



RIDE CAREFULLY, DADDY'S WATCHING—Patti Orr rides the narrow circle at the Health Unit parking lot, one of the riding skill tests at the bike rodeo sponsored by the Milton Optimist Club on Saturday morning. A group of other rodeo participants looks on as she navigates the tricky circle. Her father, Optimist Ken Orr, was one of the club members who assisted rodeo judge Johnny Johnson in

tabulating the results. There were about 60 riders participating in the rodeo and several run-offs were necessary when five girls and four boys tied for top marks. Two shiny new bikes were presented to Barry Crooks and Jo-Anne Scisizzi, the eventual winners.—(Staff Photo)

Optimist Club bike rodeo

Close race for top prizes

There are a lot of expert bicycle riders in this town, the Optimist Club of Milton members decided Saturday.

They ran the town's annual bike rodeo at the Health Unit parking lot for three hours Saturday morning, and processed an estimated 60 cyclists through an inspection and a three-part riding skill test. When it was all over and the marks were totalled up, five girls and four boys had

secured the top spot with almost perfect point totals.

The nine finalists were called back to the rodeo site after lunch for a final runoff, and another tie resulted as three girls and two boys remained in first place. First prize in both boys' and girls' division was a shiny new bike and there was no way of splitting up the prize, so a third runoff was necessary.

Finally, close to three o'clock

in the afternoon, 11-year-old Barry Crooks of 217 Queen St. and 11-year-old Jo-Anne Scisizzi of 389 Broadway St. were declared the champions—both by a narrow margin. Rodeo judge H. P. "Johnny" Johnson presented each of the champs with a shiny new bike, courtesy of Canadian Meter Company and Ontario Steel Products. Each bike was fully outfitted with a kickstand, mirror, horn and carrying baskets, courtesy of Tip-In Tire.

The three runners-up who lasted with the champs until the final round were Patti Orr of 433 Kingsleigh Ct., Frank Hume of 141 Bell St. and Patti South of 228 Bell St. The other five finalists who were knocked out of competition in the first runoff were Alfonso Crisci of 73 King St., Done Pope of 410 George St., Dale Stark of 450 Kingsleigh Ct., Barbara Barr of 256 Heslop Rd., and Joanne DeGraaf of 70 Bronte St.

All the finalists were given a cheque for \$2 from the Optimists.

The Sturdy rodeo climaxed a

full week of bike inspecting and licencing, conducted by the Optimist Club as a community service project to aid the Milton Police Department. Each evening of last week Optimists gathered at the fair grounds to process children's bikes and when the week was all over, a total of 458 had been licenced. Only a few were rejected as unsafe and several licences were withheld until minor repairs were made.

Rodeo format included a safety check for any bikes that were not licenced earlier in the week, plus a three-part riding skill test. Cyclists first had to navigate their bike down a long straight, narrow stretch marked on the pavement. Then it was a trip three times around a small circle without touching any lines, and the final test was a tortuous journey through a maze of plastic pylons.

Best quote of the day came from a freckle-faced 10-year-old lad who had just managed to pass the third test with flying colors.

"Boy, that one sure separates the men from the boys," he was overheard saying to a buddy.

Sister, brother of champs claim second hand bikes

Not all the "winners" at Saturday's bike rodeo got into the winners' circle.

A brother and a sister of the rodeo champs were also among the prizewinners, in an indirect way.

Frances Scisizzi, sister of rodeo girls' champ Jo-Anne Scisizzi of 389 Broadway St., and Martin Crooks, brother of the rodeo's top boy cyclist Barry Crooks of 217 Queen St., got the old bikes when Jo-Anne and Martin were presented with new bikes for taking first prize in the rodeo.

After all, what can a fellow or a gal do with TWO bikes?

Nine-year-old Martin Crooks probably demonstrated the most enthusiasm and joy when his 11-year-old brother Barry was

announced the winner in the boys' section of the rodeo. Barry smiled but Martin broke out into an ear-to-ear grin and leaped up and down a few times. Rodeo officials suspected he was pretty thrilled to see his big brother win the coveted honors.

Later it turned out Martin had been promised Barry's old bike if Barry won the new one. As soon as Barry put his old bike down to accept the new one, Martin took proud possession. The brothers rode home, side by side.

Rodeo champion Jo-Anne Scisizzi reported her sister Frances would also be a pretty happy girl when she got home with her new bike. Frances was slated to get the second hand one.

Announce results Conservatory exams

The following is a list of successful candidates in examinations held recently at the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto in Milton. The names are arranged in order of merit.

Grade IX Piano, honors, Nancy Mahon.

Grade VIII Piano, honors, Mary Wills; Lois Fay. Pass, Joan I. Smith; Gwendolyn V. Peer; Thelma Carney; Janet L. Hunter.

Grade VII Piano, honors, Marilyn R. Martin; Susan Pearce, Susan Vansickle (equal).

Grade VI Piano, Honors, Leanne MacKinnon. Pass, Susan Arbic; Michele E. Hare; Marianne Harris (equal); Celeste Schofield.

Grade V Piano, first class honors, Mary C. Stinson. Honors, Kenneth Fay; Karen Wickson; Terry Douglas. Pass, Larry Trenwith; Anne Mahon.

Grade III Piano, honors, Jo-Ann McKinnon; Donna Hunter; Kim Sloski. Pass, Marianne Lepa.

Grade II Piano, first class honors, Lynne Roberts; Barbara

Pearce. Honors, Wayne Wharran; Ann Lawson. Pass, Sharon McPhail.

Grade I Piano, honors, Kimberly A. St. John.

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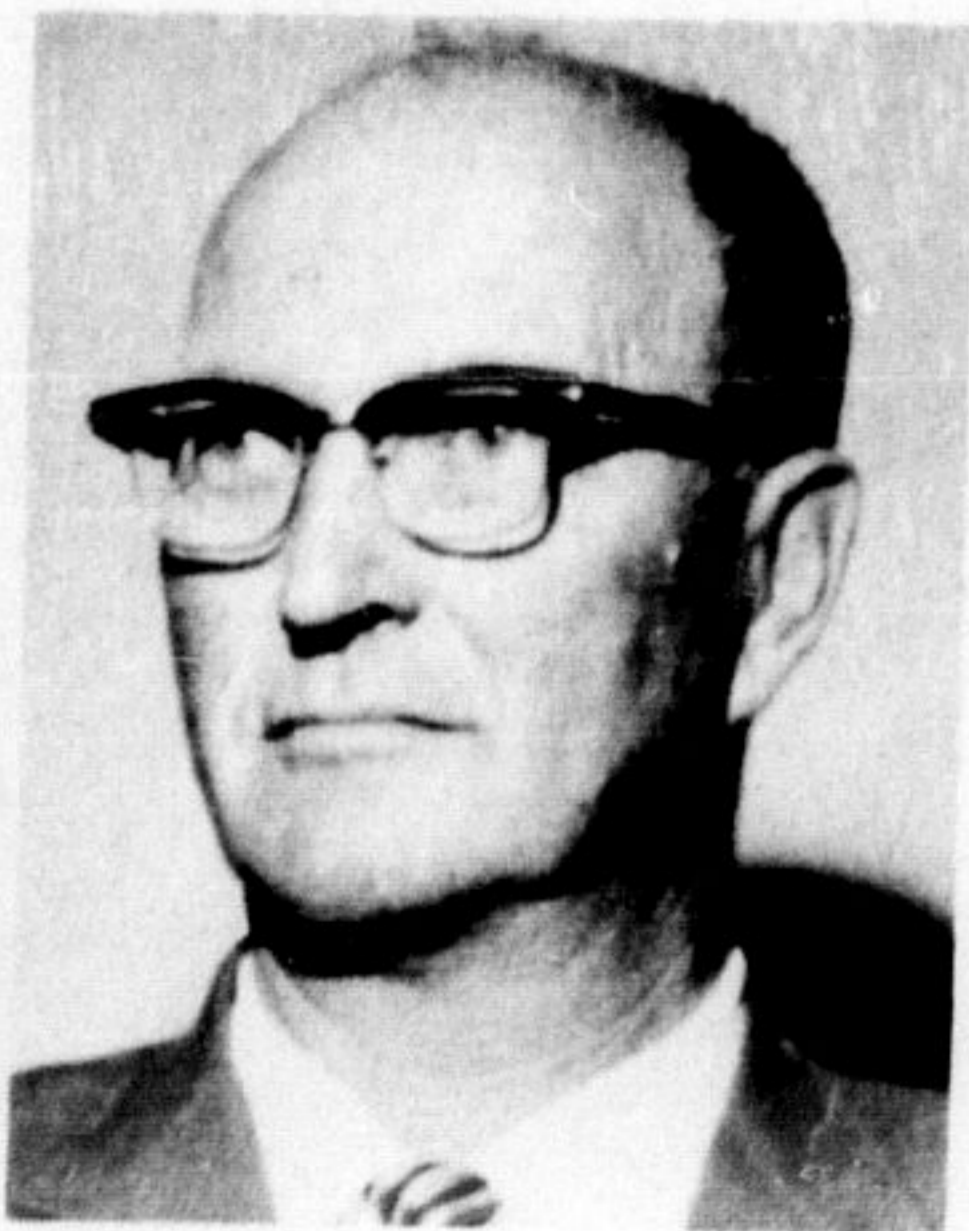
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Discussion on church

By Mrs. Cecil Patterson Mrs. Clarence Ford entertained the members of Bethel U.C.W. on Thursday, June 12 at 8 p.m. Mrs. W. Harris opened the meeting with a reading "The Church". The roll call word "prayer" was answered by 15 members. The secretary read thank you notes from Mrs. S. McMillan for flowers, and from Mrs. Bill Stady for the wedding gift of a pair of blankets.

It was discussed and decided that a social evening be arranged for October to entertain ladies from Hillcrest and Eden church. The U.C.W. voted to buy ice cream sundaes as a special treat for all present at the close of Sunday school classes on June 15. Promotion Sunday, June 22 will have a combined church worship and Sunday school class at 10 a.m.

Mrs. S. McMillan was in charge of the devotional program which consisted of a poem "This is the way to start my day" and a reading from the church Observer. "Get ready to be surprised". She gave an explanation of the Lord's Prayer, stressing that the word "Me" is never mentioned in the prayer.

Mrs. K. Hawkes led an interesting discussion on the church and its importance—this is a vital matter in church life with congregations falling away from regular worship. Questions discussed were, "Is the church worth its salt?", "Is it worth attending?", "Why go?", "Were you confirmed?", "Were you ever asked yourself why?"

There is a fear lest many country churches may have to close for lack of support and attendance. The district is rapidly changing with many selling their farms and moving to other parts. What is the answer to this important matter?

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction and a delightful lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Ford and committee.

Mrs. John Pickett Sr. and Mrs. Alfred Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hannah and family attended the annual Peacock family reunion at La Salle Park, Hamilton on Sunday, June 15.

The annual get-together of the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howes was held at Hornby Recreation Centre on Sunday, June 15. More than 30 gathered for the barbecue and picnic dinner at noon. Committee in charge was Mrs. Jim McDougall, Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Paul May. Little Carolyn Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall Jr., was celebrating her fourth birthday and received a cake, good wishes and the birthday song sung for her on her special day.

A get-together of superintendents and Sunday school teachers was held at Hillcrest church on June 10, conducted by Mrs. K. Hawkes, who had on display many books and teaching aids for Sunday school. The group considered

resources and material available to teachers for various classes for next term. Mrs. Hawkes explained the book display and gave ideas, suggestions and interesting helps for the group to order supplies.

Next Sunday, June 22 is promotion day when pins will be awarded and Sunday school classes will close until September. Attending from Bethel were superintendent Mrs. J. Pickett, secretary-treasurer, Norma J. Ball, Teachers Mrs. E. Ball and Mrs. Stuart McMillan; All felt it had been a most interesting meeting.

The school year is nearing an end and staff parties and get-togethers are in order. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shier of Clarkson entertained at their home at a beef barbecue for the staff and their spouses of Percy Merry School on Friday, June 13. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all attending.

Birthday greetings this week to Ron Vander Marel, Anne Hilson, Mrs. N. Fleming, Mrs.

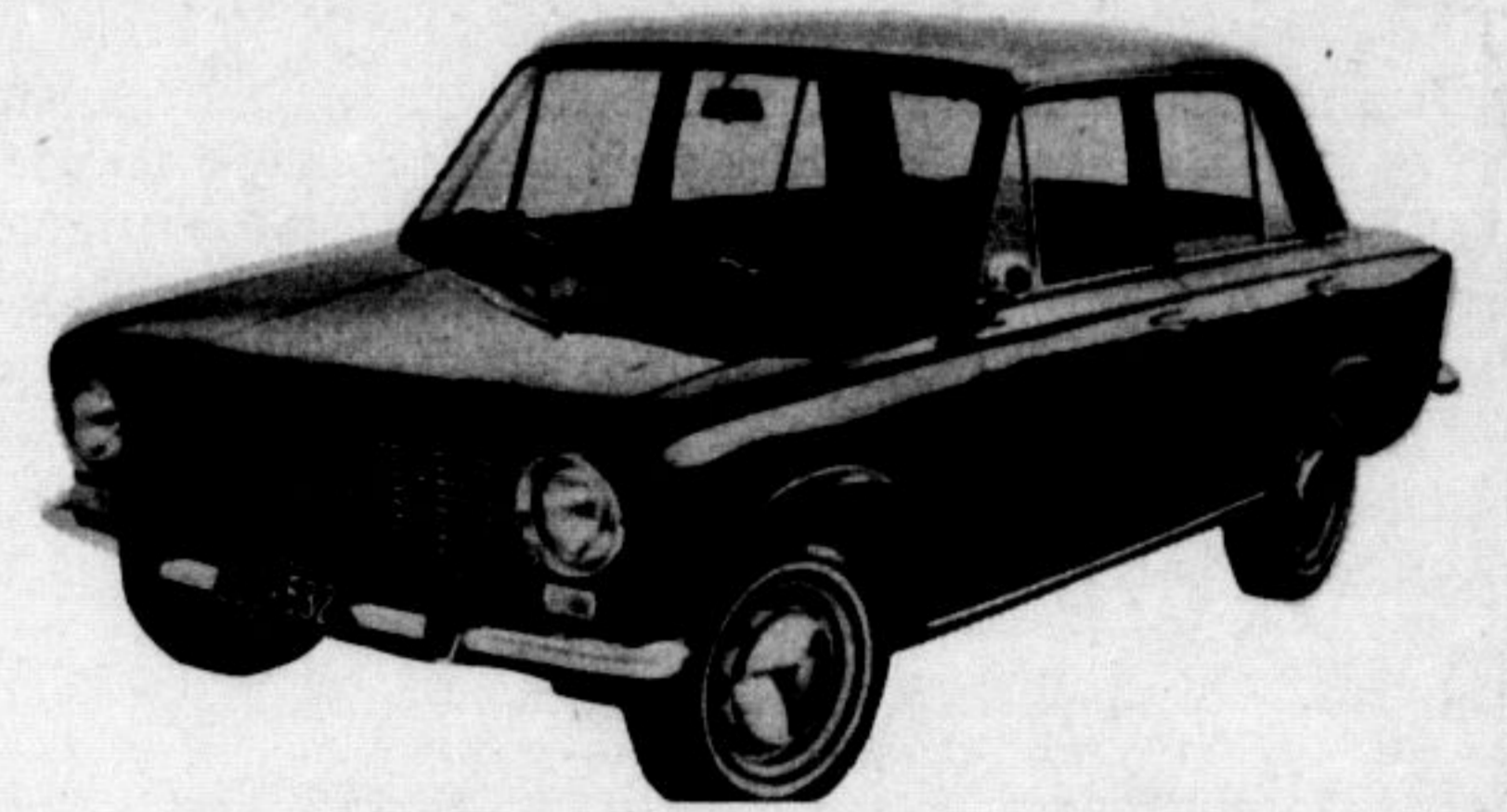
Geoffrey Drew-Brook, Dick Course, Michael Hesse, Sherry Deming, Maria Sequens, Raymond Villa, Stephen Cookson, Laurence Johnson, Ellen Morley, Garry Gooding and Eric Schubert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Ball were guests at the Youngs-North wedding in Melrose United Church, Hamilton on Friday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. A dinner reception and dance followed the ceremony at the Dundas Golf and Curling Club, Dundas.

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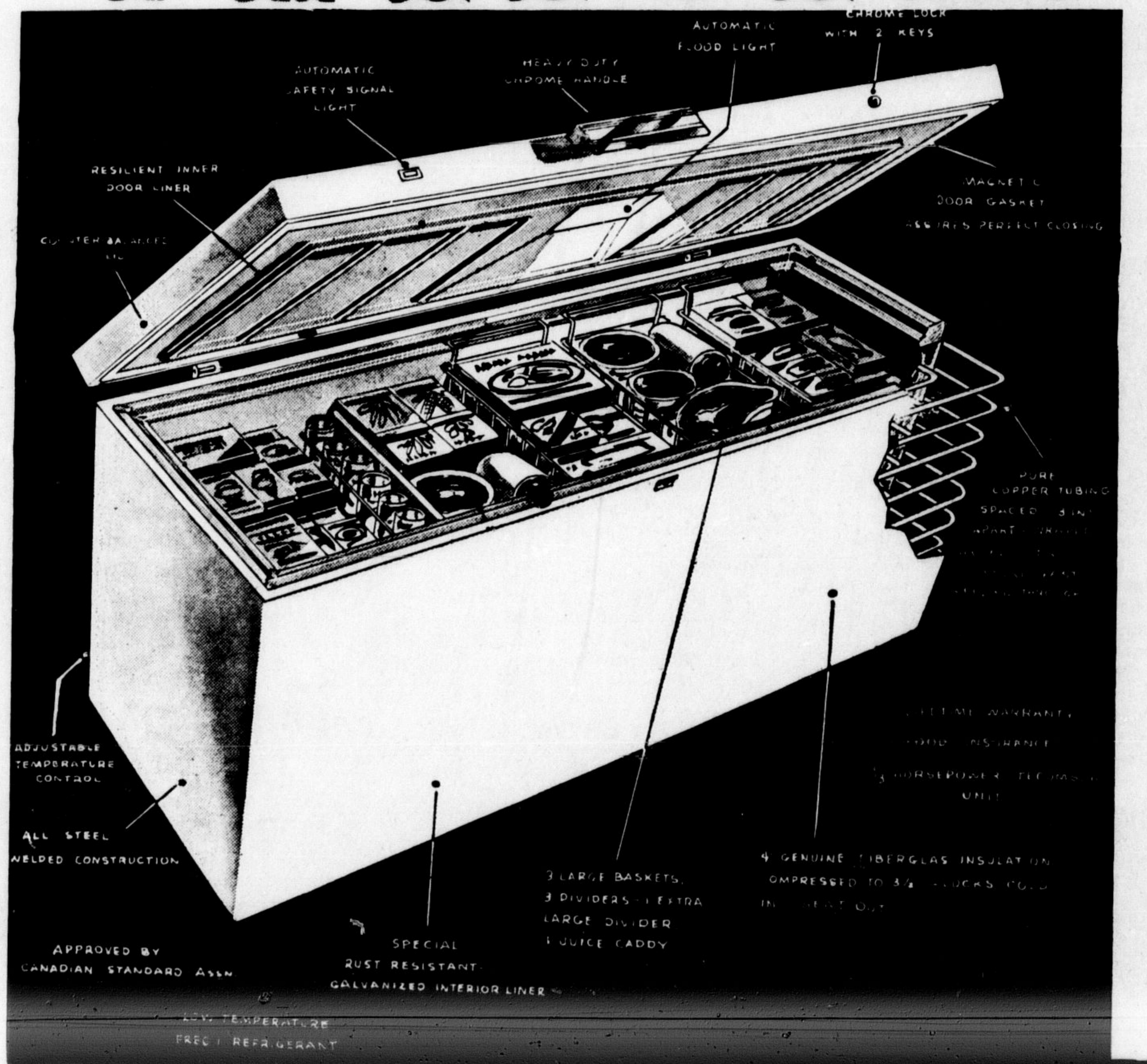
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