

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Rainy Spring finally came to Acton last week, just in time for the Scouts' St. George's Day training hike. The walk was designed to be an overnight hike in preparation for the Explorers' Hike and the Canadian Jamboree.

In spite of the heavy rains, parents drove 16 Scouts and three leaders to the starting point at the rear entrance to the Kelso Conservation area near Milton. The rain continued unrelentingly causing parts of the trail to be washed out.

We all finally reached the Cox Farm shelter on the town line for lunch. In that six and a half miles, most equipment had been soaked.

Many thanks to the parents who came and picked up the wet kids. We returned to the Scout Hall where we spent the night. On Sunday we practised Scoutcraft over at the school creek.

Everyone certainly learned something about hiking last weekend. The seasoned hikers are Paul Carter, Jeff Willmott, Paul Cargill, David Fuller, Ricky Dodds, George Garton, Darren Gilles, Glen Gough, Antony Saxon, Calvin Robinson, Mike Henry, Greg Cowan, Yves Savard, Frank Goulding, Blake Norton and Mark Dawkins.

The leaders were John Sharples, Mark Rowe and Rick Kocher.

Potluck
The Scout and Guide Mothers held their potluck dinner last night (Tuesday) at the Scout Hall. The deli-

cious meal was enjoyed by all.
The Group Committee meeting for May will be held on Tuesday, May 10. Be sure all sections are represented as the kits for Willing Work Week will be distributed.

Planting
Planting day for Trees For Canada will be held this Saturday. All the kits should have been turned in by last weekend.

All those planting should be at the Scout Hall by 8:30 Saturday morning with a bucket, shovel and lunch. Wear your uniform. Parents will be needed to drive us to the planting site at Waterfalls Playground. They may stay to help out if they like. We should hopefully be finished by noon. Everyone who got pledges must come out to plant. Pledge kits will be returned on Saturday so that money can be collected.

Guides and Brownie News
By Patricia Henry

This Saturday, April 30, we will be having our annual Tea and Bake sale. "Spring Thaw" It will be at the Y.M.C.A. from 11 a.m. to two p.m. We hope you'll be able to come out. Babysitting is provided.

This week, we had 12 Brownies fly up to the Second Acton Guide Co., and nine to the first Acton Guide Co. Lieutenant Duncan and Lieutenant Trotter gave them a heartwarming welcome and we hope the Brownies will come with us on our camp.

Acton High notes

by Jennifer Rowe

The week all senior students dread is here! Examinations begin on Thursday and finish Tuesday. Good Luck!

On Friday Ms. Eva Sansom took her environmental science classes to the sewage disposal plant in Acton for a tour of the water cleansing process that is carried out. The class has been taking a unit on water ecology and the effects on present and future societies. It's reassuring to know that Acton is doing their part to protect the environment. The class is planning another field trip, this time to the Ontario Science Centre on May 6.

On Saturday morning about 15 law and economic students along with four teachers went to visit Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney. The interview proved to be both interesting and informative. For further details see my other article.

Saturday evening Acton High Student Association hosted a dance featuring "Copperpenney". The dance was a great success and a good time was had by all.

The results of the junior math contest are back. The annual contest is hosted by the University of Waterloo and is open to grades nine, ten and eleven providing students are 16 years or under. Acton High placed 14th out of the 25 schools that took part. Some of the larger schools we placed ahead of were M.M. Robinson, Lord Elgin, and Burlington Central high school. The junior students who wrote the math contest are Frank Geng, Martin Oso, Diane Baginski, Cheryl Springle, Mike Donat, Pete Musculus, Kim Livermore, Julie Pierce, Eunice Gibb, Jeff Carr, Janice Thornhill and Karl Aitken. Congratulations to all those students who helped Acton high to obtain the best standing in the past three years.

Frank Geng, Martin Oso and Diane Baginski also managed to get on the honor roll. The results of the senior math contest will be announced at a later date.

There will be no column next Wednesday as I have exams Monday and Tuesday. Wish me Luck!

M.Z. Bennett news

by Adele Titon

The rocking 50's live again, back to hobby-socks and slicked hair. Last Thursday this was the main look of the grades seven and eight students and teachers as we relived the 50's. At a dance after school John Evans and Sue Civero were picked as the best dressed greasers and received a small gift, while others were busy jiving to the music. In all it was a fun and enjoyable day.

This Wednesday, Education Night will be held at our school. Science Fair Exhibits will be set up in the gymnasium. Also that night the "Great Egg Race" will be held. An egg race is where a homemade cart that is somehow propelled with an elastic band carries an egg 25 metres

without breaking the egg. The first five winners of each division will be rewarded with a trip to the Toronto Science Centre.

Friday was the last hot dog day for this year. Hot dog days were a great source of raising money and we have made a large profit.

Saturday, April 30 holds a lot in store for M.Z. Bennett. First the speech contest held in Heidelberg with speakers Adela Rodrigues and Steve Saxon. Secondly a representative from our school will be going to Centennial School to participate in a chess tournament with other school representatives. The best of luck to our six representatives, M.Z.'s chess champions!



THERE WAS A mass fly up to Guides from Brownies Monday evening as a record number of girls made the big step. Beginning at the left of the horseshoe: Susan Tidbury, Lisa Toth, Kelly Bogart, Tracy Patterson, Tracy Dunbar, Darci Thornton, Lisa Scott, Suzanne Pendergast, Sherry Evans, Laura Craig, Lisa Kuter, Gail Hughes, Lisa Gillis, Gail Morgan, Sandra Bendicks, Barbara Lamon, Lori Turtuscher and Kim Hachey.



Arthur Maloney visited by students

by Jennifer Rowe

The rain poured down making it dreary and damp outside. However 15 students and four teachers were enjoying the warmth of a fireplace and an interesting interview.

On Saturday April 23, interested law and economic students along with Ken Ellis, Keith Black, Boris Shean and Roy McMillan visited the beautiful home of Ontario Ombudsman, Arthur Maloney.

Mr. Maloney lives out on the Guelph line and offered to fit the Acton High students into his busy schedule for an informal chat about his fascinating job in the provincial government.

The Ombudsman is "a people's lawyer" and deals mainly with people's complaints against appointed officials of the government. The idea began in Sweden in 1809 and has gradually spread throughout many parts of the world. Ontario was given an ombudsman on May 22, 1975.

Since this date Mr. Maloney and his staff have re-opened many files of complaints by people and started into new cases. The students and teachers spent an enjoyable hour listening to the details of the Ombudsman's job and experiences that he had encountered as a successful Toronto lawyer.

A delicious lunch was provided by Mr. Maloney and students had a chance to speak to him if they had any additional questions. A good time was had by all and special thanks to Mr. Maloney for the interesting morning and his warm personal welcome. It's experiences such as these which help in the education of young people today!

Campaign

Cancer campaign canvassers are making their calls. Cool, damp weather has been a slight hold-up.

Free Press Youth page

Josee Charlebois is chosen for Rotary trip

Josee Charlebois will represent the Rotary Club of Acton at the 1977 "Adventure in Citizenship" to be held in Ottawa May 8 to 12. It was announced by club president Don McDonald. Josee, daughter of Louis and Flo, lives at 173 Elmore Drive, Acton and is a Grade 13 student at Acton District High School.

In the 26 years since the project was conceived by The Rotary Club of Ottawa, more than 6,300 young Canadians have participated in the "Adventure." Students, chosen for outstanding achievements in their own communities, are brought together each year in the nation's capital to see the

centre of government, the national parliament, the national centres for the arts and sciences, and to meet leaders in government, the professions, the diplomatic corps, business and education.

They visit "the Hill" to see Parliament in action and such places as Rideau Hall, where they are received by the Governor-General, the National Arts Centre, National Gallery, national museums and the RCMP Training Centre. They will take part in group discussions at Ottawa University covering such subjects as citizenship, parliamentary procedure, democratic government, and issues of the day.

They will hear addresses by the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, the Chief Justice and other prominent Canadians at luncheons and dinners. On the final day of the "Adventure" each student will be presented with a formal certificate of Canadian citizenship.

"For more than a quarter of a century," said Mr. McDonald, "the project, supported by the Rotary Clubs across Canada, has made a very important contribution to the principles of Canadian unity and true Canadian citizenship."

One of the speakers will be the Hon. Joe Clark, leader of the Opposition.

Robert Little



by Sharon Bendicks

Last week at Robert Little, all went as usual except for the preparation for last night's successful auction, rummage and bake sale. Hot dogs, doughnuts and cold drinks were also sold. A special thanks to Max Storey (auctioneer) for donating his services. Proceeds are going towards an overnight camping trip for the intermediate special education class, and for field trips for all classes.

On April 15 both grade four classes spent an enjoyable day at the Ontario Science Centre.

Nancy Wong won the all-Ontario Basketball Championship for 12 year olds. Her winning score was 31 out of 50. This is the second year Nancy has won the all-Ontario standing in the Knights of Columbus sponsored tournament. Congratulations Nancy!

A very special thanks to Mrs. Par Garton for donating two dolls for a draw so graduating students can raise money for graduation expenses.

There will be a Greaser Day and Dance on April 28.

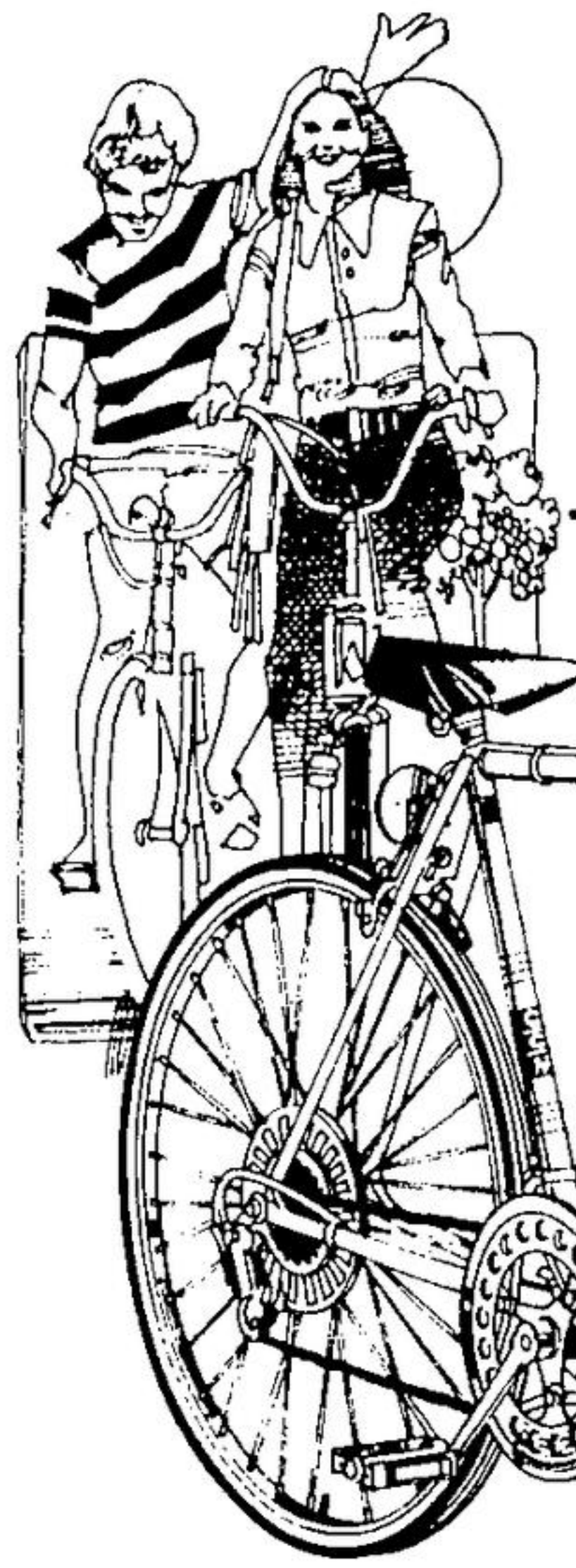
Scouts plant trees

Over 40,000 members of Scouts Canada will plant a million and a half trees in 1977 "Trees for Canada" project. Some 425 North Halton Scouts will be planting trees in the area this Saturday.

According to Walter B. Tilden, President of the Provincial Council for Ontario, over 900,000 trees will be planted in 83 Districts throughout Ontario. "This project is designed to provide all members of Scouting with the opportunity to actively demonstrate their interest and concern for the Canadian environment," Mr. Tilden stated.

To ensure that all trees are planted with a maximum chance of survival, local Councils have arranged for all participants to receive instruction and practical training in conservation and reforestation from local foresters.

Mr. Tilden pointed out that "Trees for Canada" is also a fund raising project for local Councils.



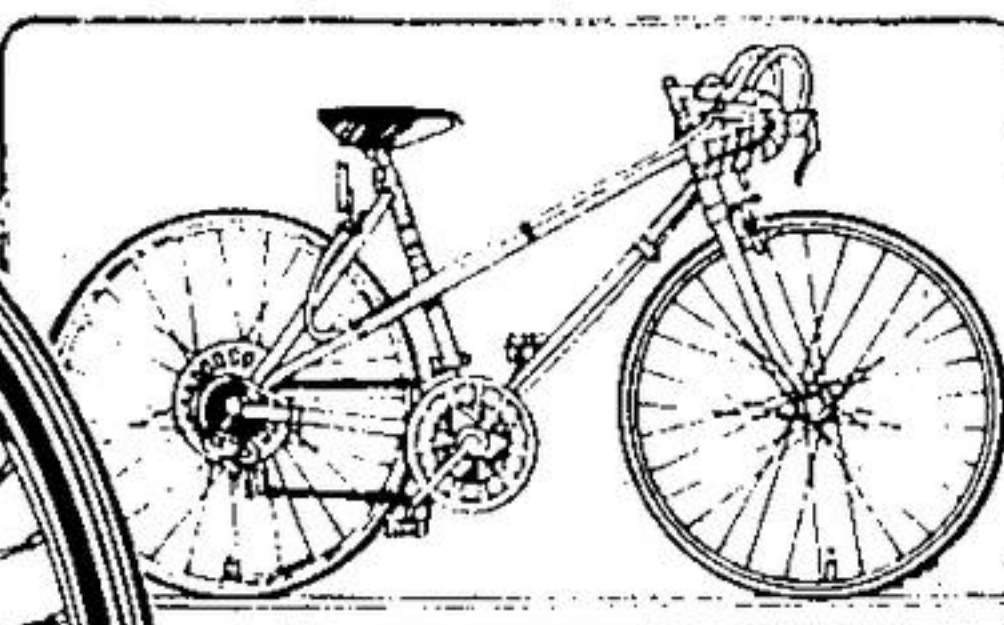
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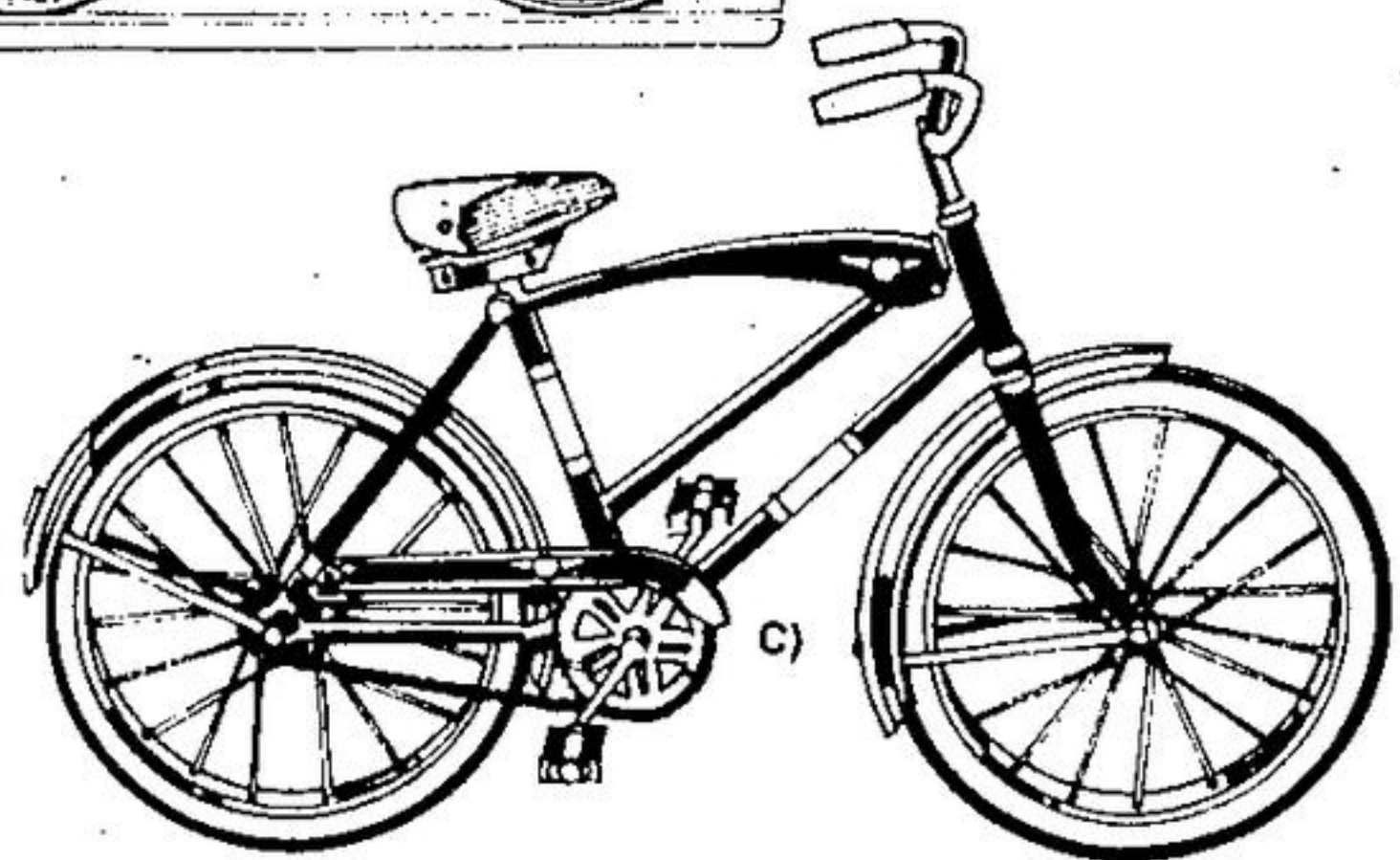
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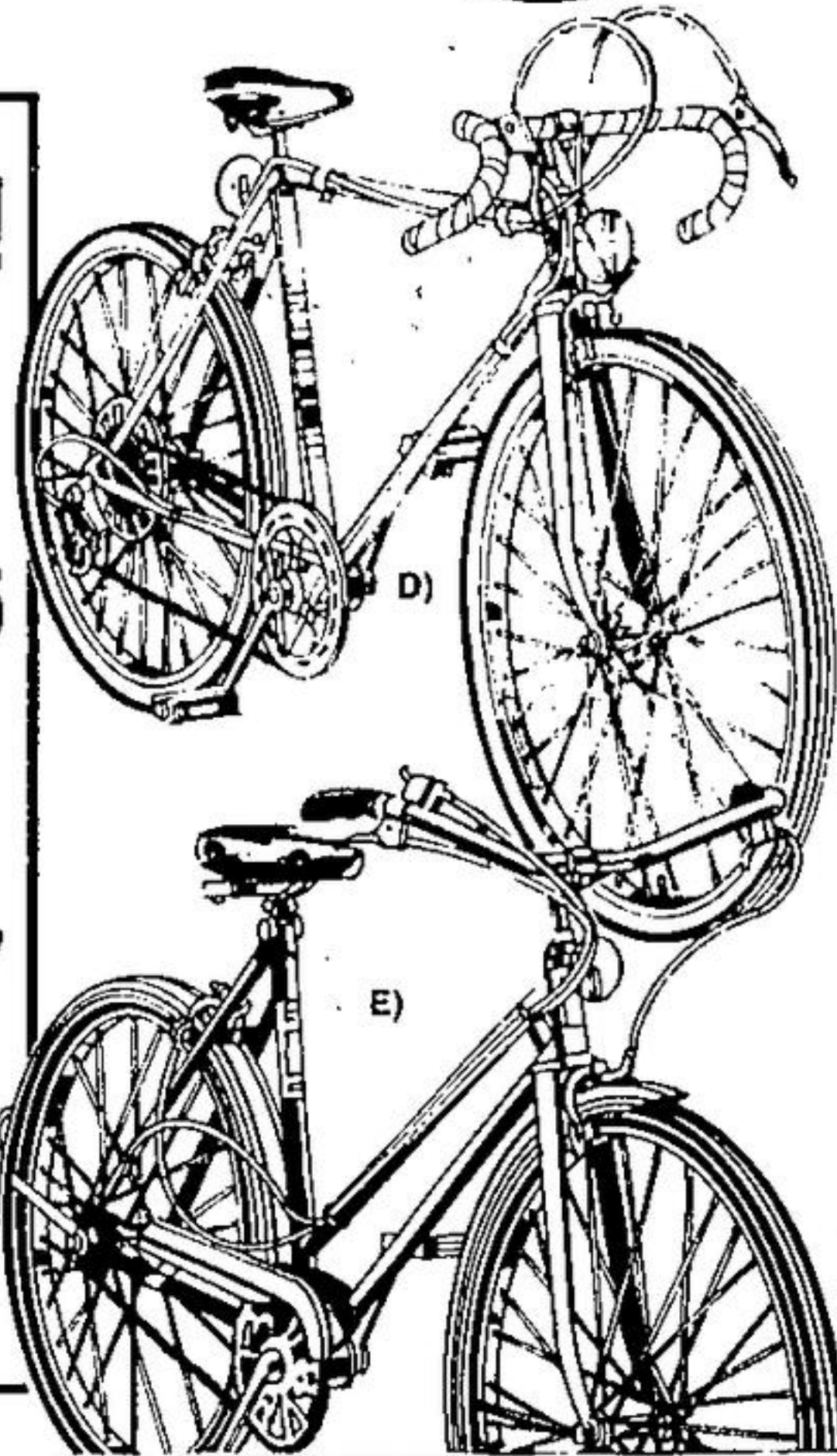
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