



Teens from the Christian Reformed Church dressed up for Halloween but their goal wasn't a bagful of candy, but cans of food for the local food bank.

### Halloween night

## Teens go trick-or-canning

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The spirit of Halloween took on a different form for some 15 or so teens from the local Christian Reformed Church.

Instead of trick or treating, Irene Simpson a youth sponsor said the kids went trick or canning. Rather than asking for candy, Simpson said the youths asked residents for food donations for the local Love in Christ food bank in Georgetown.

Simpson said the idea for the trick or canning is not new, and has been done for several years in a row now.

"The kids wanted to do something good and be involved in the community, so they decided to do the trick or canning for the local food bank."

Simpson said the kids were divided into teams and canvassed different areas of town. Overall, they collected over 900 lbs. of food during the two-hour blitz.

"The people at the food bank were kind enough to open up for us instead of carting the food (back) to the house."

Simpson said the kids also went to Loblaws and Halton Hills IGA

asking them to donate food.

Patrick Bagin, IGA manager said canned vegetables, fruit, soups and dry goods was donated to the food bank. Ron McEachern, store manager for Loblaws said they donated soups, juices, canned vegetables and several packs of cereal.

The kids, aged 15 and older were Becky DeVries, Cason Buikema, Andrea Stadt, Ryan Visser, Colleen Steringa, Joanne Gils, Brian Flikkema, David Numan, Leanne Vanderburgh, Melissa Simpson, Cheryl Zomer, Rachel Buikema, Jennifer Knapp, Amanda DeVries, Kevin Adema and Julie Campbell.



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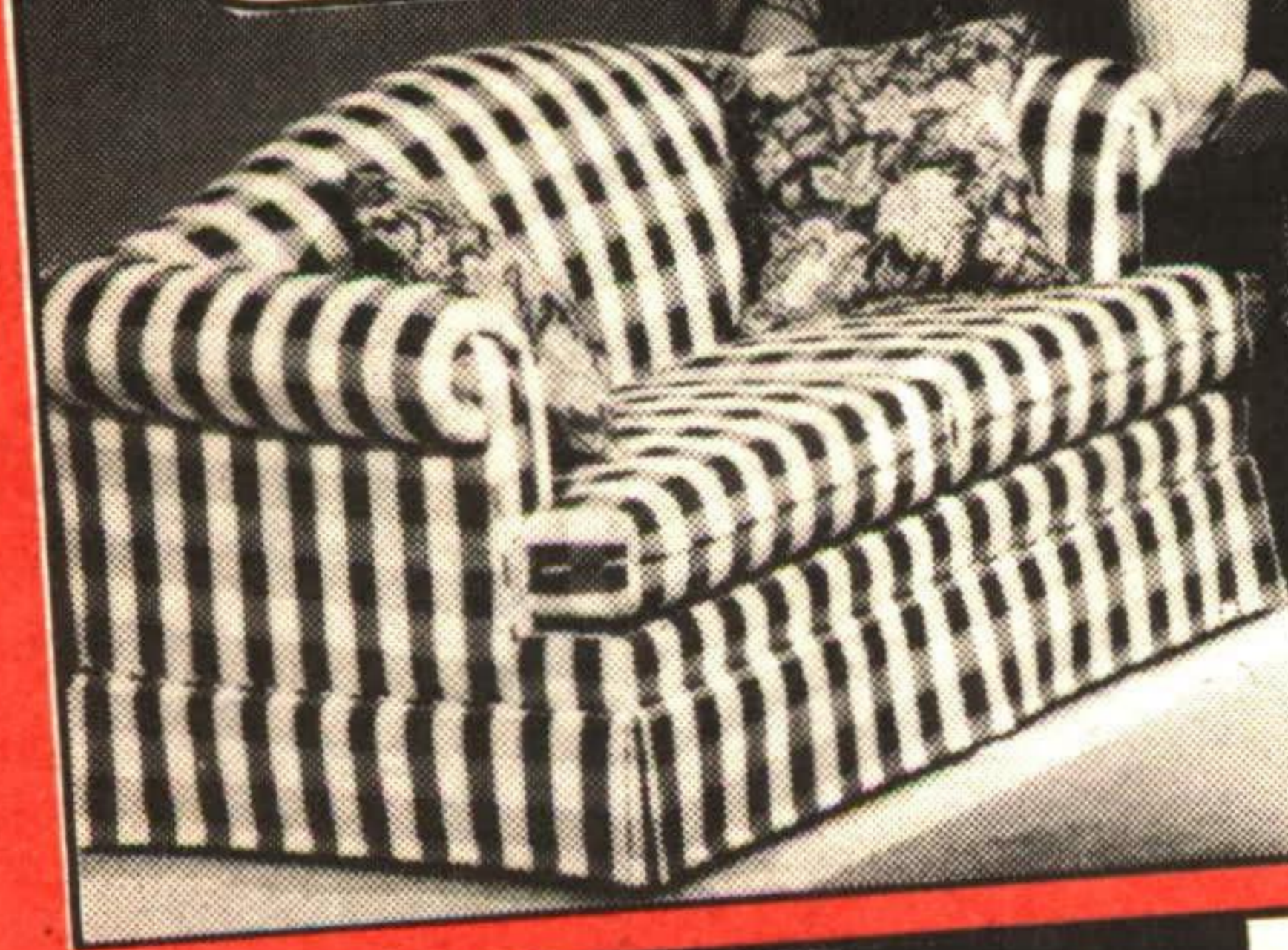
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