

These kids read 352 books this summer

PROUDLY WEARING the Reading Olympic medals they earned by reading 12 books this summer, 21 Acton children pose on the bridge outside the Acton library. For story and names of winners, see page six.

Mill St. reconstruction starts Oct. 1, finishes spring, 1977

The reconstruction of Acton's Mill Street should start, "with all good luck by the first of October," town engineer Robert Austin told the Acton Chamber of Commerce last week.

After outlining for about 20 merchants the steps involved in the project which will "renew from store front to store front," Austin said Dec. 10 is the contractor's target date for the next to last asphalt coat.

Mill Street will be closed to all but residents and delivery vehicles, Austin said. East-bound traffic will be detoured to Church Street and Fellow Street; westbound to Willow Street and St. Albans Street. He said temporary no parking signs would be erected at the corner of Main Street and Church Street.

To a suggestion that temporary traffic lights be installed at the corner of Bower Street and Mill Street, where more traffic is expected, Austin said approval would need come from Ottawa because of the railroad line, as well as Queen's Park. "The job would be done before approval came," Austin said.

The "topcoat of asphalt," the final layer, will be laid in the spring," say May next year," Austin said. The method of construction with its need to close the street to all but local traffic means four weeks of construction time are saved plus \$20,000 in other savings, Austin said. The reconstruction will extend to about 100 feet west of Main Street on Mill Street and a similar distance along side streets.



SIX-YEAR-OLD Andrew Worthington of Cobble Hill Road, Acton, displays with delight the sunfish he caught in Fairy Lake Sunday morning. Several fishermen and young children took advantage of the cool weather to see if the fish were biting in the lake. One fisherman caught a one-pound smallmouth bass.

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Off street parking committee formed

All that Acton's downtown merchants have to do to get off-street parking is define the downtown's borders and decide on an acquisition method, town assistant planner Ron Burnett told the Acton Chamber of Commerce last week.

Then, "If you want off-street parking," he said, "ask council to do it."

A special assessment levy on merchants within downtown borders funds the acquisition program, Burnett said.

Coun. Les Doby asked the Chamber of Commerce members to "come to grips with the problem and try to negotiate it through council."

"After 11 years," Doby said, "surely by now you must have people who know what is needed."

He suggested that merchants should get in touch with fellow merchants in Georgetown to co-ordinate their approaches to council.

By a 12-2 vote, chamber members agreed to ask town council to get off-street parking.

Chairman of the retail section of the Chamber of Commerce, Paul Neilson, said almost 100 notices of the meeting had been sent to merchants and property owners in the "downtown".

Mr. Burnett told merchants that the site of the Hotchkiss bakery had the potential for parking for 15 to 20 years and would be an excellent "anchor property." The asking price for the site is between \$38,000 and \$42,000, Burnett said.

"Other properties in the area could later be acquired," he said.

Under the chairmanship of Henry Stachyra, a committee was formed to get the request to council under way and report back to the Chamber of Commerce before Sept. 15. Paul Neilson, Terrence Gweyer, Art Gordon and Earl Stuckley are the other committee members.

Community theatre meeting, Sept. 14

Acton theatre enthusiasts are attempting to organize a theatre group in the community.

Registration for the group will be held at the Mill Street building Sept. 11, and the group's first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14.

Fees are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

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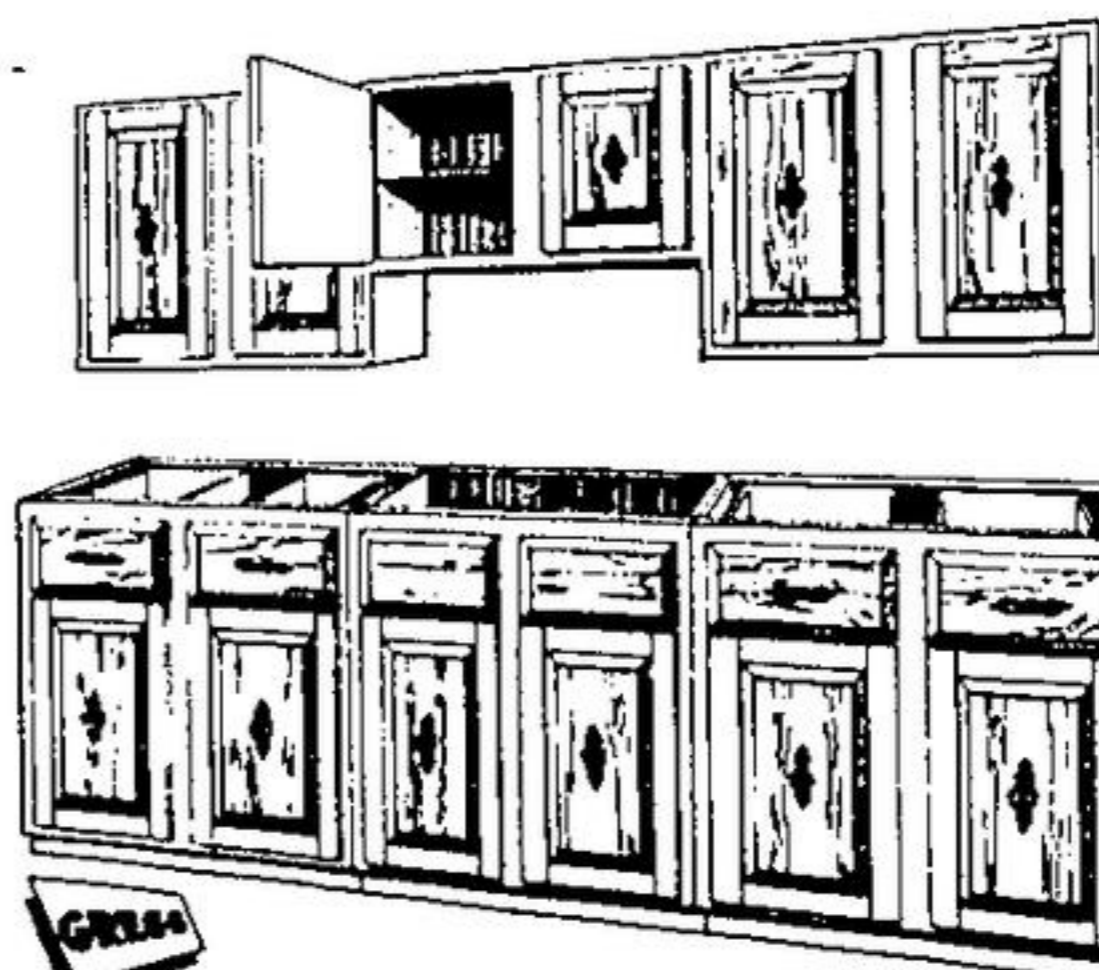
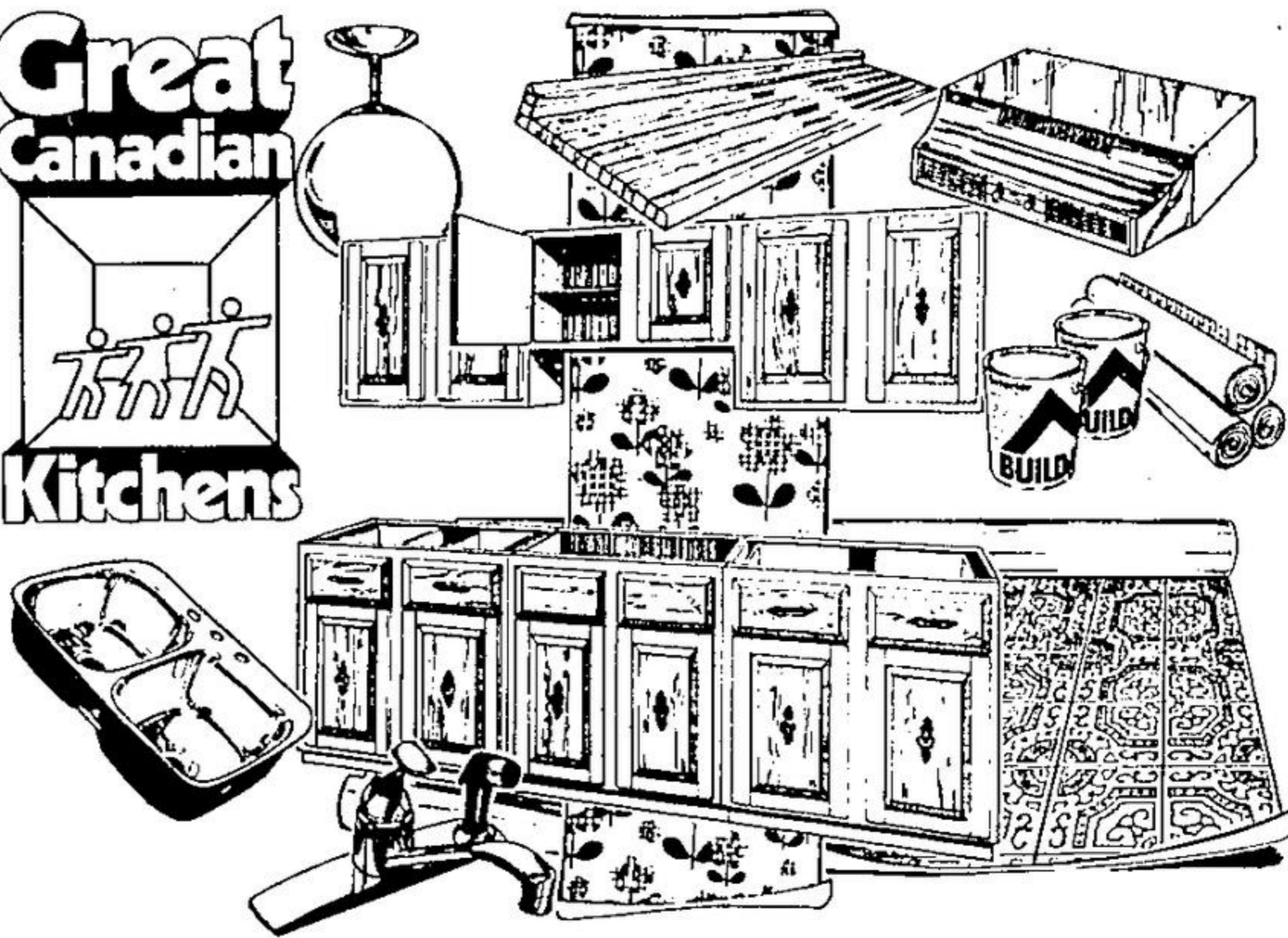
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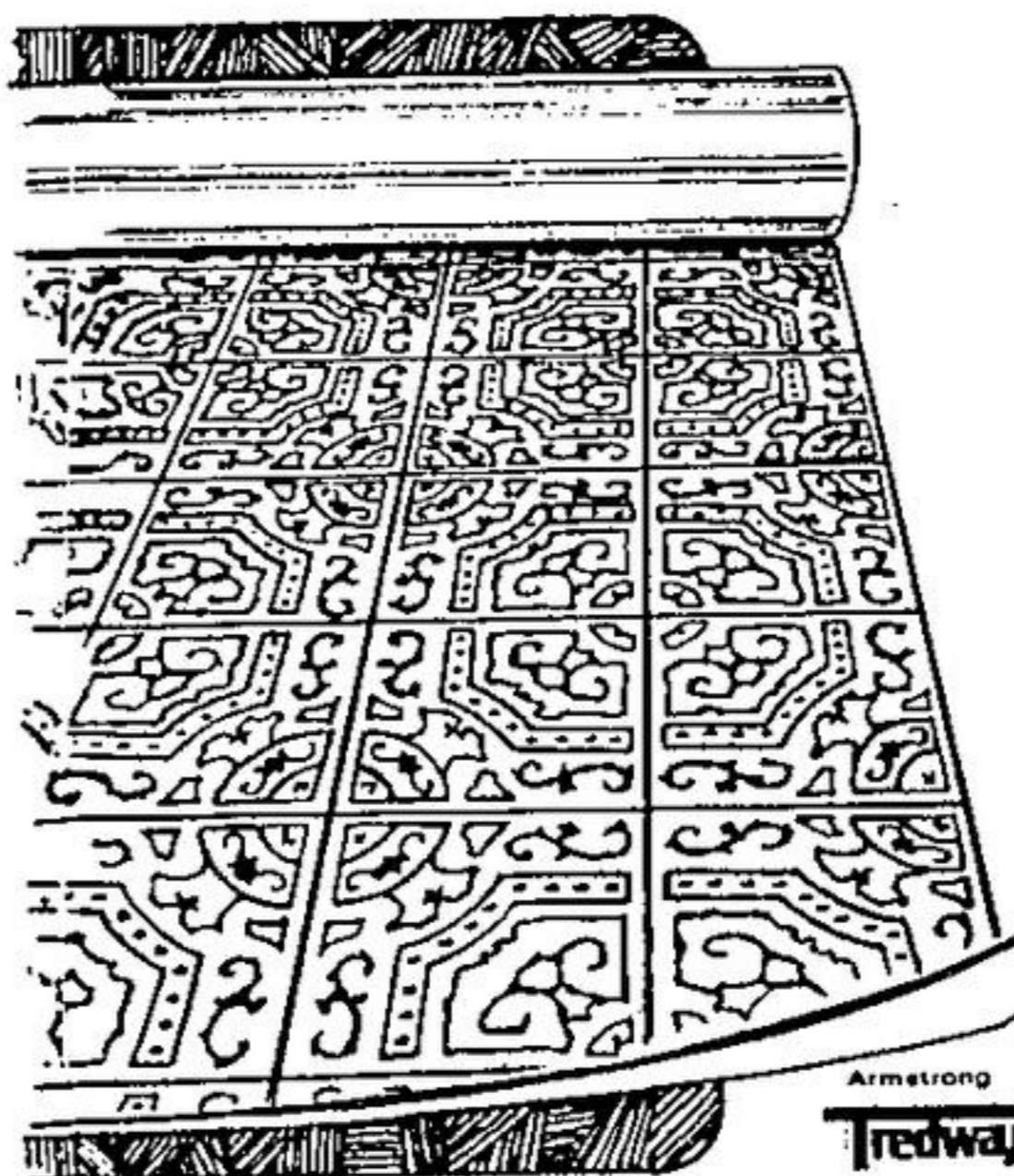
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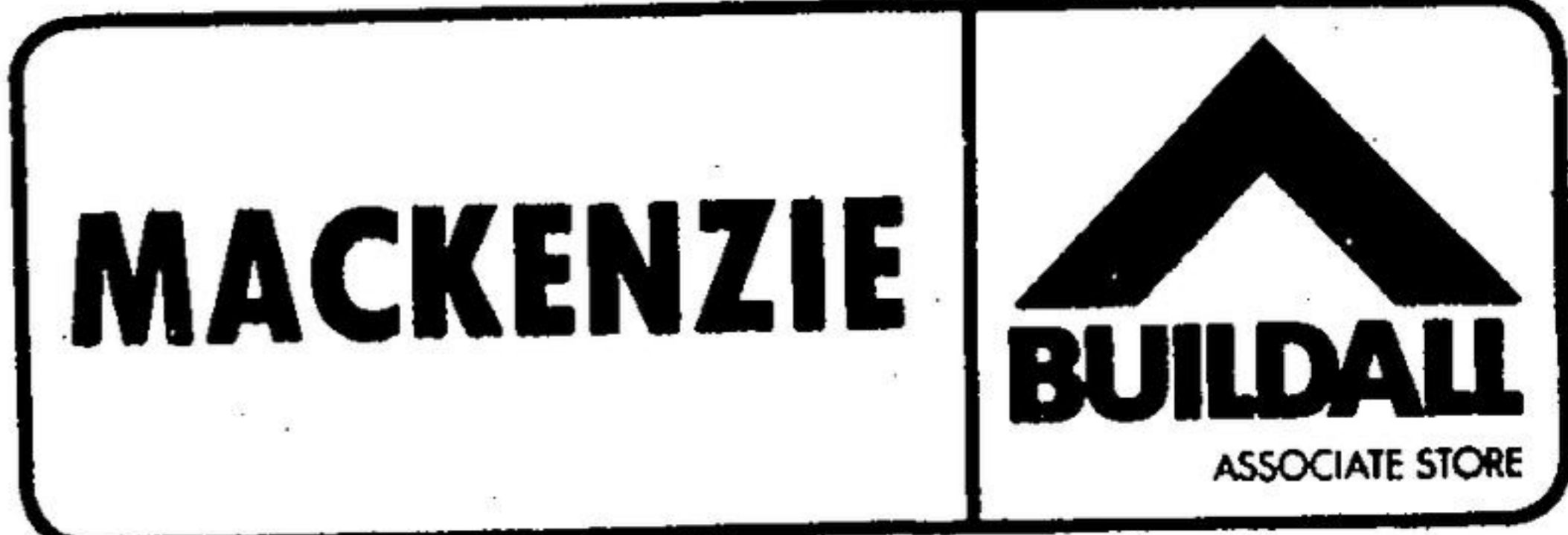
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