

# Records Topple at Oak Ridges Sale

Records fell right and left as one of Canada's most famous Holstein herds went under the auctioneer's gavel at Hay's Sales Arena, Oakville on Tuesday of last week. The Oak Ridges herd of R. R. "Rube" Dennis of Oak Ridges, Ontario, was sold for \$513,775 — the highest total ever realized at a Holstein sale in Canada. The average of \$2,342 for 211 head is the third highest dispersal sale average ever made in Canada. A 10-year-old cow, Glenafton Net-

tie Bonheur Maud sold for \$42,000, a world record for a dairy cow. Maud was bought jointly by Russell Rowntree of Woodbridge and Robert Lowe, Maple. Second high price was paid by Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown, who bought the "very good" cow, Hilton Texal Reflection Lady for \$12,500.

**Top Bull Price**  
A Canadian record price for a dairy bull was established as the six months-old, Oak Ridges Regal

Improver brought \$46,000 from Jaun De Alba, Queretaro, Mexico. Former Canadian record price for a Holstein bull was \$40,000 paid in 1946.

Claude F. Pickett of Georgetown paid \$15,000 for Oak Ridges Regal Maud, a "very good" two-year-old daughter of the \$42,000 cow. Mr. Pickett also paid \$3,000 for a milking female.

J. M. Fraser of Streetsville bought a five-year-old "very good" daughter of A.B.C. Reflection Sovereign for \$10,000.

The sale attracted buyers from all over the world including United States, Mexico, Italy, France, Japan and Great Britain.

## Harold Thompson Wins Rose Bowl

At the regular County Board meeting of the Junior Farmers, held in the Agricultural Office, Milton, on May 4, Harold Thompson, the president, was presented with the Rose Bowl given monthly to the Junior who has made an effective contribution to the Junior Farmer program. Joy Hayward, County Director, made the presentation on behalf of Ruth Mason, the previous winner.

Of the collection from the Junior Farmer church service, held recently at Grace Anglican Church, one-half was given to the church, and the other half to the Ontario Cancer Society.

## Scotland Delegate Visits Here in June

Miss Elsie Gall, of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, will be visiting in Halton County for two weeks during June. Miss Gall is one of the nine Young Farmer delegates from the United Kingdom participating in an annual exchange visit conducted by the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario and the Young Farmers' Clubs of the U. K.

While they are here the Young Farmers will live with host farm families in all areas of the Province. Their counterparts in the exchange, leave Toronto International Airport on May 13, for a 10-week visit to Britain where they will be guests of farm families.

### LEARNING

Much of our store of knowledge and our work and play habits are the result of example. We tend to follow the example set by our parents and other individuals we admire. As parents we have the responsibility of setting our own children and those in the community, a good example. And a good example includes doing things the safe way.

# Farm News

## Crop Conditions

### Cool, Backward Season Delays Seeding, Growth

For the second consecutive year, a cool backward season has delayed seeding and growth throughout Halton.

To date, over one-half the oats and barley acreage has been sown. However, it has been very slow to germinate because of the cold weather. Adequate amounts of fertilizer should prove very beneficial this year to encourage rapid growth when the warm weather arrives. Farmers who are planting Herta Barley early have been encouraged to apply 30 pounds per acre of additional nitrogen. This practice has resulted in increased yields.

Serious heaving took place this spring in newly seeded alfalfa on heavy clay land. There has been up to 100 per cent loss of alfalfa on some farms owing to the freezing and thawing of the soil this spring. This is of great concern to the farmer as he must find an alternate source of hay. If there is a good catch of grass remaining in the field, the farmer could apply up to 300 pounds of Ammonium Nitrate per acre as soon as possible this spring. This would provide some hay for this year.

### Disced, Plowed In

Corn is being seeded despite the cold weather. Many farmers still have a small percentage of their 1965 grain crop remaining to be harvested. Some have disced or plowed it into the ground because of the excessive lodging and poor quality of the crop after coming through our winter season. Early planting of corn is necessary for top yields. However, with a cold spring, the corn should be protected from insects with insecticides such as diazinon and lindane. Fertilizer must also be used according to soil test.

Halton County farmers who suffered 25 per cent or greater

## Crown Queen

At the semi-formal dance held in Paradise Gardens, Guelph on Saturday, May 7, Wilma Mason was crowned Queen of the Halton Junior Farmers.

Miss Mason was the Princess from the Norval Junior Farmer Club, and she was assisted by her two princesses, Judy Britton from Acton, and Verna Thompson from Palermo. About 46 couples attended and had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### PURCHASE COW

Glenation Shamrock Patsy was bought by George and L. H. Leaver, Campbellville at the National Holstein Sale at Oakville for \$1,600. She was consigned by Glenafton Farms, Alliston.

### REPORT INCREASE

About 200 hardware stores connected with Hollinger Hardware Ltd. report sales increases of more than 1,500,000 during 1965. The chain of member stores stretches over four provinces — Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia and one member is McKim Hardware, Milton. The new chain was organized in January 1964 and because of its relative infancy the first year of operations was considered a test-year to prove the practicability of co-operative business in the hardware line.



## COUNTY OF HALTON WEED CONTROL NEWS

BY V. E. McARTHUR  
WEED INSPECTOR

### THE ONTARIO WEED CONTROL ACT

This Act is passed by the Ontario Legislature and administered by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Its primary purpose is twofold. No. 1 — to reduce weed losses. No. 2 — to control health hazard weeds such as "Ragweed" and "Poison Ivy".

Weed losses are pretty well confined to farmers. Estimates place annual losses in Ontario alone at between 30 and 40 million dollars. Weeds are both extravagant and greedy with soil moisture and plant food. For example to grow one pound dry matter lamb's quarters uses 80 lbs. of water and ragweed 908 lbs. Compared with corn, wheat or oats, weeds make very inefficient use of soil moisture. Corn requires 368 lbs. of water, wheat 513 lbs. and oats 596 lbs. to produce a lb. of dry matter.

The health hazards are shared by rural and urban people alike. It has been estimated that in Ontario more than 60,000 persons annually suffer from hay fever; 80 per cent more of these cases are

caused by "Ragweed" pollen. Comparatively few people are allergic to "Golden Rod". Each summer, numerous patients are hospitalized as a result of contact with "Poison Ivy". Therefore in the interest of both Country and Town people weed control is important.

The Ontario Weed Act contains twenty sections, each one spelling out in detail the various steps in administration and control. Section No. 3 however, indicates the obligation residents have in regard to noxious weeds. I will quote as follows:

"Section 3 (1) Every person in possession of land shall destroy all noxious weeds thereon as often and at such time in every year as is necessary:

- (a) to prevent the ripening of their seeds;
- (b) to prevent dispersal of:
  - (i) their pollens, and
  - (ii) grain spores produced on them; and
- (c) to eliminate all toxic parts."

Weed control therefore is everyone's business. Your co-operation is solicited in the fight against weeds in Halton County.

## Sugar and Spice...

(Continued from Page C1) his allowance right on time, sulky if some of it is held back.

But he has a lot of promise. Around election time. He's going to cut the lawn, and wash the car, and paint the trim and smarten the old place up so you won't know it.

But somewhere along the line, something went haywire. He cuts the trees, paints the lawn and washes the lake, and figures, after one year, that his allowance is not big enough.

For some reason — and it certainly isn't his winning personality — Taxes has become the most-talked about man in town. Mayors develop dyspepsia, councillors coronaries, when they try to deal with this delinquent.

They can't quite handle him. He talks so glibly of government grants on outdoor toilet systems under the winter works program, and potential pot-holes in the roads, and (with a heart-rending sob) of the people on welfare, that he bamboozles councillors with eyes like agates, and mayors with hearts of granite.

All I can say is that the municipal councils have my blessing as they strive to cope with Taxes, out of Mill Rate and The Budget.



## HALTON 4-H CLUB NEWS

### HALTON 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB

by Marg Brownridge

The Halton 4-H Conservation Club held its second meeting on Tuesday, April 3, in the Agricultural Office, Milton. Geoff Taylor, Extension Fieldman, conducted the meeting.

The Field Officer for the Halton Region Conservation Authority Dave Murray, talked to the club members about "Water Conservation". Water is our most important resource. An interesting fact given by Mr. Murray was the Great Lakes supply, the world's largest source of fresh water. He told the club that a big problem of conservation authorities is the building of homes on the natural flood plains of rivers and large streams. Seven and one-half million dollars have been spent by the Halton Region Conservation Authority to build channels to divert water away from homes built on flood plains. Mr. Murray said that there is a street in Milton with thirteen houses and a school which is built on a flood plain.

### Industrial Pollution

Another water problem is pollution — Industrial wastes are one cause of pollution. Companies hire large tank trucks to haul away their industrial chemical wastes which contain acids and poisons. The truck drivers dump these wastes in fields, bush land, and ditches on back roads. Rains wash these chemicals into the streams, thus polluting the water.

Mr. Murray showed slides of conservation areas and projects, mainly in Halton. He was thanked by Dan Heatherington.

Slides of water areas were shown by Mr. Taylor, and the club members saw a film about water and its many aspects. There was a short quiz on the material covered in the meeting.

### HALTON 4-H BEEF CALF CLUB

By David Jackson

The second meeting of the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club was held in the Agricultural Office, Milton, on April 28.

The meeting was called to order by the club's vice-president Verna Thompson, and the roll was taken by the secretary, Pat Sweetman. The members signified their presence by stating a breed of cattle eligible for 4-H club beef projects.

The highlight of the evening was a panel composed of Verna Thompson, Pete Sweetman, and Bill Jackson, who discussed managing, feeding and disease prevention in a 4-H calf. The Agricultural Representative for Halton County, Henry Stanley, acted as chairman. It was concluded that all phases of feeding and training should be done gradually to prevent disease and for the well-being of the animal.

The club then divided into two groups. The Juniors, with James McKay instructing, discussed the various benefits of spring and fall calving, dehorning and its various methods, and the difference between steers being raised for baby beef or feeder purposes.

The Seniors discussed with Mr. Stanley the two types of club projects they could do this year, instead of feed reports, they can maintain breeding and calving records. These records may be utilized for culling and selection of replacements, or they can keep Herd Health Records, to record incidences, costs, and plan the prevention of disease in the herd.

After the groups rejoined, the meeting was adjourned by Verna Thompson.

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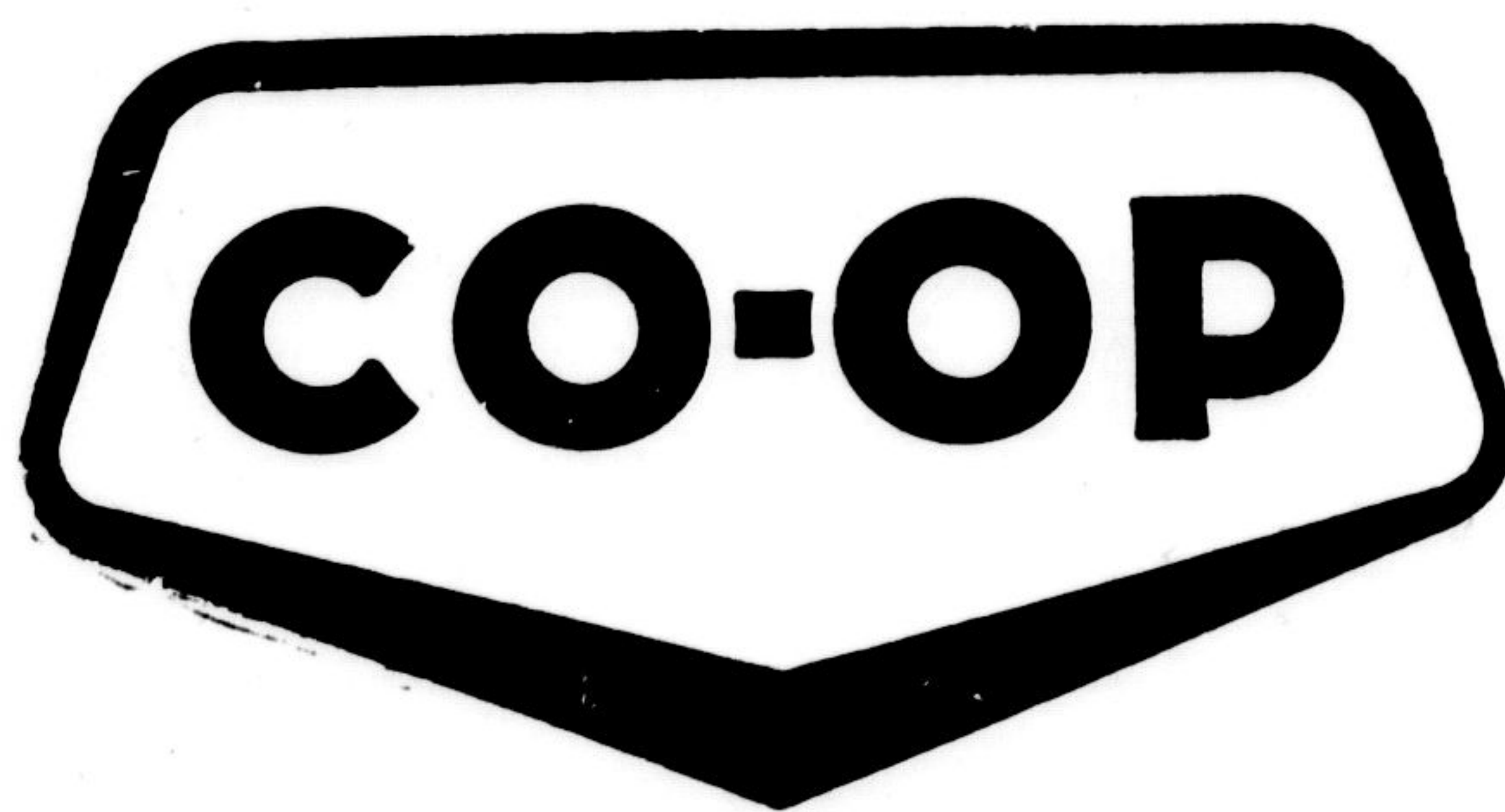
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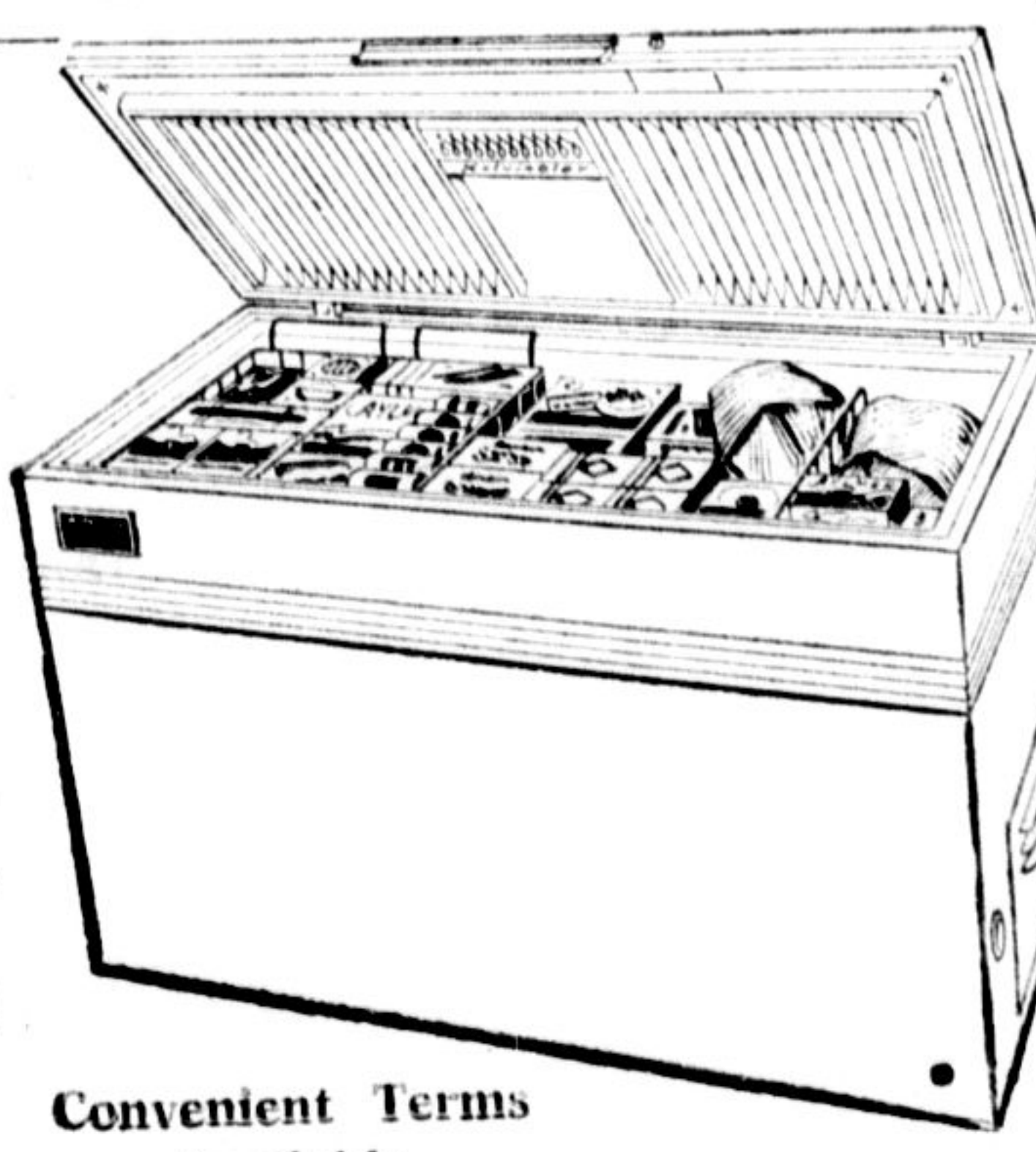
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