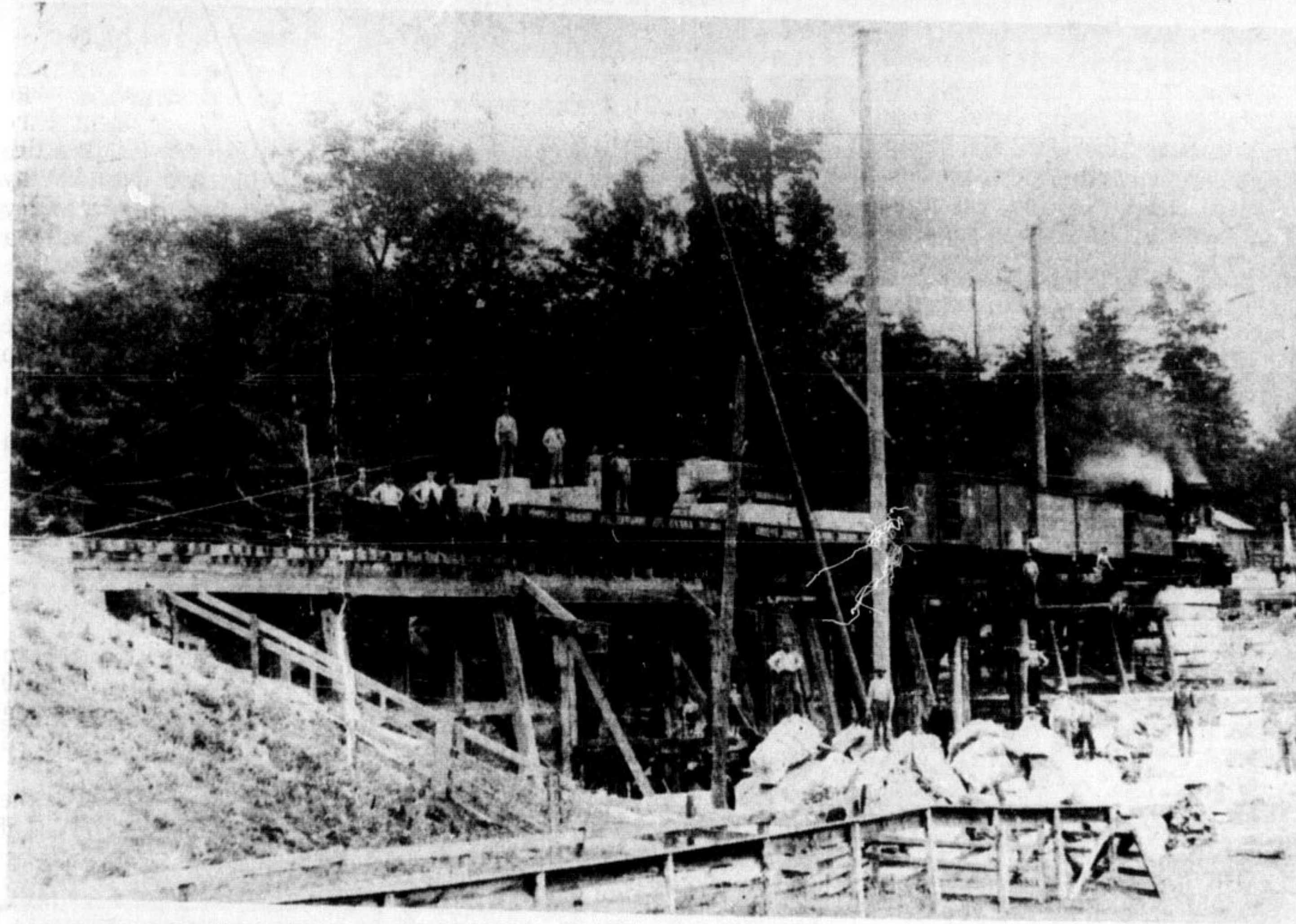
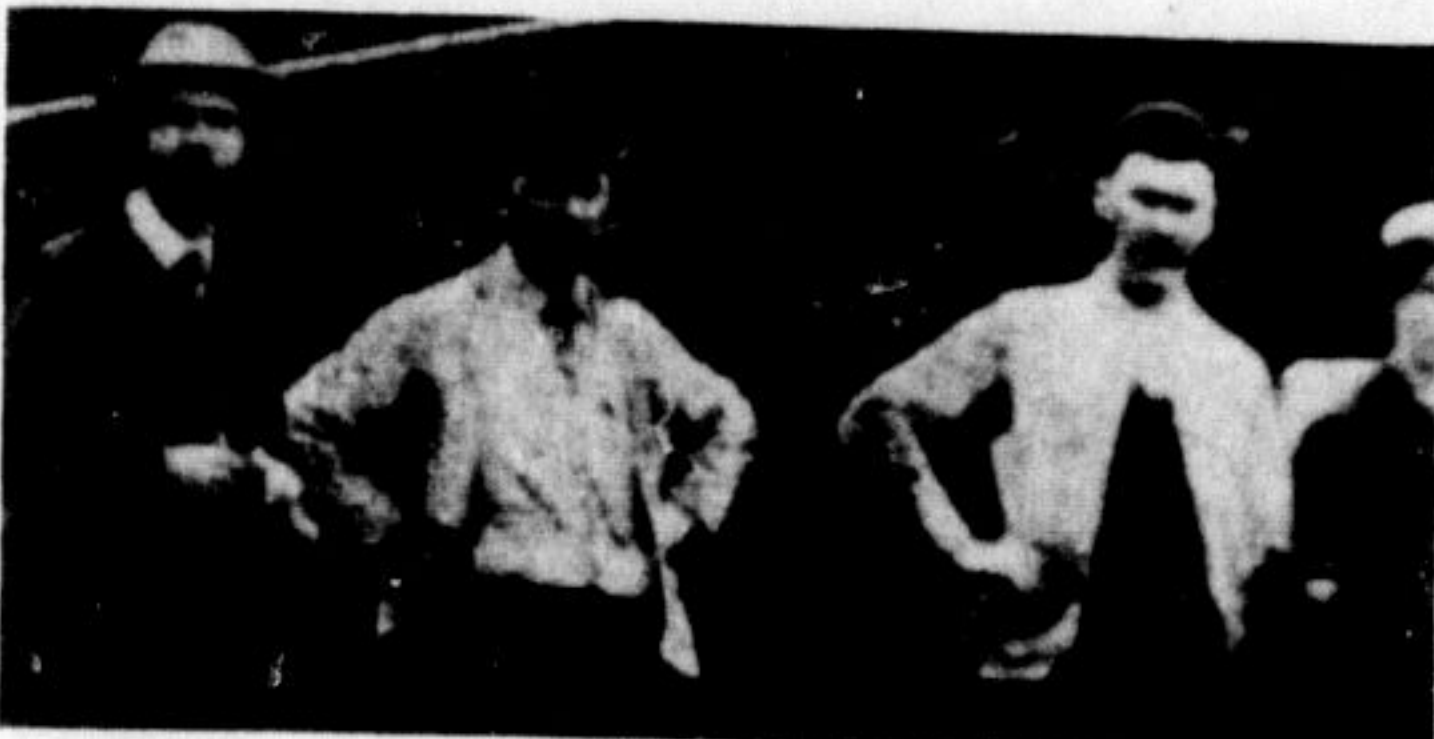


PEEKING INTO MILTON'S PAST



BUILDING THE CNR BRIDGE (then the Grand Trunk Railway) across the Sixteen Mile Creek and mill pond headwaters was depicted in this old photo taken around 1890, give or take five years. The man who loaned the photo is Gordon T. Roach of Toronto, whose father Albert Roach shown at the left side of the photo was station agent at Milton station at the time. Mr. Roach would like to know who the other men are. See the blow-up of their faces at left—can you name them?



OFA continues campaign to transfer education tax

Until further direction comes from membership, the campaign to remove education taxes from all property will be carried on, Ontario Federation of Agriculture manager Jack Hale told a sparse gathering of about 30 Halton County farmers in Esquesing Community Hall, last Wednesday night.

Mr. Hale told the group questionnaires will be mailed out to members soon, to ask their opinion about the provincial government's program of tax relief to farmers and needy pensioners, announced last week and whether they wish to continue supporting the campaign by withholding the education portion of the final installment of their 1970 taxes. About two thirds of those present at the meeting indicated they are willing to continue support.

Tax relief program
Under the new government program, a direct payment will be made to all owners of land assessed for farming equal to 25 per cent of their net 1970 property taxes. Owners of properties of

less than 11 acres must have a gross income of \$2,000 from the farming of their land to be eligible, however.

Further, should the land cease to qualify as farmland, the province will require payment with interest at an appropriate rate of all tax reductions granted on the property for 10 years preceding the date, when it ceases to qualify as farmland. This proviso was included to prevent farmers, who are farming land only while it is being held for speculative purposes, from receiving relief.

Basis of campaign
OFA has based its campaign on the principle that people, not property, benefits from education, therefore education should be paid for by tax and corporation taxes are the methods by which OFA suggests education should be paid for.

Although he emphasized the decision on continuation of the campaign would be left entirely up to the general membership, Mr. Hale expressed the opinion the province is "throwing farmers a bone to shut them up," by announcing the new tax relief program.

"In no way does the government proposal answer the problem, as we have laid it before them," he said.

HFA president speaks
Halton Federation of Agriculture president Denzil Lawrence expressed the opinion education tax is only the start of farmers' problems. He cited the province's re-assessment of land at 100 per cent market value as the main problem.

A Burlington farmer pointed out the increase in assessment in Halton had been even greater than the rise in Chinguacousy township, where re-assessment resulted in industry paying \$4,000 less in taxes and farms and urban homes paying \$4,000 more.

Mr. Lawrence also presented a list of county farmers he said are willing to support the OFA program in 1971, but for whom the program was introduced too late this year. Taxes in Burlington and Oakville are paid in one installment, he explained, and several Esquesing farmers paid their taxes before August 1 in order to take advantage of a percentage discount the township offers.

In answer to a question from Halton County Board of Education trustee William Lawson about what support the Federation could expect to receive from municipal councils, Mr. Hale said most he had contacted, including Esquesing Council, had said they would not resort to distress selling of property if taxes are withheld. Possible penalty for tax withholding for a short term is interest charges not to exceed 1 per cent per month.

Demonstration important
Mr. Hale stressed that farmers withholding the education portion

of their taxes should be sure to explain why they are doing so to their respective municipal clerks. He termed the withholding program "a means of demonstrating to the government you mean business", but added it was in no way intended to be a punishment for municipal councils or school boards. Farmers in some municipalities in Ontario have already withheld taxes he said.

As an example of what he called "a shift from the cities to rural township" of education costs, Mr. Hale pointed out six Lambton County farm families paid a total of \$4,613 in education taxes, an average of \$768 per family, while four urban families in the same county paid \$768 an average of only \$192 per family.

However, Mr. Hale went on to say any property owner, farm, rural or urban can support the OFA campaign by withholding taxes. He explained the Federation hopes to achieve elimination of education taxes from all property, not just farm land.



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Vocal, instrumental music recommended for schools

A Music Program Council urged Halton County Board of Education to bring in a vocal and instrumental music program in

the high schools and middle schools and recommends instrumental music education courses should be available to students in the middle schools.

The report to Thursday's board meeting suggests middle schools be equipped with a basic set of board-owned instruments and equipment valued at \$3,746 per school.

The report also urges music be offered as an option in grade nine and that a program be offered in grades 10, 11 and 12 in combined classes where necessary.

George Houselander, assistant co-ordinator of creative arts said it was too bad vocal music stopped at grade eight. "Why stop singing out after grade eight? Singing is a God-given thing, why not use it," he told the board.

Two agree
Trustees Hugh Clohery and George Pelletterio supported the recommendations of the council and agreed music appreciation should be an important part of a

younger's education. Trustee Liberty Pease suggested the course should not be a credit course as it was more of a social asset than a career aid.

Concerned about the trend towards open concept schools, Trustee Dick Goodin asked if geography would be taught in one corner and music in the other. He was advised music and shop instruction were given in the confines of closed classrooms, even in the open concept classrooms.

All or nothing
Fred Armitage knocked a suggestion that maintenance fees be charged to the students. Mr. Armitage said "if we can't provide instruments and cover the cost we shouldn't offer them at all."

The Board accepted the report but took no action at the meeting. The matter will come before the board within the next month for further consideration.

Low issue

While at least three of the town's major developments of 1970 are currently underway, permits for construction issued by the town of Milton during September hit a low of \$23,440. The largest of the five permits issued was \$13,800 representing one residential expansion.

Permits for construction valued at \$915,440 have been issued so far this year in Milton.

New homes

Permits for construction valued at \$75,800 were issued during the month of September in Nassagaweya Township, bringing the total to date in 1970 to \$750,095.

All four permits were residential and three represent new homes.

Opportunity may only knock once but temptation leans on the doorbell!

ESQUESING Township Council BRIEFS

At their regular meeting Monday Esquesing Council:

—Received a copy of the regulations which define the protected zone for the Niagara Escarpment within the boundaries of Esquesing township from the Department of Mines and Northern Affairs.

—Approved for payment road accounts in the amounts of \$93,726.16 as presented by roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow. The amount includes \$13,500 which is to be borrowed from the Imperial Bank of Commerce Georgetown, for the purchase of a new road grader and paid back in the roads program in the year 1971 with regards to spreading the cost of the grader over the years 1970 and 1971.

—Learned from clerk-treasurer Delmar French the township paid out a total of \$19,553.88 in interest in 1969 and has already paid out a total of \$25,652.88 in 1970.

—Agreed to donate \$50 to the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded for the year 1970. The Association had asked council by letter for a donation towards their auction sale to be held at the Milton Agricultural Hall Saturday October 31. Proceeds of the sale are to be used for construction of a new wing on the Association's building.

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill presided for the three hour meeting in the absence of reeve George Currie who is attending the Canadian Good Roads Association Convention in Ottawa.

Const. Robert Moreau rejoins Milton Police

Const. Robert K. Moreau, a well known local resident with nine years of experience in police work, has rejoined the Milton Police Department.

He will hold the rank of Second Class Constable. Const. Moreau has lived in Milton for the past 10 years and most of his experience in police work has been in Milton and Halton County.

He is married, has three children and lives at 209 Heslop Rd.

—Use Champion classifieds.

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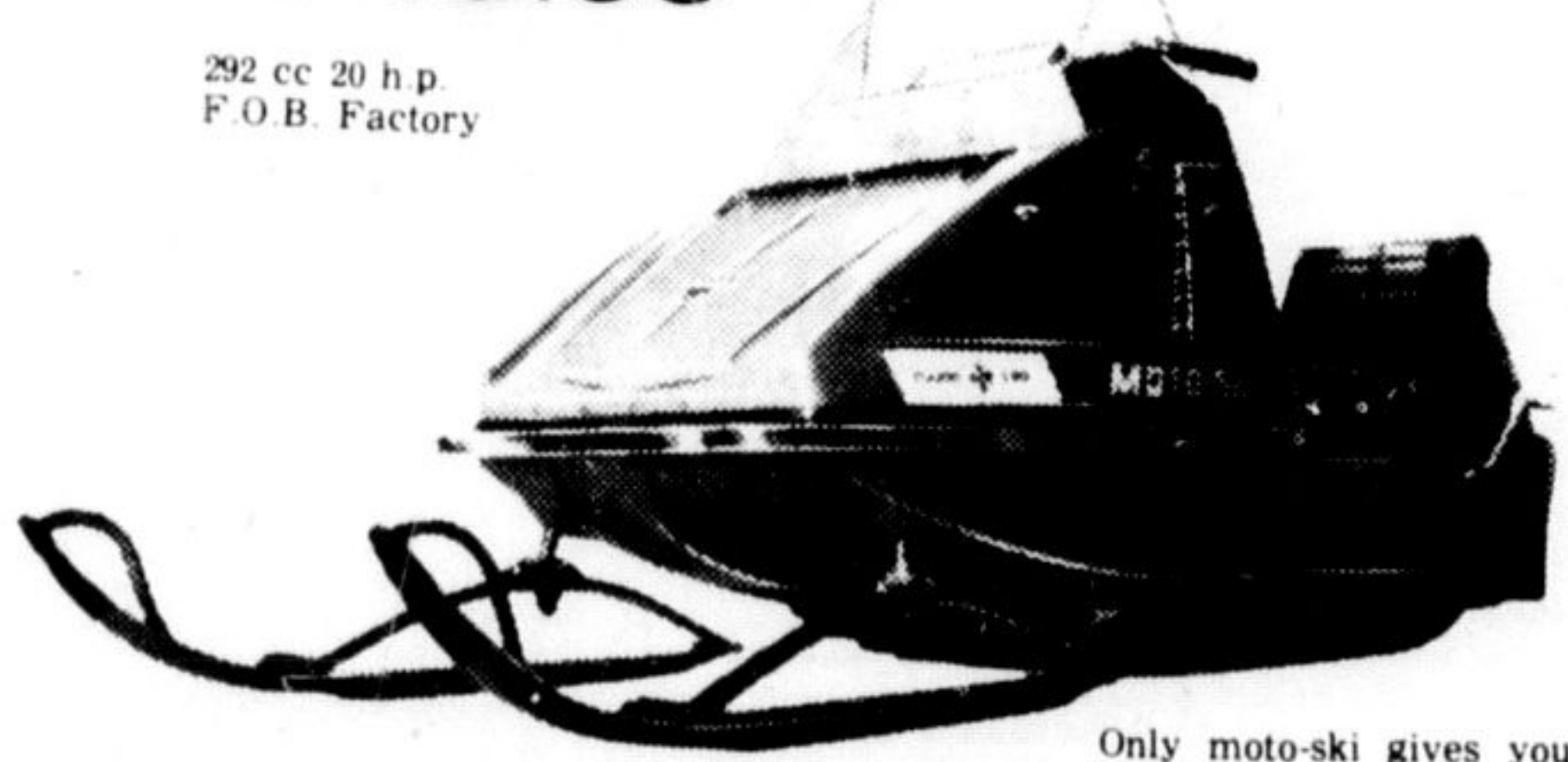


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