

Gymnastics, music, skits at open house

The Milton District High School Open House was rated a success by all who attended. About 300 people were present to watch the auditorium presentation.

Participants in the program were girl gymnasts Deanna Odenbach, Debbie Appleton, Maria Mazzorato, Karen Johnston and Evelyn Kuschnik. Bob Reed, Brad Joyce and Mike Arnold presented their demonstrations on the rings and high bar. Debbie Walden and Jane Wilson presented a musical interlude on behalf of the Folk Club.

The band also favored with a few musical pieces. The Drama Club gave the audience a peek at what is coming up in the next performance "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" to be presented May 13, 14 and 15.

Streaker too
The Theatre Arts class presented a skit involving the park bench theme. Included in the performance were Julie Barber, Neil Clarkson, Debbie DeBruyn, Andrea Duffy, Marlene Hume, Susan McComb, George McIlwraith, Patti Orr, Janet Shreiber, Mark Grenke and Gary Durman.

Adding to the park bench scene was streaker Neil

Clarkson who appeared a second time during the instant replay of the skit as staged by the students. Jeff Whaling emceed the program.

The students were congratulated for the interesting performance and display.

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Hi Q team is victorious

By Steven Dills
The Milton District High School Hi Q contingent returned to Milton victorious Friday after defeating White Oaks S.S. and winning the championship.

Hi Q is a game show testing intelligence, sponsored by the Hamilton-Wentworth Board of Education and broadcast over CHCH-TV in Hamilton. The game is open to a group of four Grade 12 students in the Hamilton area. Hi Q was represented by Milton, White Oaks and Blakelock. The rest of the competition came from Hamilton-Wentworth schools.

Milton's team of John Chapman, Mike Kendrick, Ian Kirby and sub Bill Fay defeated three Hamilton high school teams before entering the semi-finals against

Beamsville. By the semi-finals all the Hamilton teams were out of the running and White Oaks was playing Dundas for a position in the finals.

North vs. south
Milton soundly defeated Beamsville and White Oaks put out Dundas leaving only Halton, in the north vs. the south, in the competition.

By the end of the first of a two game total point series it looked as if the south, White Oaks, would win out but the score was still close . . . 510-490 for White Oaks.

Milton brains jumped to work at the beginning of the second round and took a healthy lead. Milton maintained the lead throughout the round, winning 610-430. The final score was 1,100-940 with Milton the jubilant winners.

Student Gord Thompson is studying in Belgium

Gordon Thompson of Milton was recently selected to participate in a one year international student exchange program sponsored by Rotary Clubs International. He is studying in Belgium.

A grade 12 student at Milton District High School, Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson of 382 Maplewood Cresc., Milton. He wrote this article on his impressions to date:

By Gordon Thompson
It is surprising how fast eight months pass, especially when one is always seeing new things and trying to find time to see others. I can remember as though it were only yesterday, leaving Toronto for Montreal and after a 14-hour delay, continuing on for Brussels. My "home town" for the year is Marche-en-Famenne, in the Ardennes region of Belgium. The village is typical of those in the French-speaking provinces: quite small, narrow roads, with the houses built right up against the sidewalks, and with a square in the centre of the town. The square originally was used for town gatherings but, with the advent of modern times, it is now a parking lot. The little shops, such as the butcher, the baker and the pastry-maker, considered typical of Europe, are slowly being driven out of business by

large internationally owned shopping chains. The cafes, on the other hand, are still thriving—Marche has 45 to serve a population of 4,000.

The beginning of September brought with it the beginning of school. Mine is run by Catholic priests and is an all-boys' school, although in the liberally-minded sections of the bigger cities, mixed schools are starting.

In French
The system is the old one of being with the same class all year (and often all through one's school years) and of studying a set course of perhaps 12 subjects. The biggest difference, however, was having all my classes in French, and until Christmas, although I was making progress I could not follow the instruction in any class. Now it is much better and in June I will no doubt try the final exams, which are oral, in front of a jury of seven teachers!

Most people go to Europe to travel and I suppose I have done my fair share. Until Christmas, I spent most of my time seeing Belgium, with a tour into Luxembourg. Just before the Christmas holidays, I went to Alicante, Spain, for four days to visit my grandparents who were there for a month. The weekend after that I left for two weeks of skiing and ski-instructing in the Swiss Alps

at Leysin. For the Mardi-Gras Carnival, I went to Nice and the Cote d'Azur in France. We went down by car, crossing the whole of France. While there we toured the French and Italian coasts, stopping for a half day at both Monte-Carlo and Cannes.

My latest trip was once again a skiing one—this time to Lech in Austria, where I saw my parents for a few days. Tomorrow, being the beginning of Easter holidays, I leave for Italy, in particular to visit Rome, Florence and Venice, which should be very interesting. After that, the Belgian Rotary District 163 is holding its District Conference, at which Rotarians from all over Belgium, a few from neighboring countries and the 20 American and Canadian Exchange students hosted here by Rotary International will be present for

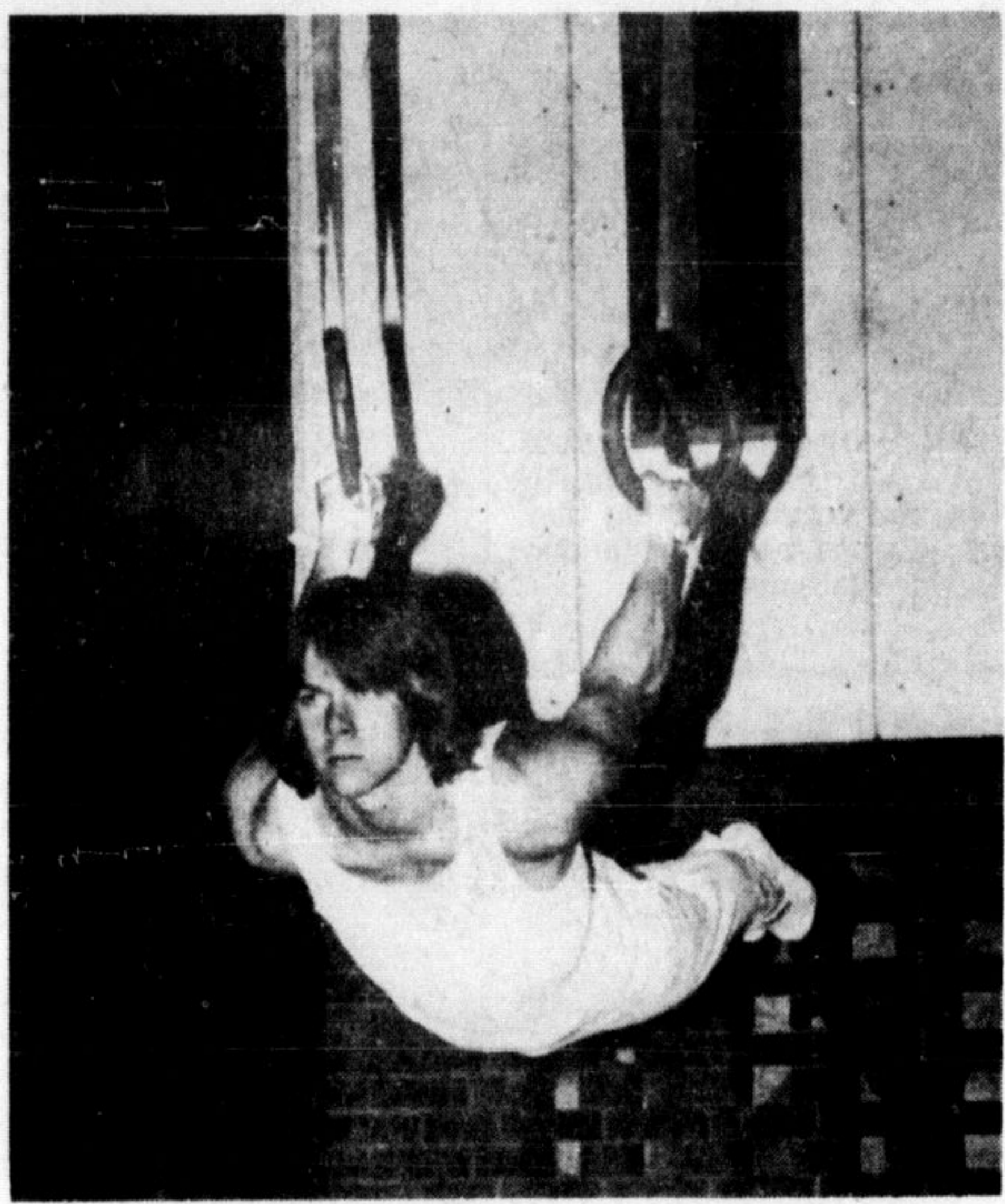
the weekend.

The Student Exchange Program is unbelievably well organized, with Rotary International placing students in host clubs in more than 30 countries, and the host clubs in turn placing the student in three to four host families for one year. My host families have been great, treating me like another son, and really helped at the beginning with my learning of French.

I have learned a great deal about the people in Belgium and of other countries as well, both through my day-to-day living with them and with the many contacts with the International Exchange Students. The variety of ways in which different cultures approach things has been fascinating. The next four months already seem too short to do all things I want to do.

I cannot thank the Rotary Club of Milton and District 709 of Rotary International enough for the opportunity they have given to me.

—Many local fishermen are catching smelt at Bronte.



BRAD JOYCE hangs solidly from the rings during his performance at the Milton District High School open house Wednesday.

(Photo by S. Dills)



CHARLIE BROWN (Marlene Hume) is coming to Milton District High School in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." The play begins May 13 at MDHS for a three night engagement.

(Photo by S. Dills)

—The next local blood donor clinic is Thursday, May 23. —May 1 to 7 is Child Safety Week.



BOB REED hangs inverted from the high bar during his gymnastics display presented at Milton District High School during the recent open house.

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STREAKING across the stage to end the Grade 12 Theatre Arts production is Neil Clarkson. Our camera caught him on the instant replay of the scene.

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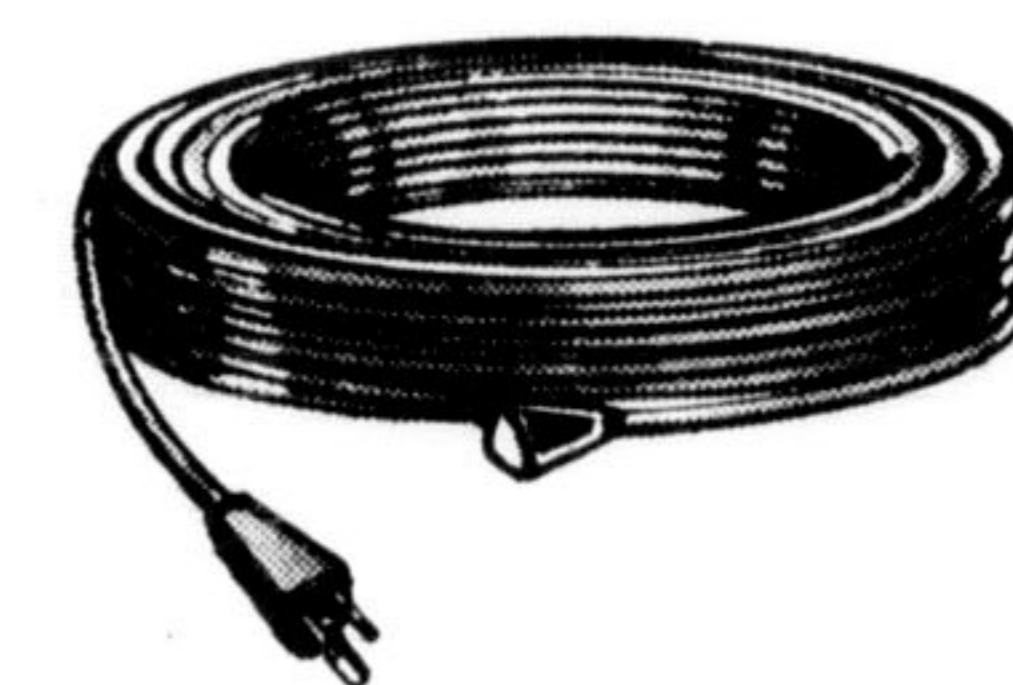
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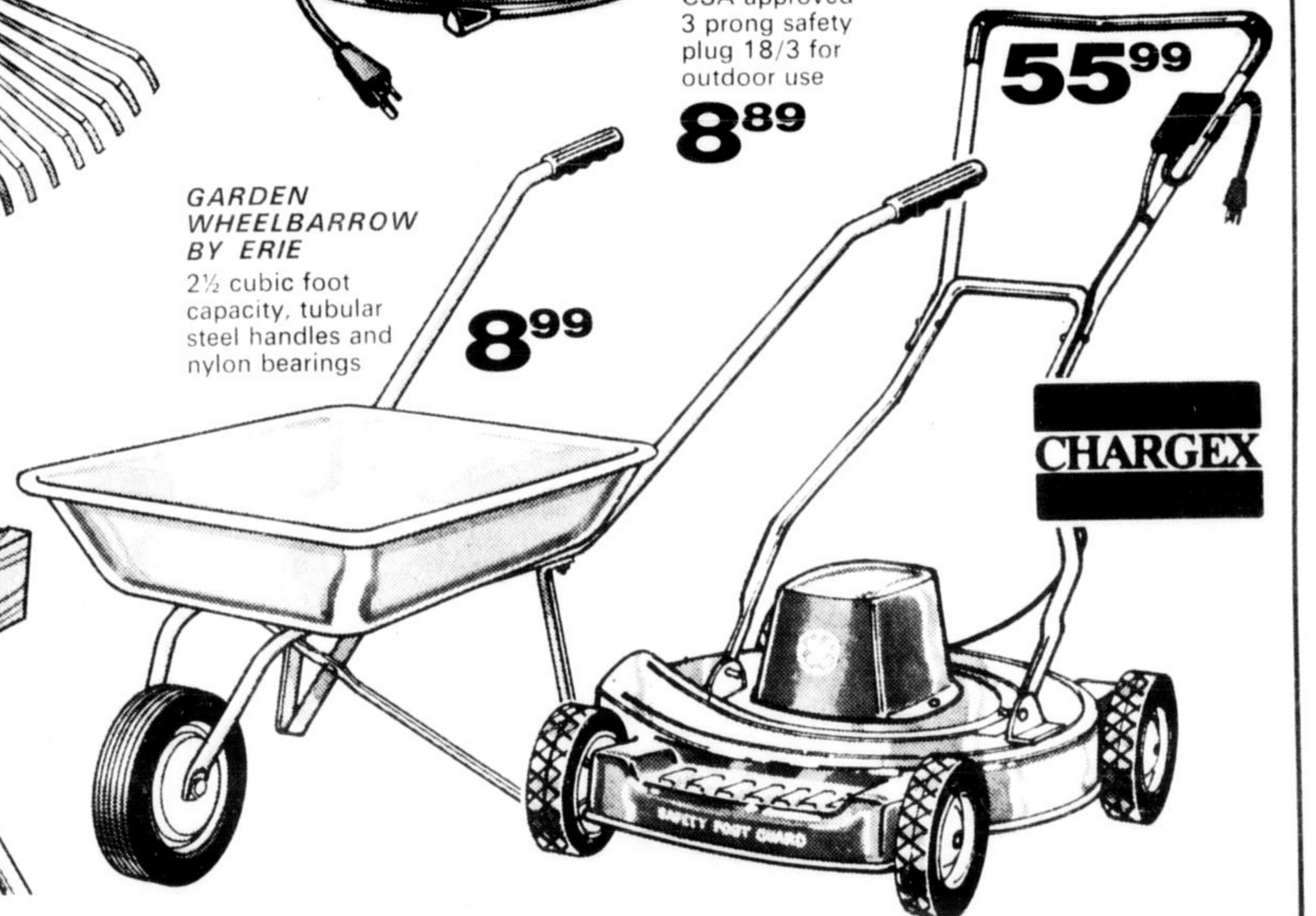
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