



JOYCE
BEATON

The housekeeper wore mink

Margaret and I had a rare relationship. She was the wife of a bank manager and a fabulous housekeeper. In fact her house reminded me of Simpson's House of Ideas. Not a thing out of place. I always had the feeling parts of it should be roped off so no-one would walk on the floors or touch the furniture.

When I was contemplating my return to the working world outside the home, I advertised for a housekeeper. Margaret applied. I just about died when she came to my door, her blonde hair all beautifully coiffed, her tiny body encased in an obviously expensive pair of hand-tailored slacks, and her pet poodle sporting a rhinestone collar tucked neatly under her arm.

The upshot of the encounter was that Margaret needed a diversion outside her home every bit as much as I did. It was a matter of degree and a matter of doing what one did best. With Margaret it was housekeeping. And was she good! Our house was never so clean. She wiped fingerprints I didn't know were there.

Frustrated Kids

The boys were actually frustrated by so much tidiness. Their bureau drawers were all arranged with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. in neat piles. Their cupboards were straightened daily to the point where they didn't know where anything was.

In fact, Margaret all but hung the poor dears from the ceiling by the heels until I arrived home from work each evening. She had everything in order and by geez, she wanted me to at least see it that way before the kids got loose and messed up her day's activity.

Some housekeeper!

I used to love the vision Margaret gave as she answered my door to callers. When the knock came she'd slip into the powder room, check her hair, straighten her clothes, and then answer the door. I'm sure the Avon lady thought she was putting her on when she said she wasn't the lady of the house but rather the housekeeper.

Her cleaning basket was another wondrous thing to behold. Alongside the waxes and sprays (she wouldn't let me buy my own as she had her own brands) was a can of hair spray and some hand lotion. A regular beauty kit for Margaret and the house combined.

During the winter months she could be seen approaching her place of business in a full length mink coat. I kid you not. My cleaning lady was much better dressed than was the lady of the house. And much better paid.

Split the paycheque

This was my first job back in the labor force after an absence of 17 years. My salary was small but I was determined Margaret's job was every bit as important as mine and so I split it right down the middle. Of course, Margaret got the best of the bargain as she didn't pay income tax, nor did she have the expenses of travel into the city, clothes, etc. In fact, she sometimes took pity on me and bought me new towels for the kitchen, new bathmat sets for the bathrooms and one day I actually arrived home to find new lampshades on my bedside table lamps. Now that's really putting yourself into the job.

We still have in our possession the steam iron, electric frying pan and mixer she was throwing out for newer models. Occasionally she'd notice the boys needed new socks or underwear and I'd discover extra pairs in their possession.

Good for each other

Margaret and I were good for each other. She needed me and I needed her. We parted company in natural fashion. She and her husband were taking a month's vacation in Florida (something her employer couldn't afford to do!) and we were forced to work things out on our own. By the time she returned we realized we were coping just fine. The period of adjustment was over. The boys had become accustomed to mother working and I had lost my guilt feeling at doing so.

The house returned to normal, almost overnight. Margaret's influence was too late. It was no time before the drawers were messed up, the cupboards in a shambles and the bathrooms unco-ordinated.

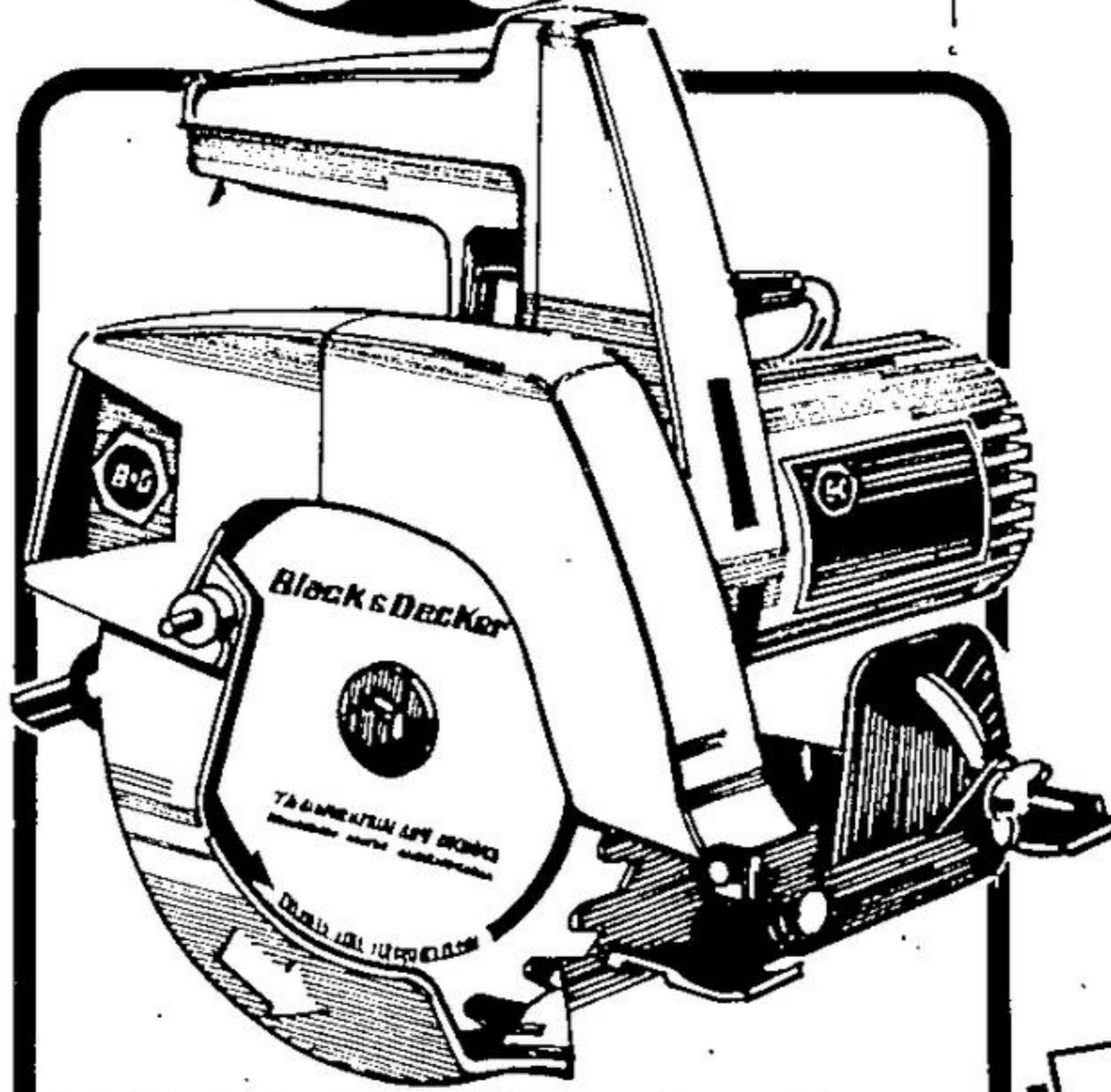
But it was fun while it lasted.



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Christmas Values

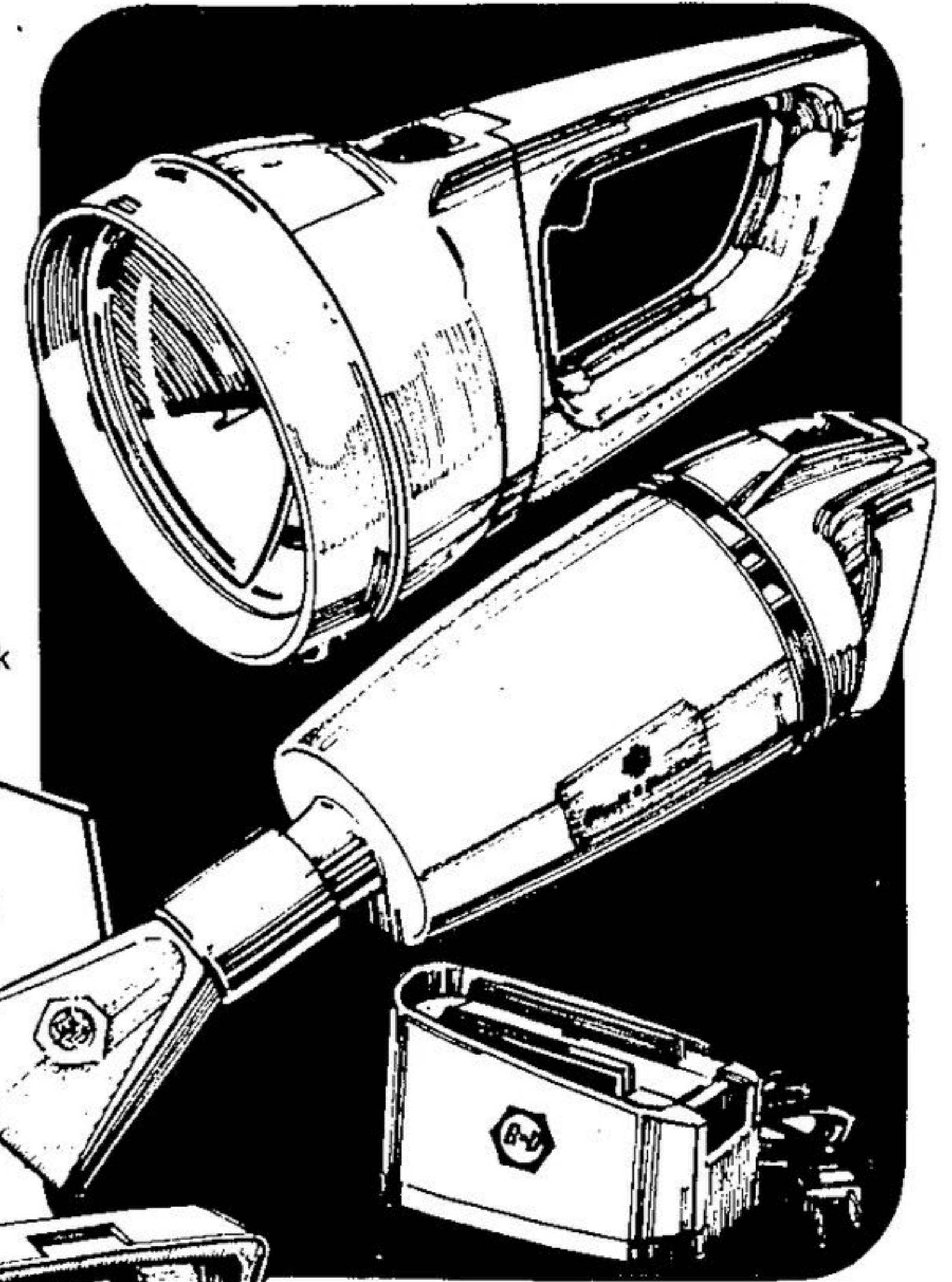
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LEGION LINES

Christmas tree ticket selling

By Mac McLean
Gib Telford and Gord King report that the Xmas Tree tickets are selling well but there are still a lot of books outstanding and they would appreciate having them returned as soon as possible so that they can be folded and the stubs put in the drum for the draw.

The tickets for the New Year's Eve Dance are expected to go on sale on Thursday, November 25, following our General Meeting. The cost will be \$25.00 per couple and the tickets will initially be sold to members only with any extra tickets being made available at a later date to members who wish to bring friends. This date will be announced soon.

As mentioned previously, our General Meeting will be held next Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. Among the items of business at that meeting will be the annual nomination of Honorary Members. Ordinary members who know of people who do not qualify for any other form of membership and who have performed services on behalf of the Legion or the Community may submit their names at this meeting and they will be considered for Honorary membership.

Since we are limited in the number of Honorary members we can have in the Branch, the Executive screens these submissions carefully before making final recommendations at the December meeting.

Hazel Dumper reports that the Ladies Auxiliary have had a most successful sports day. On Saturday November 20, they attended the second Zone cribbage and euchre tournament which was held at Bramalea Branch. The team of Ethel Anthony and Marian Carline of Georgetown came in first, Port Credit was second,

and Jean Reid and Bernice Emond of Georgetown came third. Since the team of Jean and Bernice won the first tournament held in Acton on 16th October, the Georgetown Ladies won the Zone Trophy for Cribbage.

In the euchre competition, Streetsville won the Zone Trophy with the Georgetown team of Floss Tracy, May Tost, Vi Hewitt and Pearl Wilson finishing a close second on both playoffs. Floss Tracy and May Tost tied for the high lone hand on the first game and Floss had the high lone hand in the second tournament.

Congratulations to all those ladies who participated. There are two Ladies Auxiliary Bowling tournaments coming up on the 4th and 11th of December, and those members wishing to play are asked to contact the Sports Officer, Hazel Dumper, at 677-9438.

The Grey Cup Draw was held last Saturday and the lucky winners of a pair of tickets each were Marg Hodder and Mill McIsaac. The third and fourth prizes of cheer went to Bud Hill, and George Brayley.

The following members of the Car Club were winners in the last draw held Thursday night: No. 406 F. Wallace; No. 389 F. Tracy; No. 241 H. Howard; No. 228 W. Bryden; and No. 304 A. Stapleton.

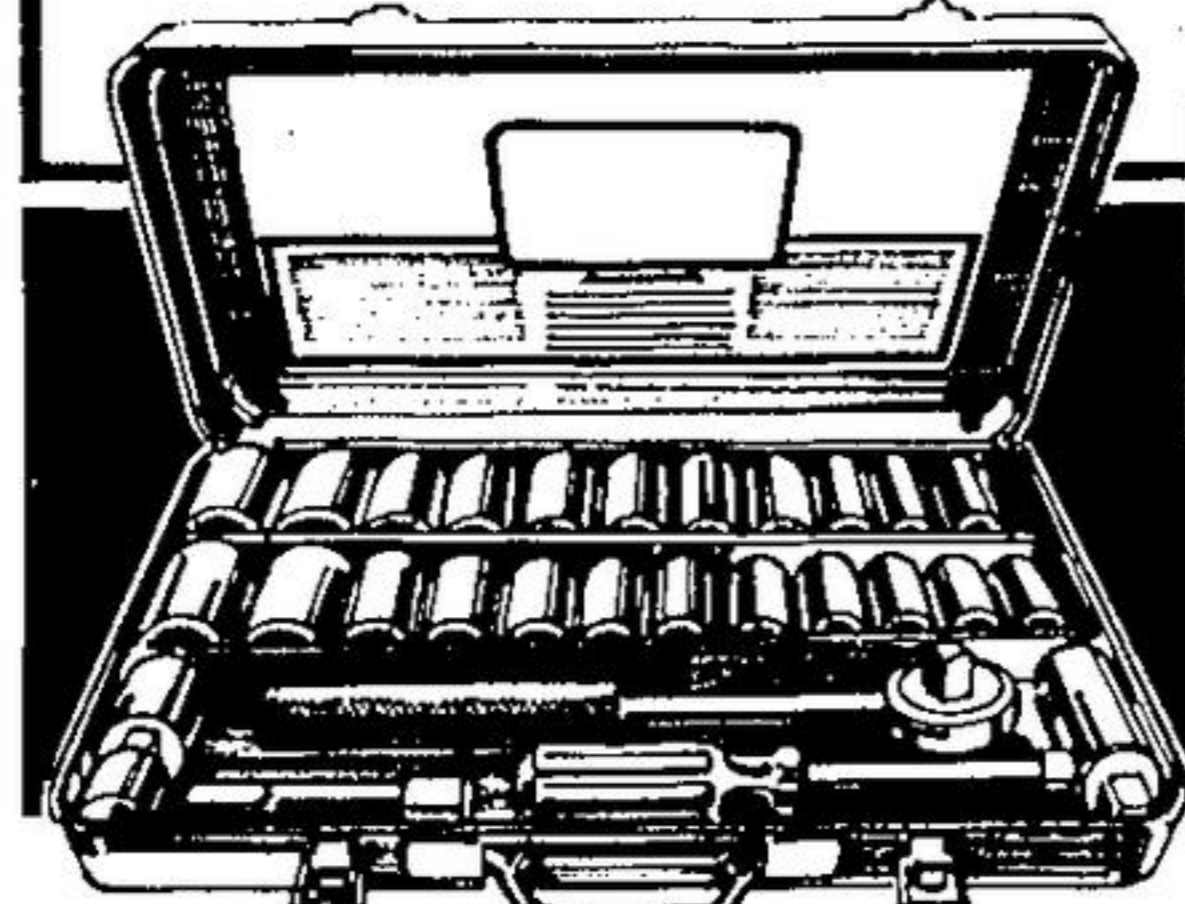
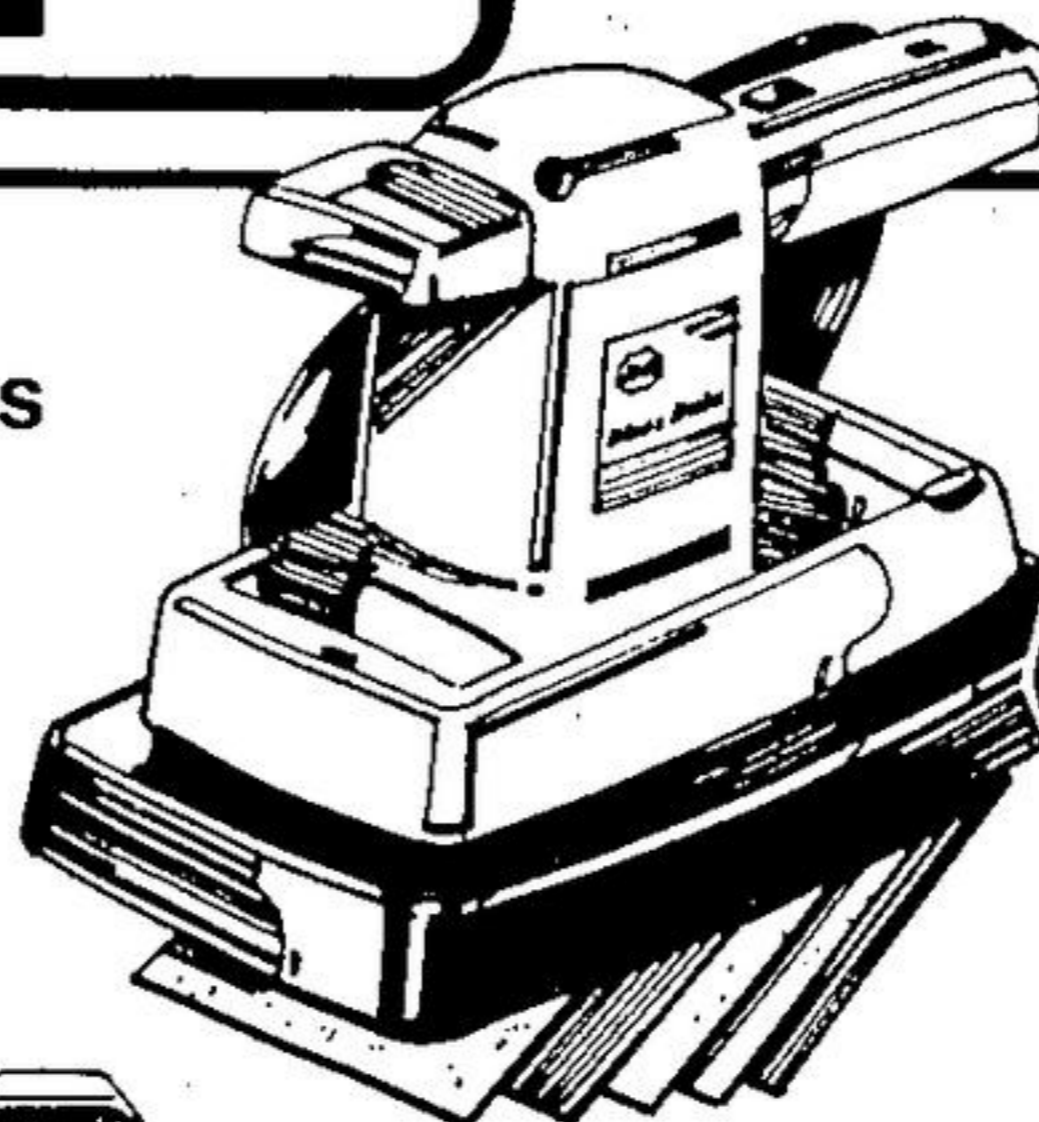
Glad to hear that our Second-Vice President, Jake Timpson was able to come home on Saturday and we hope that Jake will be able to resume normal activities in the near future.

We noticed that on the last weekend we had Tom Hill and Gord Heid as visitors from sick leave and we wish them both speedy recoveries. There are quite a number of members of the Branch either in the hospital or at home

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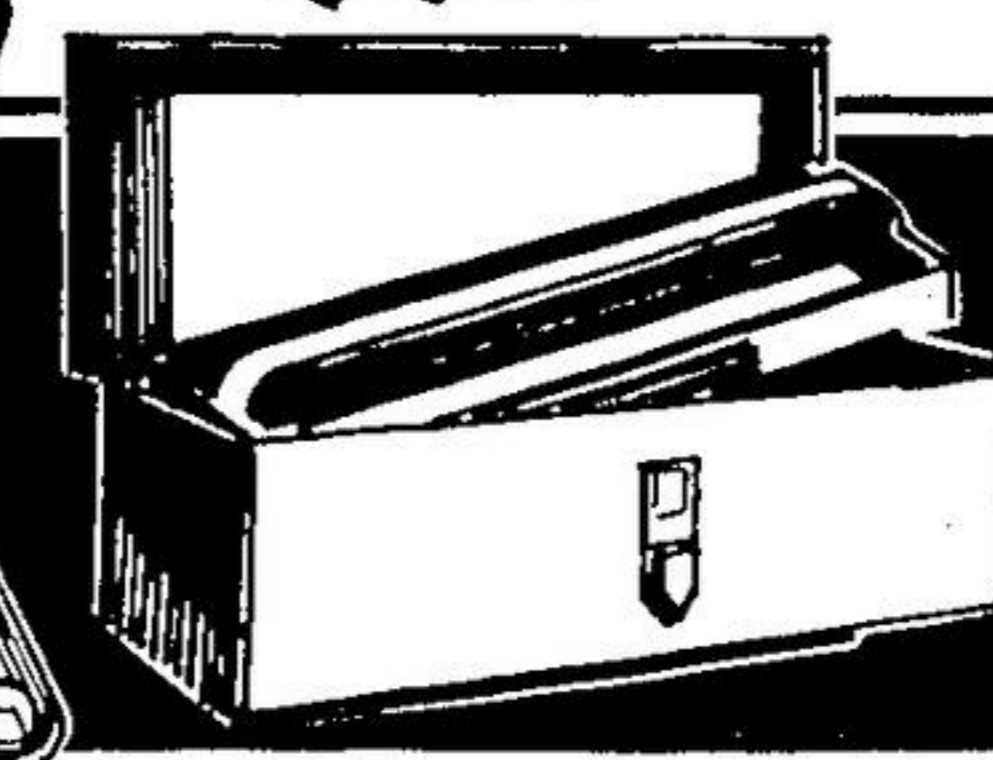
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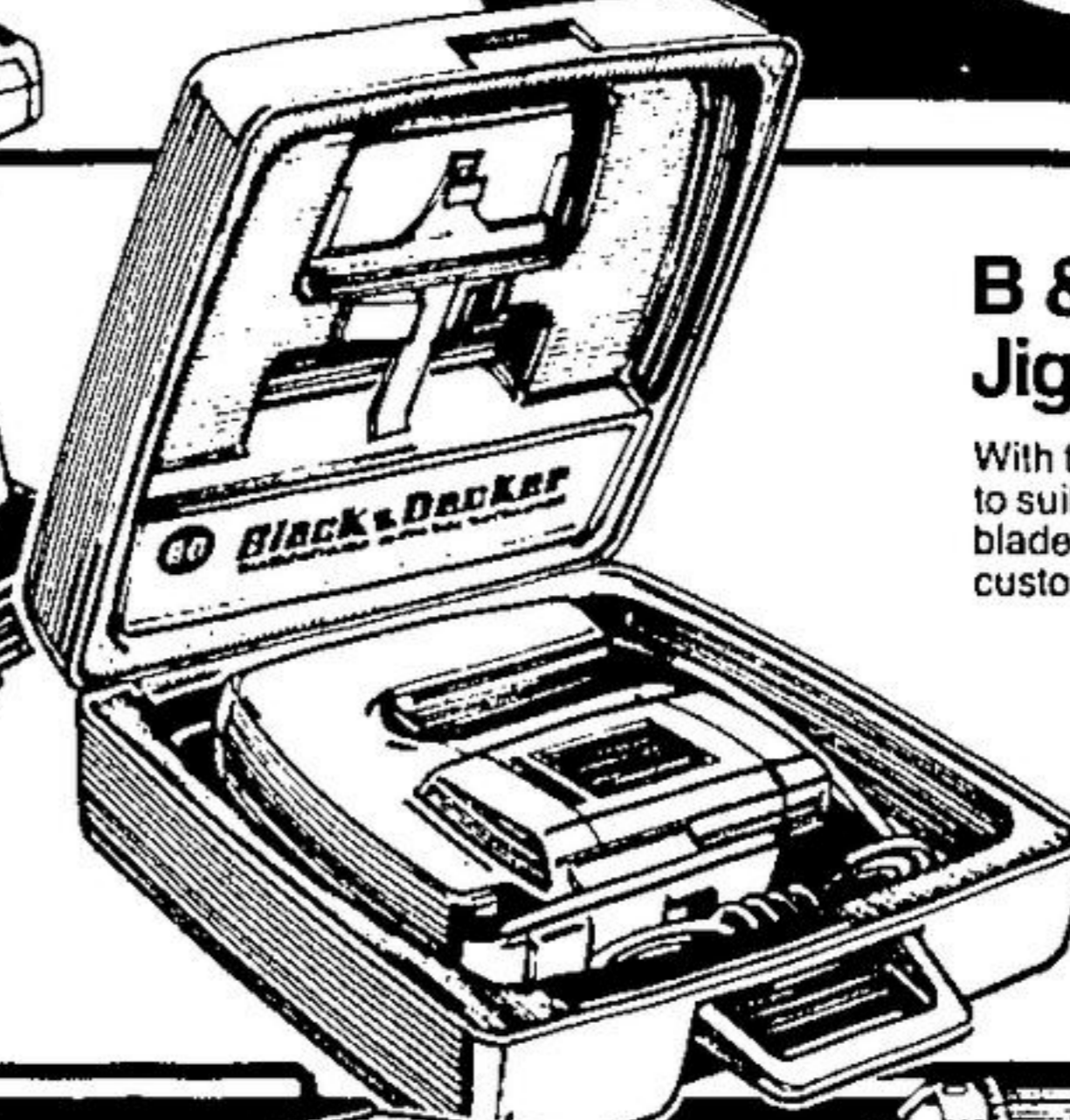
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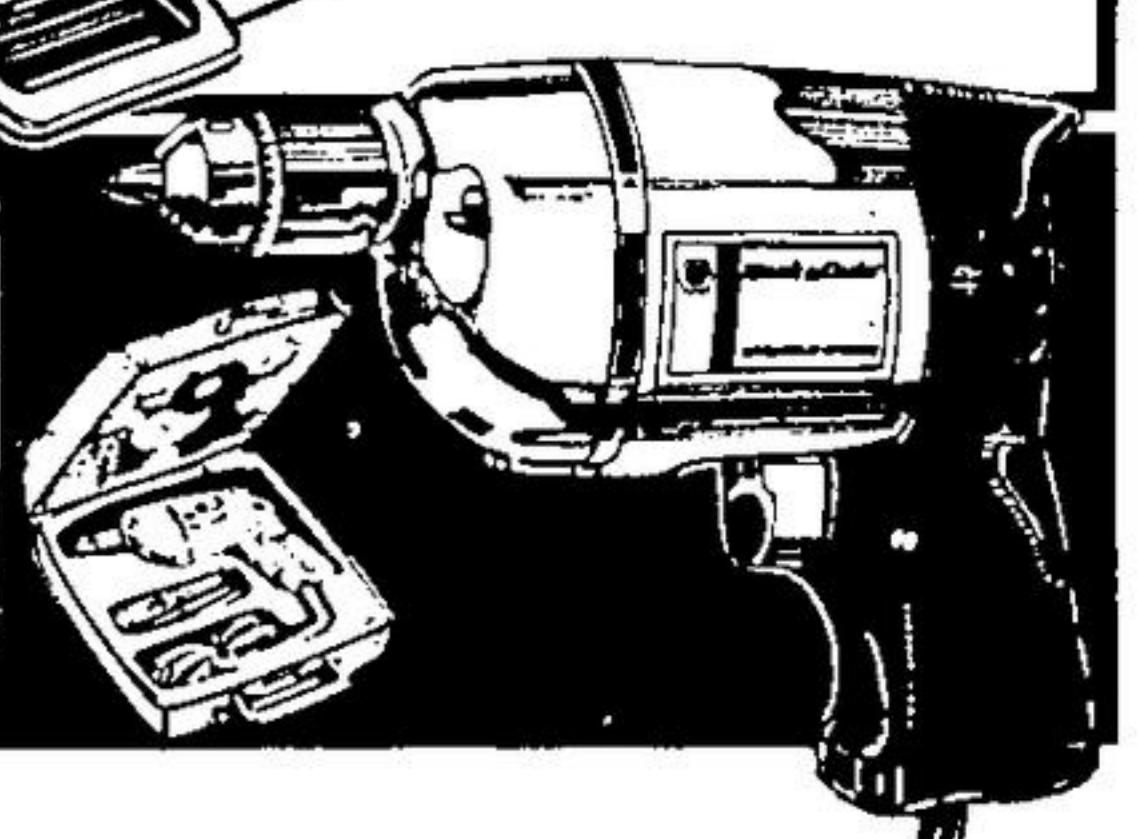
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