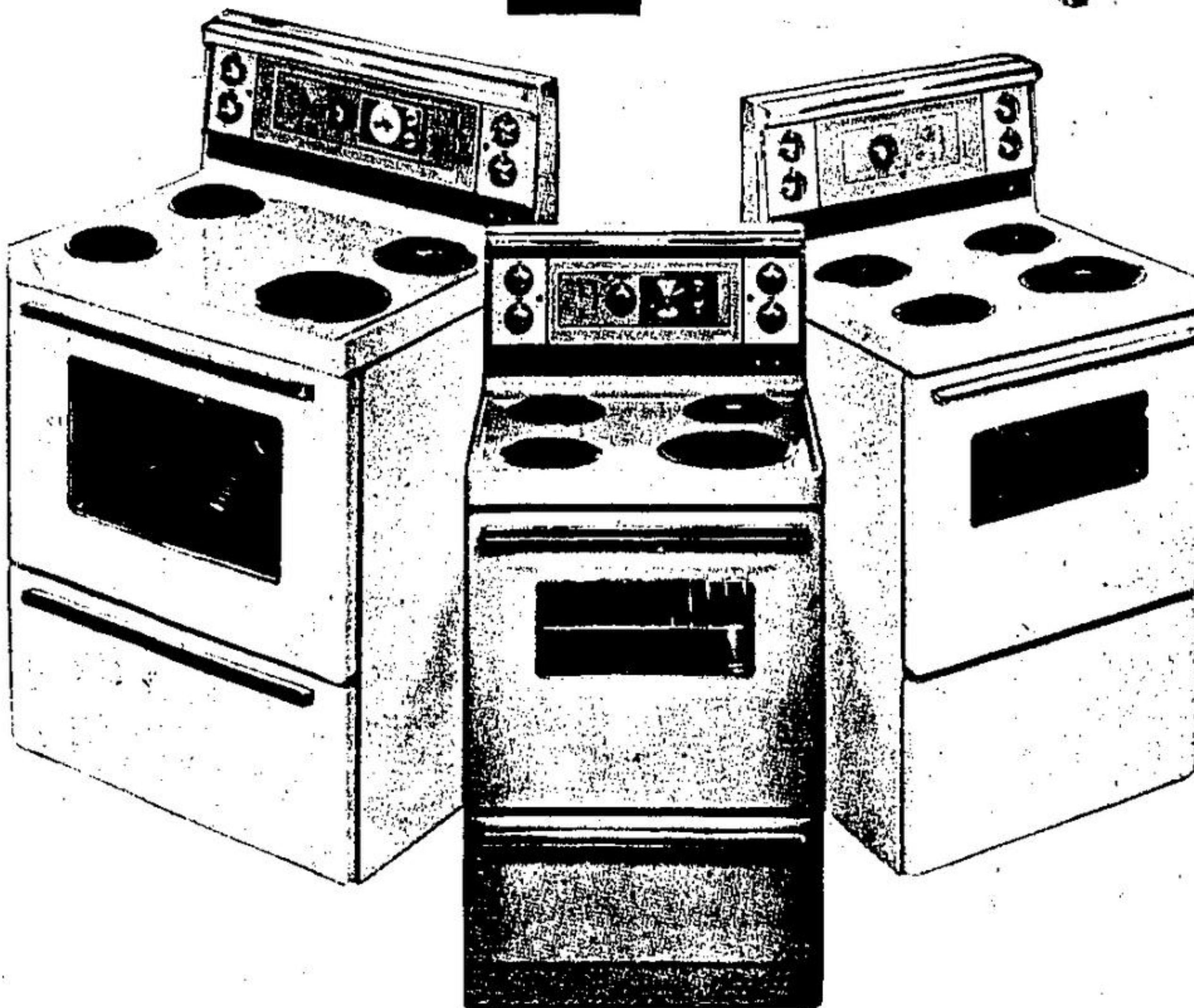
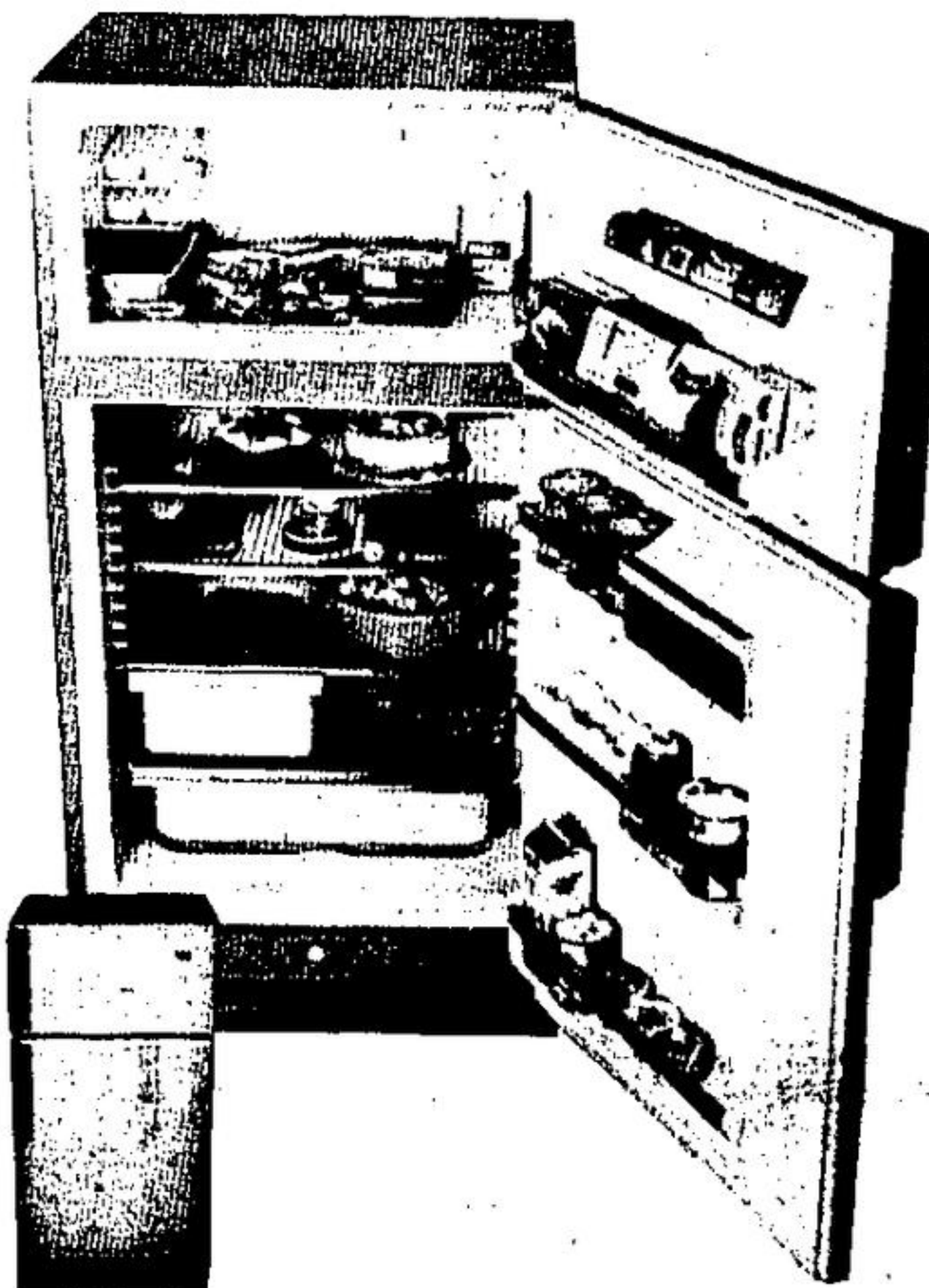
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