



## Fish and Game News

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This month the duck season opens and so far it looks like a good fall for the duck hunter. The hatches are much above normal around Southern Ontario. Out West they have had more rain than we have down East and the reports show the duck population is also up out there. The seasons are much the same as last year. Our season opens next weekend (24th) up north and a little later down in Halton. There is one difference as we mentioned before; you must have a Migratory Bird Hunting Licence before you start and this applies to all of Canada.

Now for a story that can never be told too often. To all you men and women who are starting out to use a shotgun or rifle for another season "Never point your shotgun or rifle at something you do not want to kill." Last year there were 10 fatal hunting accidents and 100 non-fatal. That is very bad but when you consider that in 1960, just five years previous, there were 36 fatal accidents and 118 non-fatal. Our hunter safety program is paying off. Also in those five years the number of hunters increased by 21,480. This is rather hard to believe so it shows you the increased pressure on our game animals and birds which, believe it or not, under proper management are increasing in most areas.

The shot gun is still the big offender in hunting accidents. Here are the percentages last year: Shotguns 39 per cent, .22 rifles 38 per cent, high powered rifles 22 per cent, all others 2 per cent. Also in the age group who caused the accidents were: 15 years to 19 years 35 per cent, 20-29 28 per cent, 30-39 10 per cent, 40 to 49 9 per cent, 50 and over 6 per cent. The game that was being hunted when accidents occurred: Rabbits 22 accidents, Grouse 12, Deer 19, Ducks 15, Moose 5, Groundhog 16, Pheasants 2, Squirrel 6, Crow 5.

The Halton Sportsmen's Association held its annual election on the first Thursday of the month. Hard-working Jim Mountain is still the president for another year. Nearly all the officers were re-elected for another term, except Ken Lewis who replaces Dan Kidd as Gun Director. The president was thanked for his good work during the year by Paul Coulson. There has been a lot of work done at the club during the past year with the one main objective being completed, the installation of an electric trap. The picnic and corn roast was held at Carlisle this year and was well attended.

Wayne Auckland of Lowville, along with Jim and Ronnie Coulson just returned from a week's trout fishing in the Gogama district. The boys camped and enjoyed fine weather. They brought home some rainbow trout in the 5-7 lb. class.

George Robertson of Kilbride has not returned from his hunting trip to the Rockies as yet. Last word from George he was just leaving to go into the Rockies for two weeks.

Trout season closes in most areas this week and all in all it has been a fairly good season for the Trout fishermen. The record so far we think is the 18 lb. rainbow caught by a Hamilton angler in the Meaford district.

The Muskies are hitting like crazy in the St. Lawrence area of the Ivy Lea Bridge. This weekend, Sept. 16, 17 and 18, there were eight Muskies caught there, all over 25 lbs., one tipping the scales at 34 lbs. That's a lot of fighting fish. Anyone who has never had one of these on the end of his line has yet, in my estimation, to experience the thrill of a life-time. The water has cooled down and the Lake Trout are beginning to hit again in most areas. The next month is also a very productive one for the Walleye fish-



DENNIS SINCLAIR

erman. Dennis Sinclair and Terry Simpson of Zimmerman went on a fly-in fishing trip to some inland lakes from Timagami just recently and returned with pike in the 15-20 lb. class (Dennis Sinclair in photo).

Also from the Lake of Bays District at Dorset, comes the largest lake trout of the season: Jack Brown of Toronto was fishing in Lake of Bays, trolling with a Johnson Silver Spoon when he hooked and landed a Lake Trout weighing in at 35 lbs., girth 27 1/2 inches, length 42 inches, on a ten-lb. test line. Boy, that takes some fishing to land a fish that big on light tackle. Nice going Jack!

## Dusty roads, speeders bother Esquesing Township ratepayers

Esquesing Township councillors were all choked up with dust on Monday, September 19, when irate ratepayers swarmed into the meeting raising a storm regarding dusty road problems. Mrs. J. O'Hearn and seven delegates from the eighth line were soon to learn another delegation of three headed by C. A. Mather, all from the 22nd sideroad area, were also present to complain of dust problems.

Before the entire group was finished complaining of heavy trucks, speeding and dust problems, councillors were all choked up and sympathetic toward the nuisance being encountered by ratepayers.

However, councillor Pat Patterson reminded the delegations the road budget was hardly adequate to last until the end of

the year. This was learned after Mr. Mathers stated calcium had only been spread twice this year.

Reeve George Leslie reminded the delegates it would cost council another \$10,000 to spread calcium on the 142 miles of road throughout Esquesing. Mr. Patterson suggested perhaps next year's council should set aside \$30,000 for this purpose.

Mrs. O'Hearn told council some trucks were driving at excessive speeds, claiming some were doing between 70 and 80 miles per hour along the road. She wondered if the roads could not be posted with signs regulating speed limits.

The reeve noted that signs could not be posted in built-up areas. Councillor Patterson was of the opinion if trucks

were driving at speeds estimated by Mrs. O'Hearn, it was a matter for the police.

Councillor Tom Hill suggested perhaps the Department of Highways be asked to look at the area and see if signs could be authorized regarding speed limits.

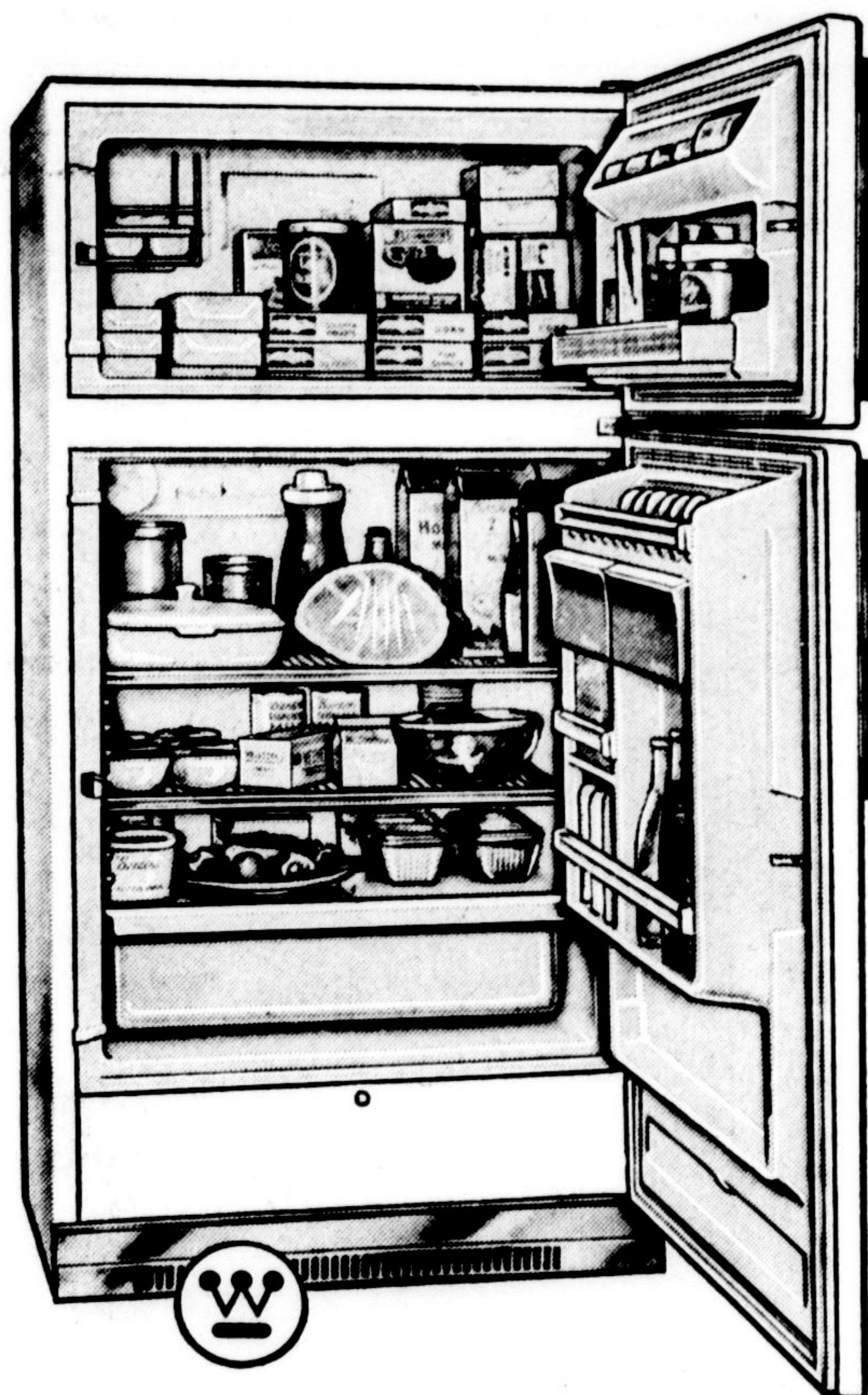
Before the delegates left, councillor Patterson said he felt ratepayers wouldn't mind paying an extra mill or two to get good roads.

Reeve Leslie remarked, "This

is what we want to know." After some of the ratepayers present said they wouldn't mind an increase in the mill rate if they got good roads, Reeve Leslie reminded them to recall their statement at the nomination meeting or when they received a bill showing a ten or twelve dollar increase in taxes. In conclusion, the reeve said he could promise nothing until the road committee had an opportunity to review the situation.



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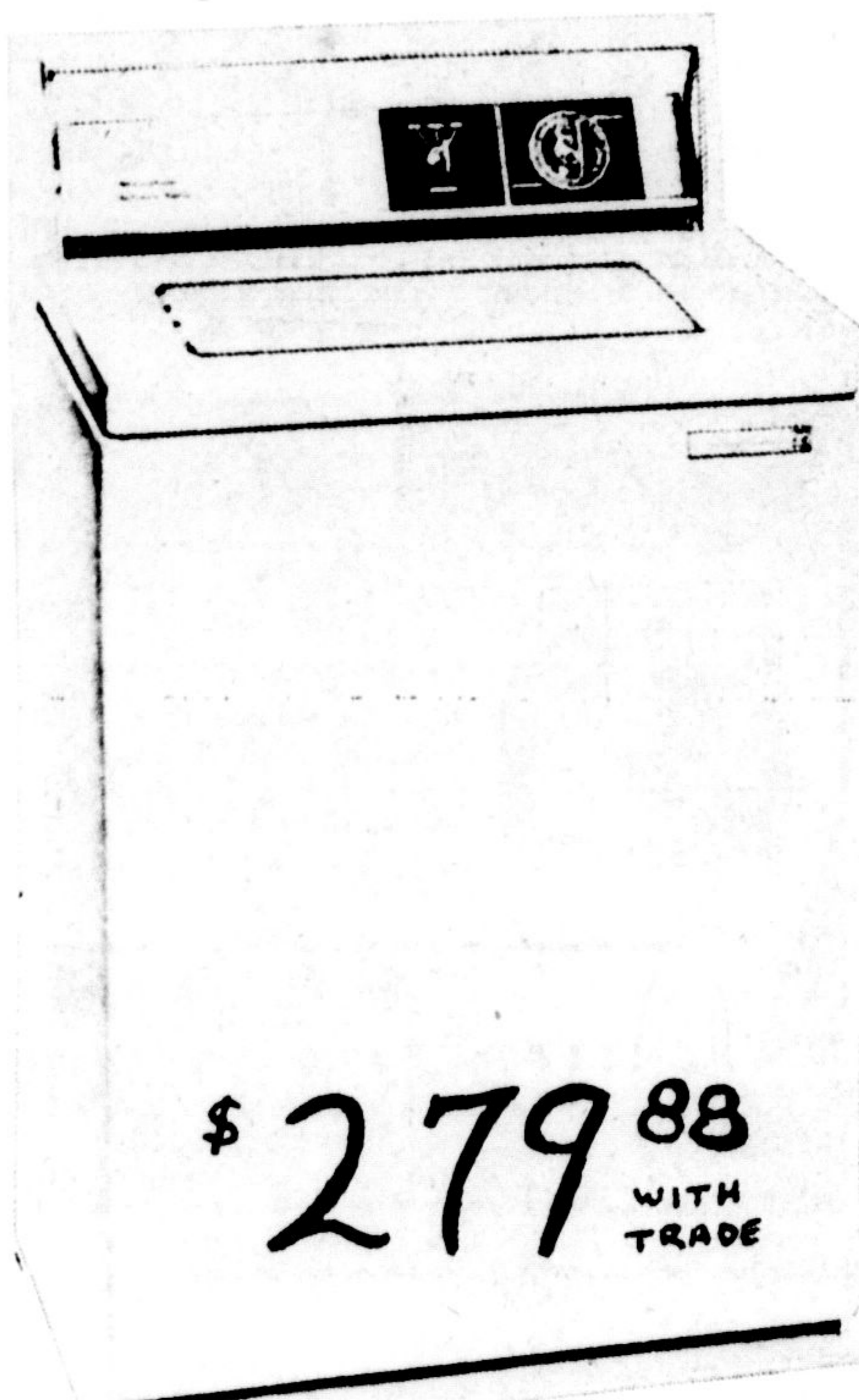
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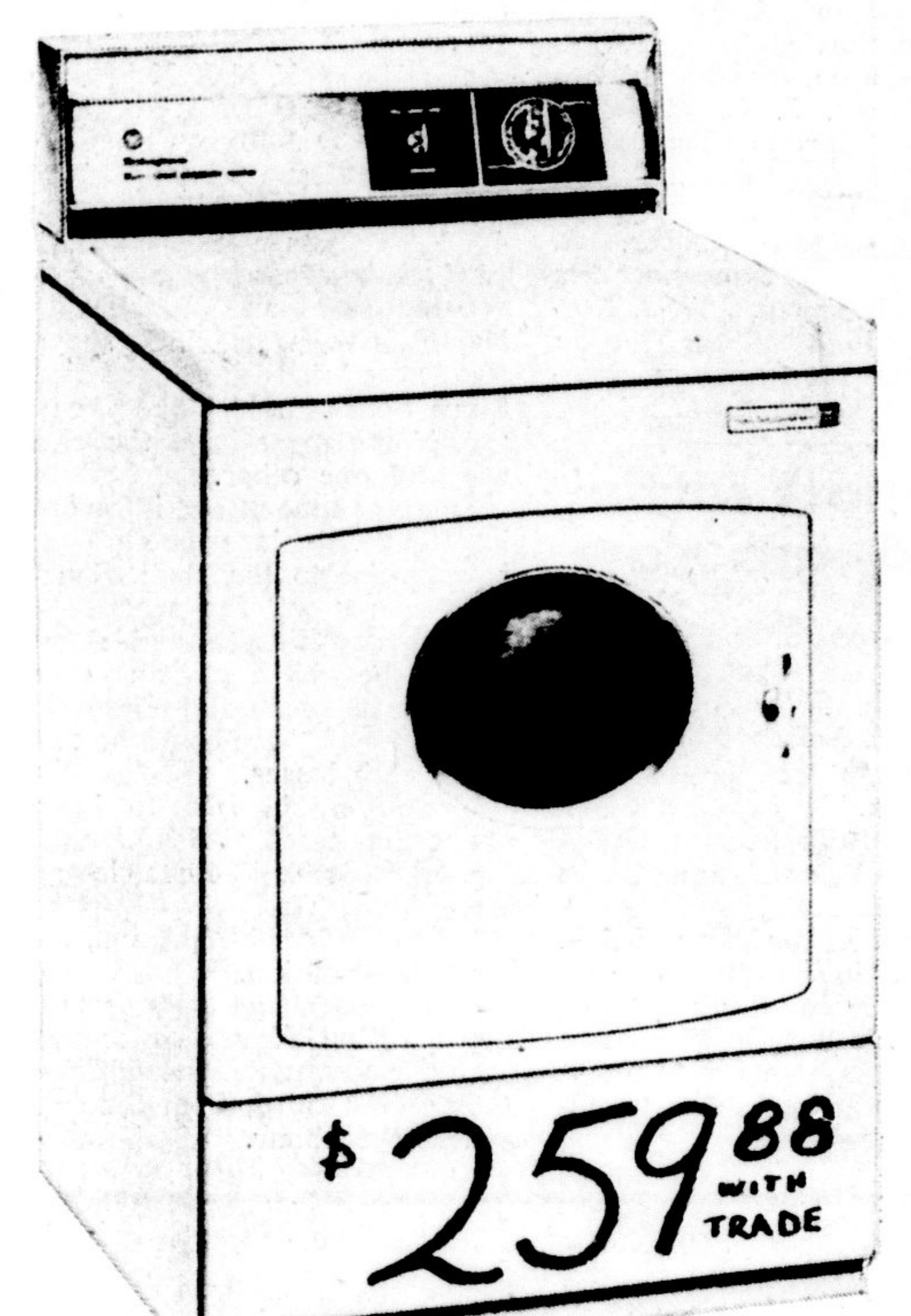
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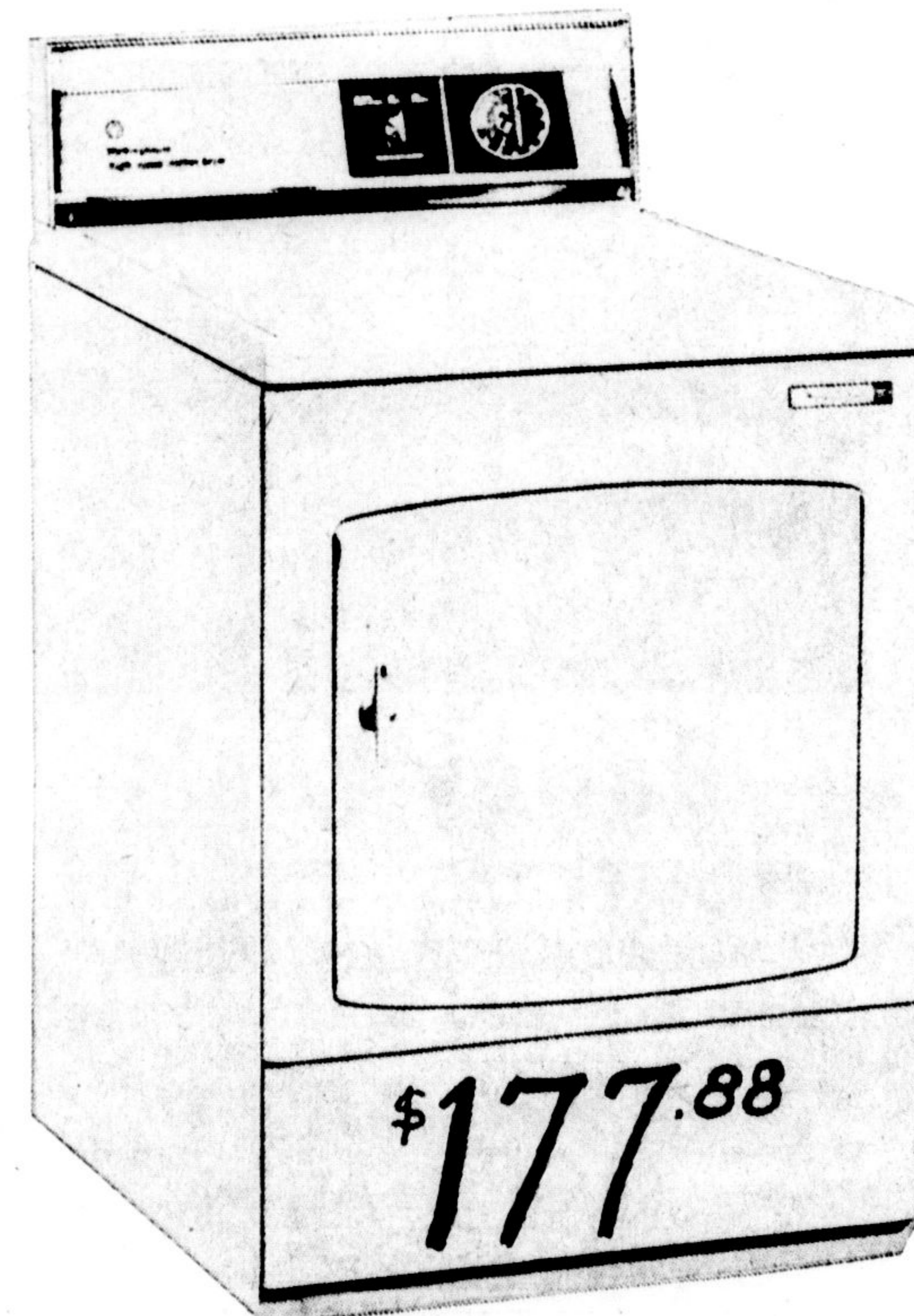


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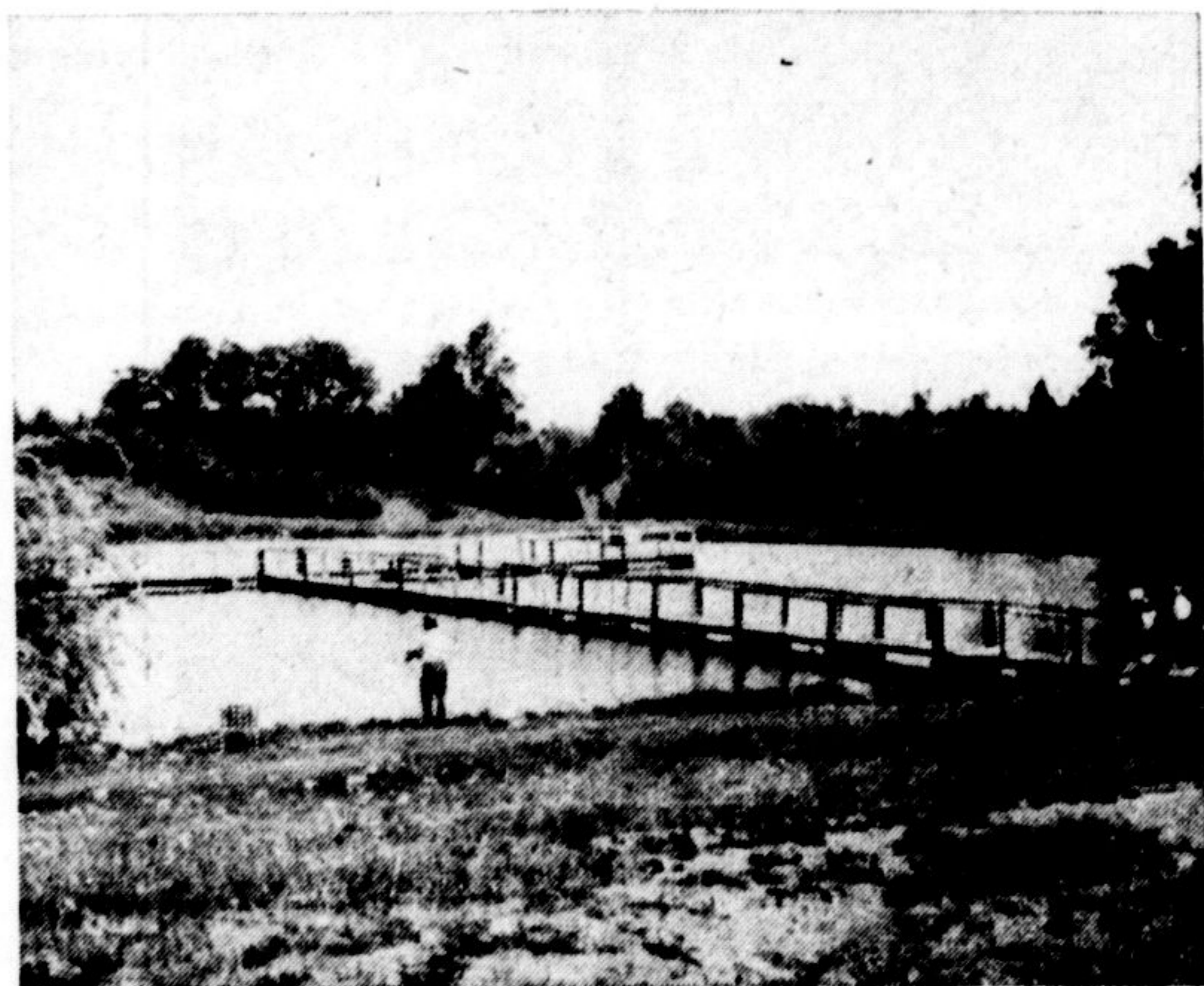
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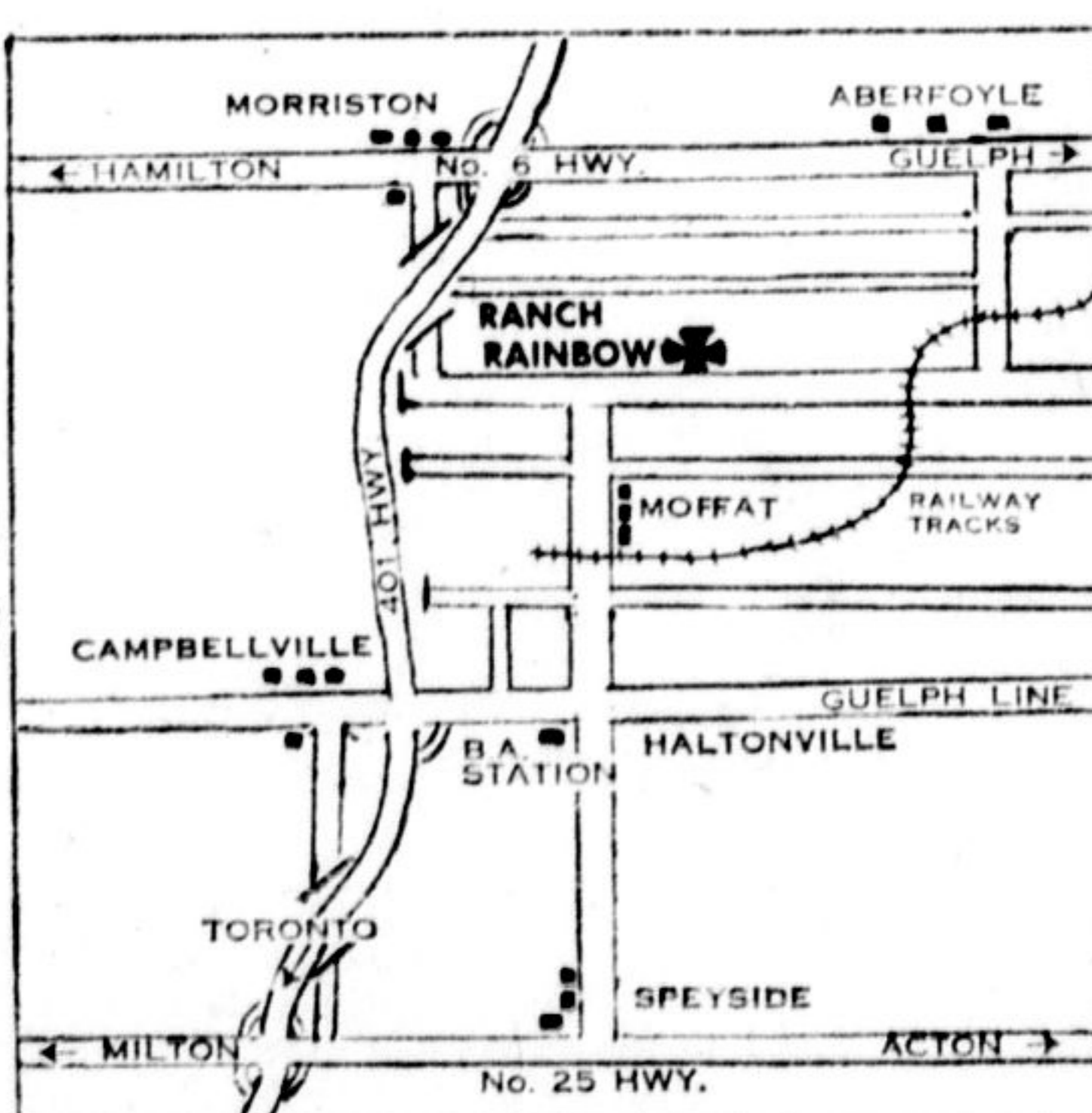
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