



Valedictorian Bill Magnuson receives the Principal's Award from GDHS principal M.J. Furlong at the end of the formal commencement exercises at the high school Friday.

508 graduate GDHS Friday

Ontario high school students can "communicate quite effectively," Bill Magnuson, valedictorian of Georgetown and district high school's graduate class said Friday. Speaking to an overflow crowd at the school's annual commencement exercises, Mr. Magnuson said the "system is clamping down" and that during his last year at the institution "we had to do more essays".

Giving the graduate class of 508 a nostalgic remembrance of five years at the school, Mr. Magnuson also told of the unity and friendships which took place among the students.

He talked of the "fair amount of knowledge" gained by students — "with the help of the teachers" — and the pressures of individual work required at the university level.

Karen Wickson and Linda Goes won the Halton board of education proficiency award.

Faculty awards from GDHS went to Alan Davidson and Blair Thompson.

Earlier the graduate class also heard an optimistic appraisal of their future from area trustee Don Long.

He said some are "apprehensive in this period of high unemployment and a

stagnating economy," but urged the former students to look upon the advances made by the economy over the past 20 years.

Mr. Long called the economy nothing more than a cyclical phenomenon which acts similar to night following day or the seasons of the year following in sequence.

All economic trend indicators are rising, he said "(and) our economic growth is a cycle — and in hindsight the slumps are resting points followed by a burst of activity."

Mr. Long urged graduates to "capitalize" on the unique character of each person and set themselves a challenge to become successful.

GDHS principal M.J. Furlong told graduates the school's senior class this year is "very much as last year but maybe a little quieter."

He congratulated them on their achievements.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation at old school

Even though Acton has a new high school with updated facilities to accommodate such occasions, the commencement exercises were held in the McKenzie-Smith auditorium Friday evening at the request of the graduating students.

Acton high school principal Denn Fink told the audience that the students had asked to have the ceremony in the old high school because of the memories it had for the graduates.

He noted that the first commencement exercises held in that auditorium were in 1959, the year the auditorium and four classrooms were added to the school. This would be the last commencement to be held in it, he said, and invited those present to attend the new school's official opening on Nov. 29.

Valedictorian Dan Warren, who is currently studying at Ontario Bible School, gave the audience a taste of the fictitious announcements for which he earned his reputation as a prankster of note within the high school. He also told the audience that the graduates had had a feeling "almost of love" for both the staff and the old school.

Found Box. Since his favourite item in the decoration was a pair of longjohns, the staff presented him with a pair of jockey shorts.

In addition to being valedictorian, Mr. Warren earned the Acton High School Scholarship for having made a significant contribution to

school life.

The Halton board of education Achievement Awards for 1977 went to Ellen Barkman and Sandra Early.

Secondary School Honour Graduation diplomas went to 37 students while 97 students received their Secondary School Graduation diplomas.



Dan Warren and special gift

"You certainly could talk to them," he said.

In addition to the usual gift for the valedictorian, which was presented by Jennifer Rowe, Mr. Warren was given a special gift by the school staff to commemorate his gift of creating wall decorations with the articles in the Lost and

Parking review promised

Works committee chairman Mike Armstrong promised Ward 1 Coun. Peter Marks he would look into apparent inconsistency in enforcement of the Halton Hills parking bylaw in Acton.

Engineer Bob Austin told the committee that they expect approval of the parking bylaw by the ministry any day.

The police will then be able to ticket people for violating two-hour parking limits and the works crew are already installing signs designating the two-hour parking areas.

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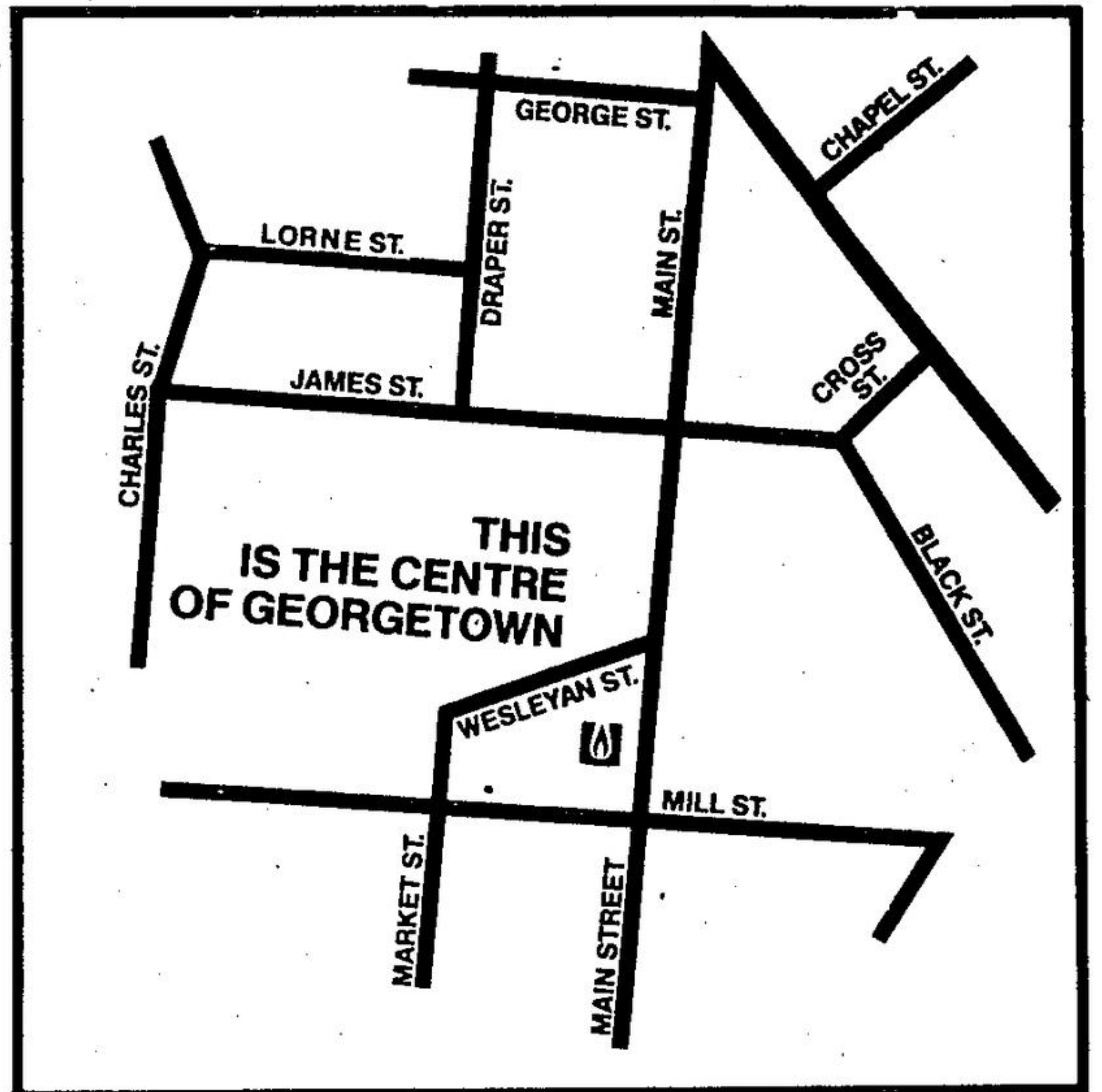
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Recycling request denied

Despite encouraging remarks from council last week that he is providing a worthwhile service to the community Michael Hardcastle's request to put a 40-yard container on town property was turned down by works committee.

Deputy town engineer Ted Ballinger told committee that staff rejected all town-owned sites as unsuitable because of concern over accessibility, traffic safety, interference with town equipment and operations, aesthetics, disturbance to neighbouring residents, accident liability and control of littering by the public.

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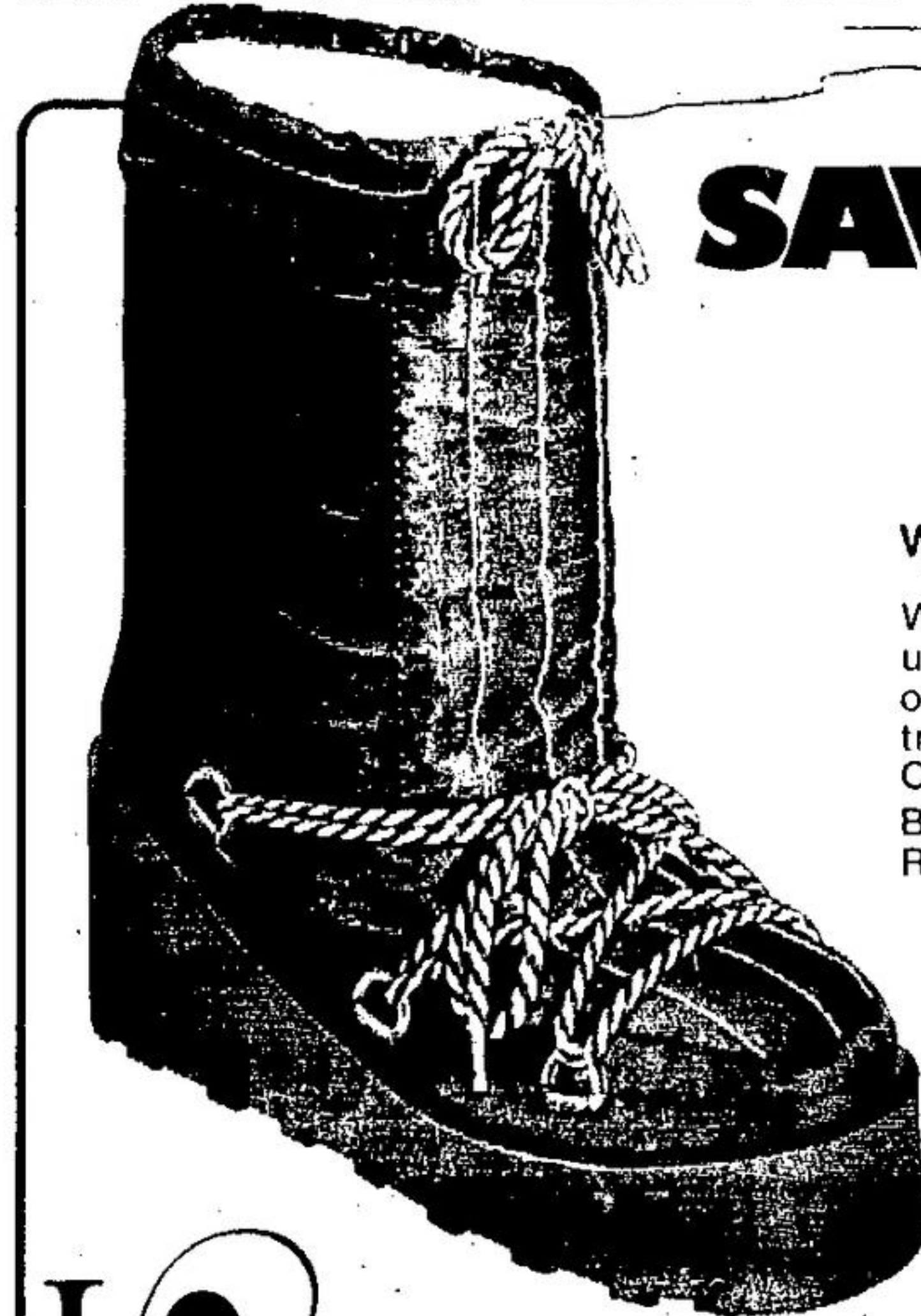
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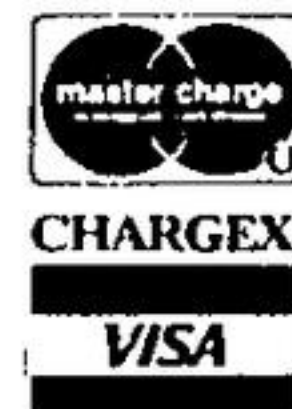


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