

Popular Stock Car Jockeys Build New Car

When the stock car racing season gets underway again tomorrow (Friday) night at the C.N.E. racing oval, the local contingent will be out there carrying Milton's banner on two hot cars.

Merv and Don Colling, Norm Coulter and George Clements are the fearless foursome who spend all winter building and repairing stock cars in Don's Meadowbrook garage, then sit around racetrack fences all summer watching the cars go whizzing by at fascinating speeds. This year they built a new \$9,000 monster of speed which veteran driver Merv will manipulate, while Norm (a former amateur stock car driver) will take over the handling of the machine Merv drove last year.

The four figure they'll have around \$13,000 worth of machinery on the tracks this year.

Faithful Followers
Don expressed the scope of their local popularity when he pointed out that last year, at

least half the population of Milton saw the boys in action at one time or another at the C.N.E., Bridgeport or Pinecrest speedways. And some of these are the regulars who never miss a race!

Thanks to his growing popularity with not only the local fans but many others, Merv stood third in popularity award voting at C.N.E. last year behind the lovable Jimmy Howard and the late Ted Hogan.

His racing prowess is pretty fair, too, after four seasons with the game. He missed the reliability trophy at C.N.E. last year by only one uncompleted lap, and stood fourth in points. (Only eight points separated the top five men.)

Sleek Lines
Expecting lots of heavy competition from some of the old veterans and a few newer cars at Toronto this year, the boys have spent approximately 1,800 hours over the past winter (plus some \$9,000 in cash) building a new

car. The new '69 (Merv has to keep his old number) features the sleekest possible lines, weighs 1,600 lbs., has all the weight thrown to the left side to help on the sharp corners, stands 53 inches high, only three and one-half inches off the ground and 26 inches wide. It is 10 inches shorter and 14 inches narrower than the old car.

Merv figures it will be the narrowest—and he hopes the fastest—car at Toronto this year. On an open stretch it could hit 160 miles an hour, but on oval raceways it won't get much over 100. When it comes to sharing the work, the boys are pretty fair. Don is the designer of the cars, while Merv sticks to driving and body repairs. George is the motor expert while Norm works on his own car and assists the other boys with their new vehicle.

Still With '69'
Merv has held No. 69 from the time he first entered amateur racing at Toronto with a beat-up

old Dodge. When he got into modified division the next year he held the number, then when car number two got scrapped in favor of number three, the same numerals graced the newer car. This year the car becomes No. 96 and Norm Coulter will be at the wheel for his first turn at modified driving. Merv has taken the No. 69 off the third car for use on his new machine.

Racing starts Friday at Toronto, then the first Sunday in May the Sunday afternoon thrills begin at Toronto. May 24th weekend they start racing at Bridgeport near Kitchener, and later they'll race Wednesdays at Niles-ton. This means four trips to the track every week during the summer, so they'll be pretty busy keeping the two cars in shape between races.

Later in the season, the boys say, they may try a trip to the southern U.S. where racing goes on all winter long.



Brook & Trail

BY BILL MYKES

With the fishing season underway the fish stories are starting to fly around. They are presently relating the one about fisherman Percy Hall when he was a young whippersnapper. It seems that the trout season had just opened when Perc went out to try and bring in a few with the traditional bamboo pole and safety pin.

He was fishing all day without too much luck. Along toward evening his father came along to bring him home. When Perc lifted the pole out of the water his father saw that the safety pin was closed. When he asked him about this, said Perc, "If I open it, the worm'll come off."

John Readhead took the Robertson and Coulson trap trophy for the top gun in the Halton Sportsmen's association on Sunday. John shot down 20 out of 25 discs. Ron Coulter came in a close second with an 18 score and Paul Coulson came in third. The remainder of the scores are as follows, Arn Coulson and Howard Coulson tied with 16, Bev Murray with 15 and Bob Moreau with eight.

In a recent lecture on the Lamprey I learned that there is no such thing as a Lamprey Eel. The Lamprey is not classified as an eel. Several sportsmen have told me that when they were down at the Sportsmen's Show in

Toronto they made the mistake of putting the Lamprey in with the eel family on a questionnaire.

The Lamprey which commonly inhabits the lakes is only from three to four inches long when he is an adult. The one which is often shown in pictures, that grows from 12" to 16" in length, is the sea Lamprey and the only way he gets into the Great Lakes is through the St. Lawrence Canal.

Ed Meadows of the Guelph Department of Lands and Forests gave the lecture and graphically displayed the effectiveness of the Lamprey's blood sucking mouth by placing one against his forearm. With subtle methods like this he put across with tremendous impact the destructiveness of this small individual.

Lampreys, he said, were the prime reason that the lakes are being cleared of game fish.

The smelt don't seem to be co-operating in the annual spring finny track meet. Quite a number of fishermen have gone down to the lake and collected only one or two after a night's work. This chilly weather is said to be one of the reasons. It is also said that the cooler temperatures will noticeably affect the first few days of the trout season. One or two warm days should make the fish a little more active and by today or tomorrow the smelt should be running all out.

In Finals

Bradford Fords, a classy Intermediate "B" hockey club that took top honors during its play with the Central Ontario Hockey League, has ousted Sundridge Beavers from the Ontario semi-finals.

Saturday they swamped the defending Beavers 10-0 to win the best of seven series 4-2.

Legion Sports

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the teams spoke and each one gave his version of incidents in the past season and the general consensus was that it was a lot of fun. Everyone is looking forward to next year.

Petunia Awards Feature

The special part of the awards followed the regular presentations and among these were the Spreader award, the Tooter, the Weeper, the Sportsman, the Moaner and the Boxer.

Naturally enough the Spreader award, among the most popular, went to none other than Gerry Twiss. George Winney captured the Moaners award and everyone agreed that this also was well deserved and George received a big hand.

NOTES: Bruce Hood presented the Dow award to Beane Serafini, Boppers' captain. Dooney Evans who took over in the absence of Dennis Rowley to run the show, presented the rest of them along with Bruce Mountain and Peter McMullen. . . . Gooderham and Worts donated the individual awards. . . . The captains are to meet in a couple of weeks to decide the future of the league which looks rosy. . . . Al Skinner noted it was a hot streak which won him the singles title over challenger Fred Johnson. . . . Everyone agreed it was the finest hurling they had seen in a long time. . . . The presentations ended up with a standing ovation being given the work of Dennis Rowley, Bruce Mountain and Dooney Evans. . . . From this there was a film and some cards.

—Imagine the red face on a local fireman when an extinguisher he was demonstrating to a group of Girl Guides last week was tipped too far on its side and went off, spewing foam around the fire hall!

Basketball Club Formed

Approximately 15 people handed in their names at the basketball meeting held on Wednesday of last week. The goal before the organization gets underway is at least 20.

It was decided at the meeting that the basketball setup would be primarily for recreational purposes since most of the interested people were not experienced players. The plan of operation is to start immediately even though it is late in the season, so that if there are people who want serious out of town competition they would have some experience.

Play Exhibitions

Lars Carlson, who is one of the people helping to form the league, mentioned that there is a men's organization in Georgetown that has a basketball team that plays exhibition games, and it was noted that there is another one in Oakville.

Bill Mykes suggested that once the league begins to operate, later on it could branch out to include other indoor sports such as badminton, volleyball and handball.

In a meeting held last night (Wednesday), Mr. Carlson was elected chairman and Pete Irwin was elected secretary-treasurer.

Those interested were invited out to the first basketball night to be held on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. at the Milton District High School. It was decided to arrange the evening so that beginners could be taught the fundamentals and the more experienced players could do some practicing.

Help Beginners

Members of the new Milton basketball association re-emphasized the aim of the organization to teach basketball to anyone interested in learning the game. For the first few weeks, teams will be picked during the evening so that beginners and experienced players will play together on the same team, the experienced men helping the beginners along.

The cost of renting the school gym will be \$15 an evening, so to start the group decided to collect one dollar from each player during the night. Mr. Irwin remarked that this is even less than a night's bowling.

High School Highlights

Hilarious Game, Sport Awards Presented at School Dance

The Milton District High school Athletic Society held a successful variety evening on Friday of last week.

The evening began with a volleyball game pitting the boys against the girls. No definite scores were received but it appears as if the two sides battled to a draw.

Later the boys' basketball team donned potato sacks and made use of balloons to put themselves on even terms with the girls' basketball team. The boys finally took the game by a narrow margin, according to the boys who were marking the score.

A dance was held for the remainder of the evening and drew one of the best crowds of the year.

Crests Awarded

During intermission crests were awarded to the top groups in the school. Grade nine football was won by 9C, 11A won the volleyball title, 11B won the basketball award and grade 13 took the track and field award.

The individual track and field awards were taken by Bill Brush senior award, Don Currie intermediate award, and John Brown the junior award. It was hoped that the football jackets would be given out on Friday night but the jackets were not ready in time.

Clark-Reed Duo Win Crib Title

Stan Clark and Bob Reed won the Rotary Cribbage League title on Tuesday night in the final round for the year. The duo held onto a slim one point lead which they held over the team of C. Anderson and Al Francis. The Anderson-Francis combo took second place in the finals.

A special prize for the night was awarded to L. McKersie and Tom Marsh. The prize was instituted for those who came into the league late and had no chance in the regular finals.

Booby Too

The booby prize was awarded to Art Hampson and Gord McIntosh. Until Tuesday, they were tied for the last place spot.

No definite plans have been made for next year but the league should start again in the fall.

U.S. Travelogue Is Rotary Topic

Boys' Town, Santa Anita, Disneyland, Hollywood and the Hoover Dam were a few of the points of interest shown in a travelogue at Milton Rotary Tuesday by Earl Mongraw.

Mr. Mongraw had earlier this year made a trip south including many of the well known points of interest in Utah, California and Wyoming.

The speaker was introduced by Bob McKim and thanked by Bob McCuaig.

Selling Well

During the business portion of the meeting, John Ostler reported that sale of tickets for the \$5 Banquet Tuesday was progressing favorably with capacity crowd anticipated. The speaker's topic is to be "Milton—A Nail in the Golden Horseshoe."

Plans were also announced for the annual peanut blitz and the inter-club visit with East Rochester.

The meeting adjourned and those participating completed the cribbage tournament that has been continuing during the last few months.

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Other awards were presented to Scott Campbell, best lineman and Don Currie, most valuable player. C.W.O.S.S.A. crests were awarded to Bill Brush, Bill Currie, Ron Guild, Frank Wheelihan, Pete Cress, Borden Wheelihan and Don Mathies.

Girls' awards for track and field were presented to Gloria Purdy, who won the senior cup, Angela Johnson who took the intermediate award, and Linda Elsworth who took the junior award.

Enter C.W.O.S.S.A.

The Milton High school volleyball team came from behind in a final game surge on Thursday of last week to defeat Acton to enter the C.W.O.S.S.A. finals by the score of two games to one.

Milton took the first game 15-12 then dropped the second contest 10-15. In the final round they were down 8-14 when they came on to score eight more points, while holding the Acton squad to a standstill. The final score was 16-14.

The win gave the high school team the district championship and allowed them to move into the C.W.O.S.S.A. finals in Guelph on May 6.

Beware of These Drivers

Now that the weather is warm it's a good time to mention a certain kind of driver to beware of.

He (or she) never buys gas. Hardly ever patronizes a service station. Hasn't got a driving licence. And mostly disreputable.

traffic signals. You know the kind — curly hair, dirty clothes, big smiling eyes, bare knees — and going lickety split down the middle of the road. Their vehicles have three, sometimes just two wheels. It's just a good thing for the rest of us they have no motors and can't go very fast.

If you have one or more of these culprits in your family then you must have had a few anxious moments. You've seen him career across a busy street without looking either way. Perhaps your muscles have tightened up involuntarily.

We don't have to remind you to drive very slowly down a residential street. You probably know the greatest danger is when you back out of your driveway or parking place. Because they may be in back of you and they're not so high that you can see them.

Children on tricycles and bikes invite tragedy almost every day. Especially this time of year when they're enjoying the warm weather after being shut in the house all winter. We're thinking now too of older ones in their teens who dodge traffic with their two wheelers.

We're reminded of a road sign put up in a small town by the local Lions Club. It said: "OUR CHILDREN AREN'T CARELESS — THEY'RE JUST CAREFREE. IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO BE CAREFUL FOR THEM! Don't you agree?"

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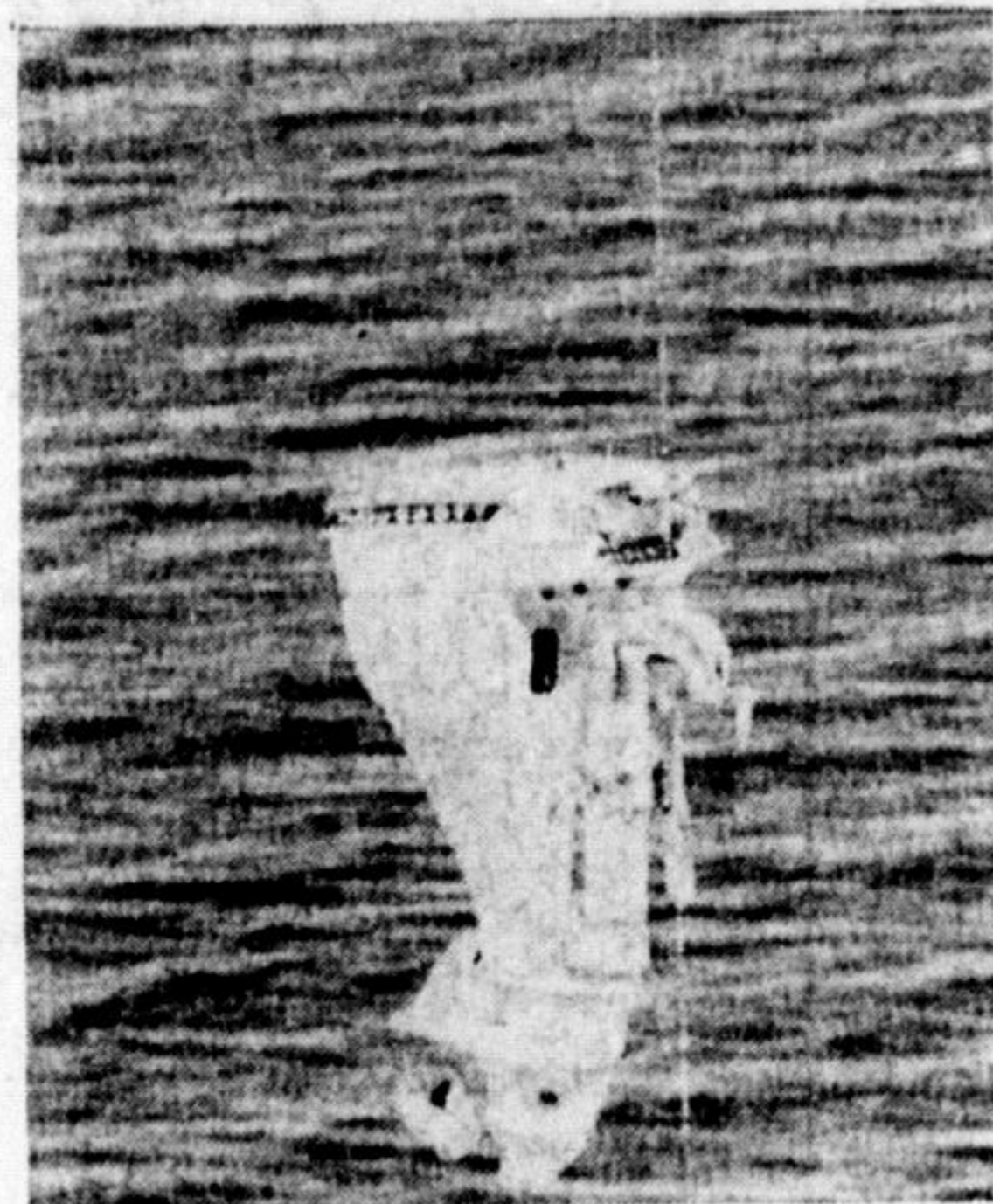
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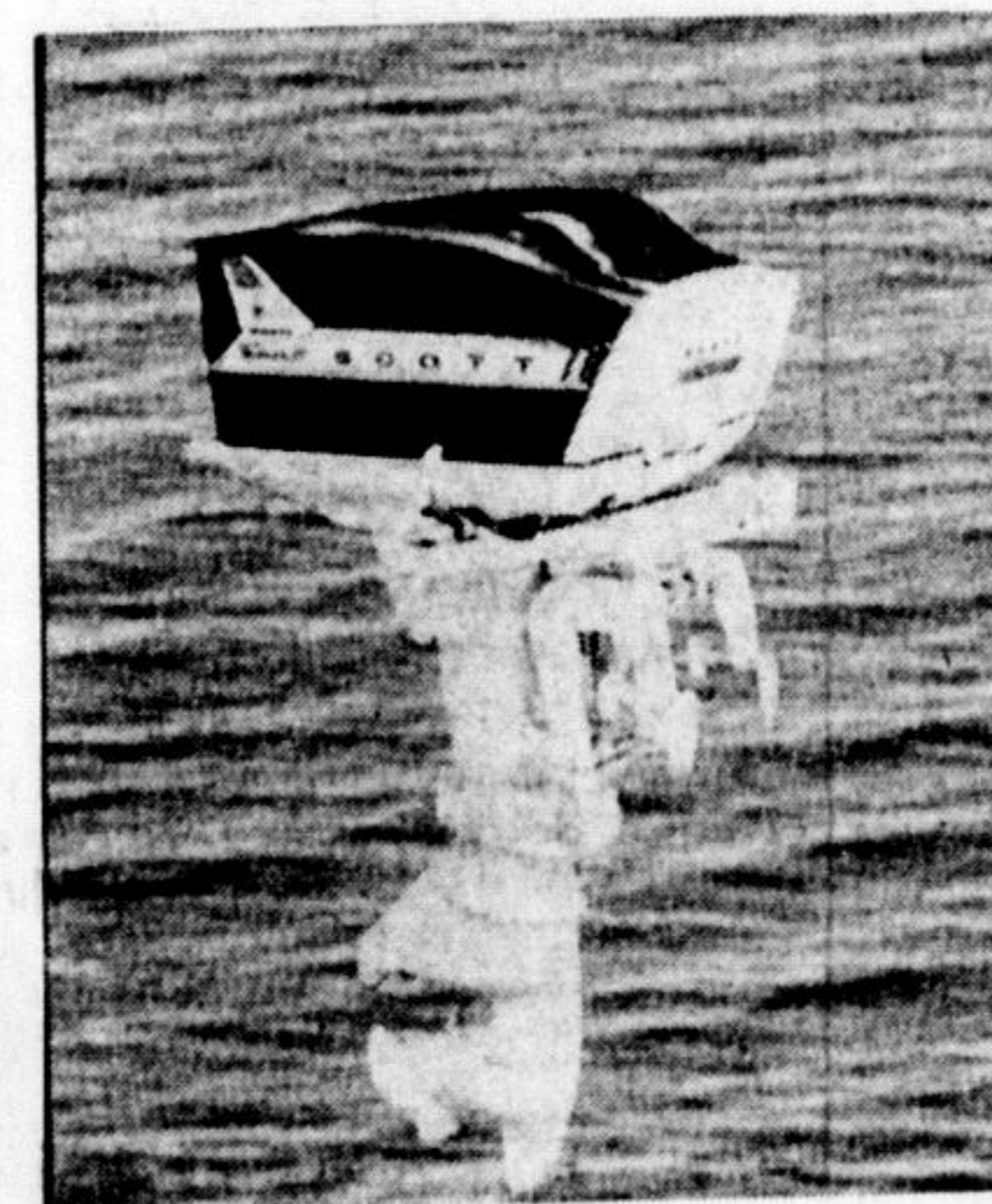
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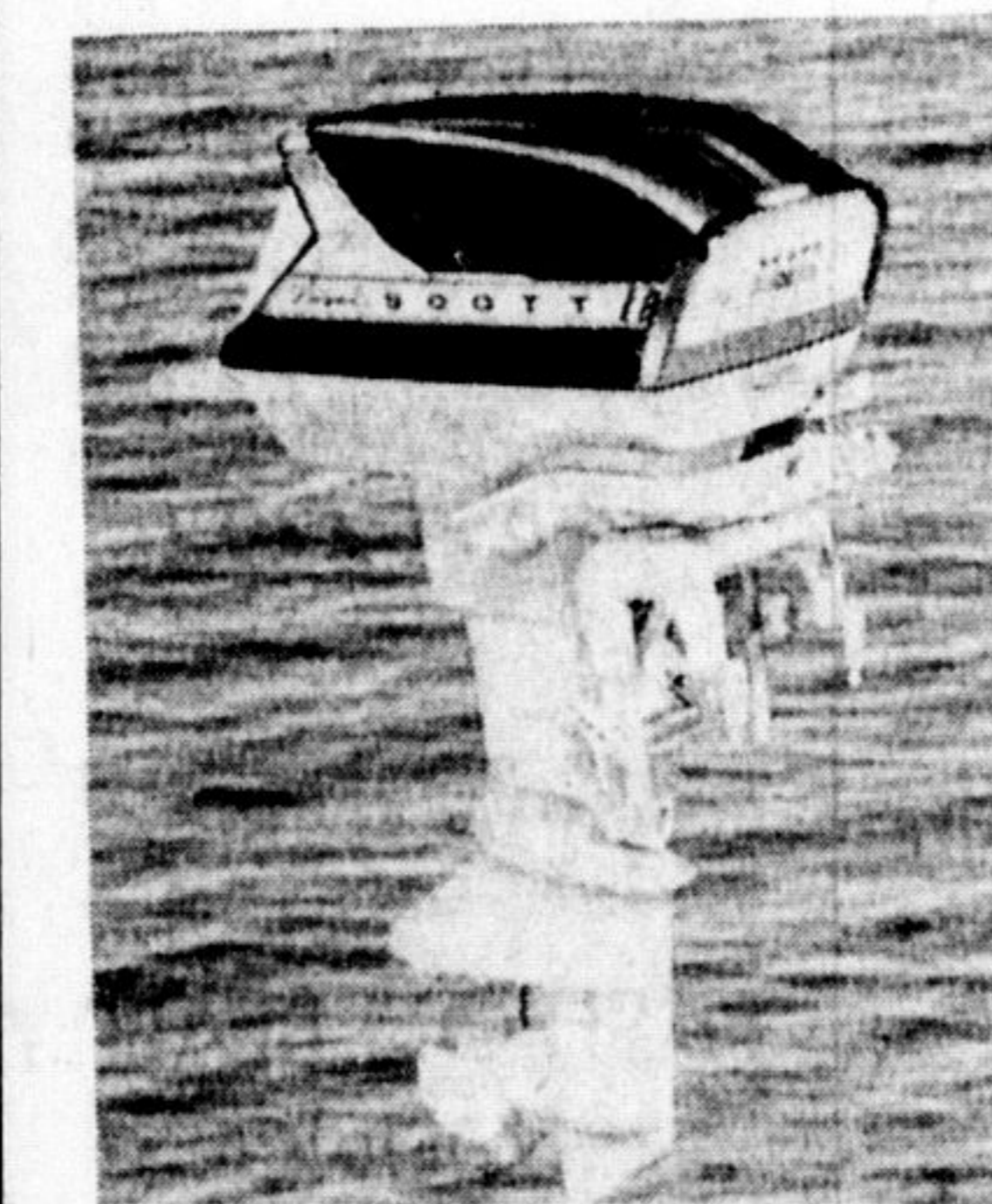
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