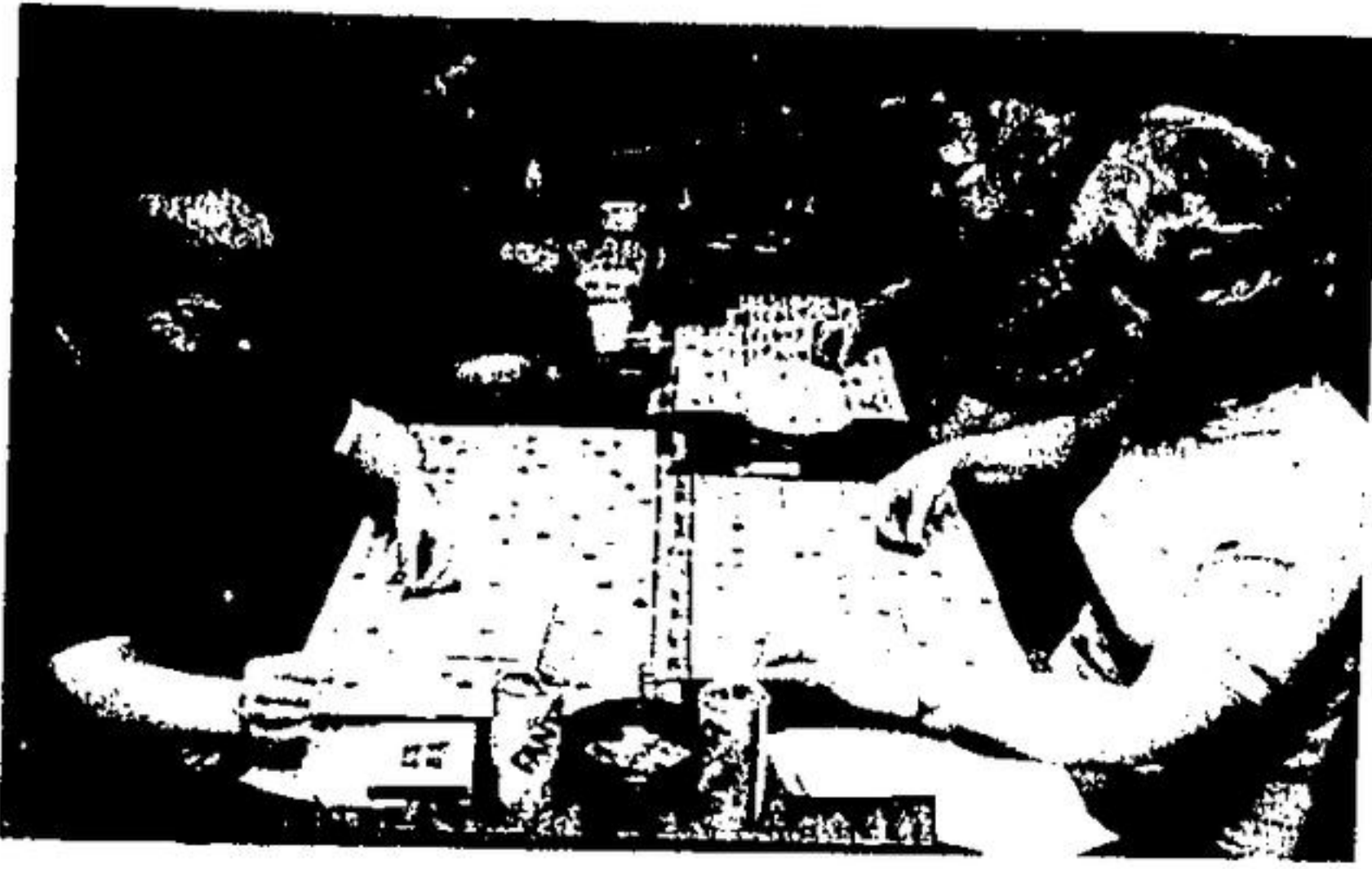


The Hills are alive with the sound of BINGO!



..... Juanita Roberts (left) has 21 bingo cards and says she plays about three times a week. May Wheeler (right) has 15 cards and says she plays "just on Wednesdays."



..... Mrs. Matilda Hall of Erin says with tongue in cheek that she's been a bingo player "for about 90 years."

BINGO!

The man at the microphone lifts up a numbered ping pong ball, and a hush falls over the crowded hall as he calls out "Under the B, 3." Then, to the sounds of hundreds of clear plastic chips being slapped down, a voice from the audience calls out "Bingo!"

A massive groan rises from the crowd, a checker confirms that it is a Bingo and another game gets away.

Bingo games are held two or three nights a week in Halton Hills and draw crowds ranging in age from sixteen to senior citizens who get a free ride from their homes to the games. Games are held at the Elks Hall and the legion halls in Georgetown and Acton.

BINGO!



..... Jim Ford calls out the numbers at the Legion in Georgetown.

BINGO!

To add a little spice to the games, various combinations of Bingo are made, such as filling in all the numbers for a jackpot prize or filling in two lines on the cards.

Proceeds from Bingo games go to support local charities. As well, the town taxes the games based on the prize money.

So, if you are looking for mild excitement with the chance to win a few dollars and meet a cross section of people, set yourself to a Bingo hall, buy a few cards, grab a handful of chips and wait, hope and cross your fingers while the caller says: "Under the O, 59." Who knows, maybe you'll find yourself suddenly calling out "BINGO!"

BINGO!

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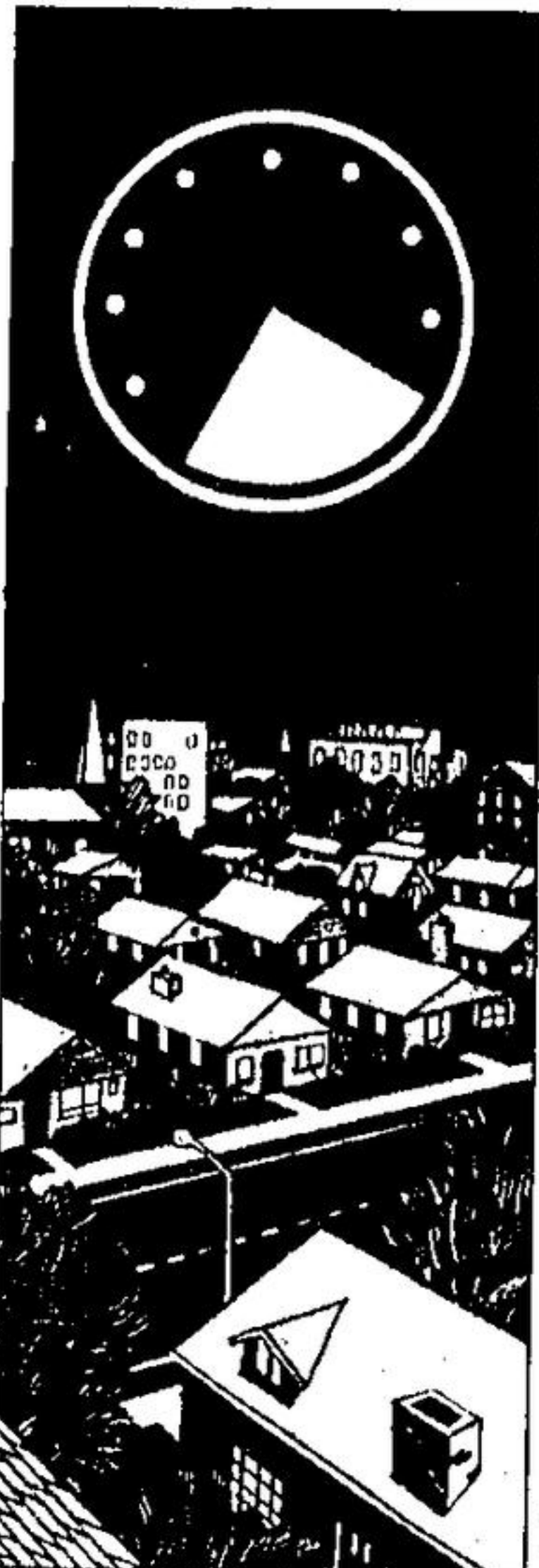
..... Christine and Bob Montieth play Bingo together at the Legion Hall. Just before this picture was taken, Bob was a winner.

BINGO
Every Wednesday
at Royal
Canadian Legion
7:45 p.m.
EARLY BIRDS
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at \$20
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in 58 numbers
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Georgetown Hospital



..... Georgetown and district high school student Darlene Currie at a Legion Bingo game. Darlene plays with her mother and a friend.

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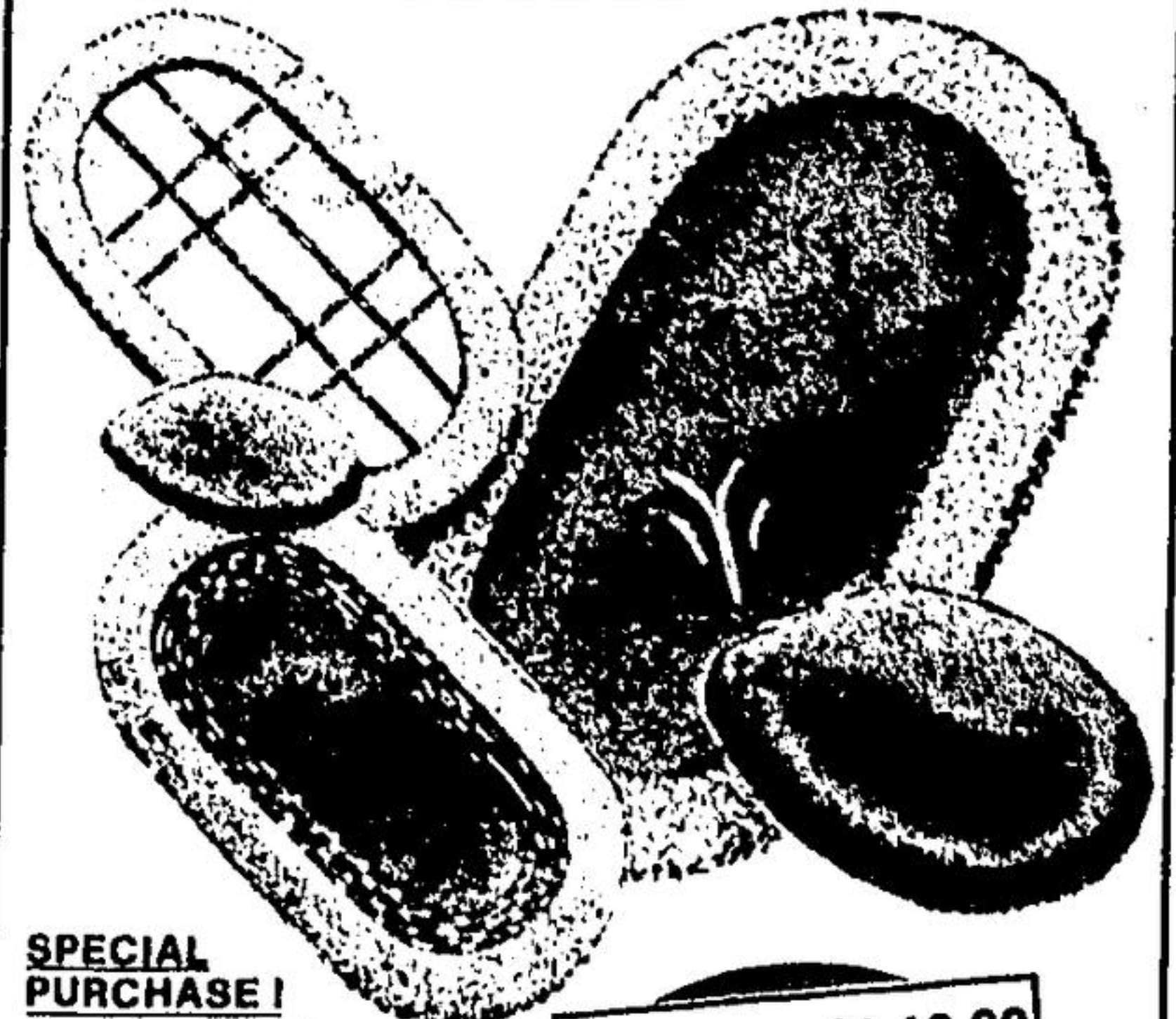
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