

## Lower grades favor new system, but

# Senior students don't like semesters

With the school year almost over, our roving reporter spent some time at Milton District High School collecting opinions and ideas about the semester system which was introduced at MDHS in September. During the first year most of the bugs were ironed out but there are still a few left, according to reports received.

By Steven Dills

After spending time researching and gathering opinions, I noted that the large majority were satisfied with the change although the grade 13 students seemed almost wholly against the semester system. Grade 12 students for the most part sided with the 13s, saying that the system was invoked for the sake of change, while students from the lower grades seemed in favor of the change.

Chuck Mearns, grade 9: "It's good. I like it. The periods seem short but you have to get used to them."

Juliana Marchesich, grade 9: "It's good. Some subjects such as Home Economics are good because you can do better things and there is more time to do more things. It would be too confusing with a full load but four subjects are OK."

Boring Brian Farrell, grade 10: "It

has its disadvantages, especially for grade 13 students. Long periods are boring too. The system simplifies the work load but it doesn't cut it down."

Michele Doherty, grade 12: "It's easier in class but there are more projects in a shorter time. I'd rather work more at home on projects."

Wendy Knapton, grade 11: "I like it. There is too much homework and a lot of projects."

Carol Joyne, grade 13: "It certainly doesn't help grade 13 students. There are more problems than advantages. The system is just changing for the sake of change. I seriously think it's disgusting."

Mary Fay, grade 10: "I think it's good. The time goes faster. The work is all at the end of the semester but there are not many projects."

Not too much Paula Russell, grade 9: "Very good. The periods aren't too long. You learn more. There isn't too much work."

Ellen Gooding, grade 11: "It's pretty good because the student can concentrate on one subject at a time." She also thought the length of periods was "great."

Jim Cassidy, grade 13: "It's OK. The teachers handed out more assignments." The teachers and students were overworked, according to Jim.

Teresa Keane, grade 9: "I kinda like it. I think it's better, we're learning a lot. The periods are not really too long."

Cathy Jefferson, grade 11: "I think it's good because there are only four subjects a day." She didn't think the periods were too long or the work load was too heavy.

Rose Savard, grade 9: "I don't like it. With four subjects in one semester you forget things by the next year. The period length is alright, but I'd rather have the same subjects throughout the year."

Meet people John Kelman, grade 12: "The semester system is the best thing that happened to MDHS. You can get out of school in a short time and you meet more people."

Doug Vaughan, grade 10: "It's good. If you fail you're only half a semester behind." Kathy Elliot, grade 9: "It's OK. I've never tried anything else. The periods are not too long. The heaviest work load is in the middle."

John Van Ogtrop, grade 13: "I don't like it. You can lose the chance for a lot of jobs because of the extra two weeks at the end." These weeks were added on because of the semester break at the end of January.

Kim Sloski, grade 10: "I really like it. The period length is fine. I can take extra subjects."

Work in middle Lauren Morrow, grade 9: "It's OK for subjects like Art and Home Economics. The science and maths are kinda boring. The periods are too long for academic subjects. The most work is near the middle of the semester."

Sue Borland, grade 13: "It's fine, I like it. I don't like the longer school year. It's better because there are no exams."

Denise McCann, grade 11: "I like it better now than at the first of the year. It's really good. I like it better than the old system."

Wendy Dimock, grade 10: "It's OK. The periods aren't too long. Don't like getting out of school later than last year." (By this she meant later in the school year.)

"You don't learn as much. The classes drag."

Nancy Nova, grade 12: "It's good because you have enough time to concentrate on your subjects. The longer periods mean more work is being done. I think the work is spread throughout the semester."

Just right Jeanie Blacklock, grade 10: "I like it a lot better than last year. The periods are just about right. The work load is spread throughout the year."

Mr. D. Sale, music teacher: "I like the longer periods, but I don't like the semester break. The lack of continuity, four month break in studies."

Bill Fay, grade 12: "It stinks, it's terrible. We're not learning in the last three weeks. The work load is the same. The longer periods are OK in the sciences but not in arts subjects. (Math, English) There is more homework this year."

Mr. J. Horner, geography teacher: "I think it's good. Excellent for the students in that they can get through faster. I think it's something that will improve with future semesters."

Terry Kane, grade 12: "I don't like it. The classes are too long and boring. So are the spares. The shorter classes were more interesting."

Get more done Marilyn Hood, grade 10: "The periods are too long. In some of the classes the work is spread throughout the semester but in others it's heavy in the middle. We're not learning as much. In gym it's good. There is more time so we get more done."

Mr. C. Heath, Forum co-ordinator: "I think it's good. The free time is controlled. This situation is most valuable. There is also time to participate in recreation, to gain extra help, and to visit the Forum."

In view of these comments it seems the Grade 12 and 13 students are finding it more difficult to adjust to the new system than the students in lower grades. This would then seem highly likely since the

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students in higher grades spent more time adapting to the 40 minute periods with nine periods a day. Students in the lower grades may not have completely adapted to the shorter periods before they experienced the longer, more comprehensive periods. As for the teachers, they just followed the administration.



SAFETY BIKE RODEO at Ontario School for the Deaf was conducted last week by OPP Constable Jim Redpath. Here he helps Shelly Noseworthy get started on the prescribed route while teacher Nancy Ledger keeps notes and Bobby Neil waits his turn.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

## Administration likes system

The semester system at Milton District High School has proven itself in the eyes of the administration. R.C. Hunter, principal at MDHS, during an address to the student body last week pointed out that a staff committee had evaluated the system and recommended that it be continued.

The committee submitted a 10-point brief of recommendations for 1974-75. They include, the semestered organization be continued, that the same schedule of periods be used, that quiet places to study be provided, and that staff be provided with more clerical help.

Check resources It was also recommended that the teachers make greater use of the Forum in support of their curriculum, that a serious study of attendance procedures be made to effect improvement and that a study of the availability of resources and student use of the library be undertaken.

The committee recommended that there be more activities for students on free time and that individual houses plan more activities within the house.

A major recommendation was that the dates of major tests and project deadlines be co-ordinated to provide an even distribution of work.

## Safety clinic here for motorcyclists

Anyone interested in motorcycling—the right way—is invited to attend a learn-to-ride safety clinic this Saturday at Milton Plaza.

Local Yamaha dealer The Racer's Edge, Mill St. in co-operation with the manufacturer is sponsoring the all-day clinic, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Gallinger Motors' lot in the Plaza. It's open to riders of all ages but those under 18 should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Motorcycles, helmets and instruction will be provided free. Besides safety, the

clinic will zero in on controlling, balancing, stopping and starting two-wheelers.



TONY TIELEMANS of 340 Main St., Milton won \$25 in a cross-Canada fire prevention poster contest sponsored by the Joint Fire Prevention Publicity Committee. Tony, 16, a grade 10 student at Milton District High School, won sixth prize in the senior division of the competition. He submitted three entries. The cheque was forwarded to Milton Fire Chief A. E. Clement, who presented it to Tony on Thursday. (Photo by R. Downs)



"Tom wants me to fix his dinner, Helen. Let me call you back in about a minute."

## Champion Youth Page



CAST OF AUNT TILLIE are members of the Presbyterian Young People's Society at Knox church in Milton. From left they are Cathy McLeod, Jim Claridge, Richard Arnold, Dave Charlton, Debbie Leggo, Ian Duncan and Janice Schuyler.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

## Aunt Tillie comes to Milton to raise money

To raise money to adopt a child through Christian Children's Fund of Canada, the young people of Knox Presbyterian Church presented a three act comedy Friday and Saturday entitled Aunt Tillie Goes to Town.

Under the direction of Jim Schofield, the play takes place in Aunt Tillie's country home with Cathy McLeod playing the leading role. Unlike Aunt Tillie who hates all men her maid, Lucinda Talbot played by Marilyn Martin, is anxious to be married. From there the play progresses to include Aunt Tillie's niece played by Erin Schisizzi, a young novelist by Janice Schuyler and additional cast Debbie Leggo, Dave Charlton, Jim Claridge, Ian Duncan, Richard Arnold, Donna Jackson and Anna Willats.

Working hard behind the scenes to provide an impressive set, make-up and costumes and all those other jobs necessary to make such a production a success were: Diana Deboer, Cathy Jefferson, Don Koslik, Marilyn Vandervliet, Margaret Posthuma, Sharon McPhail, Tom Hawkins, Sheila Willats, Jane Wilson, John Vandervliet, Brad Brush, Lettie MacNeil, Marilyn McPhail and Les Sargent.

## C. Currie heads SC

Charles Currie was elected President of the Milton District High School student council. Charles defeated incumbent vice-president Caroline Rusk and treasurer Irene Tarnowsky.

Garth Twitchell was acclaimed vice-president and Les Sargent was acclaimed treasurer.

Nora Gregoris defeated Sandra Ramsbottom in the race for secretary.

Campaign speeches were heard at an assembly of the student body last Monday and voting took place Tuesday.

Milton's municipal office has changed its office hours to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the summer months.

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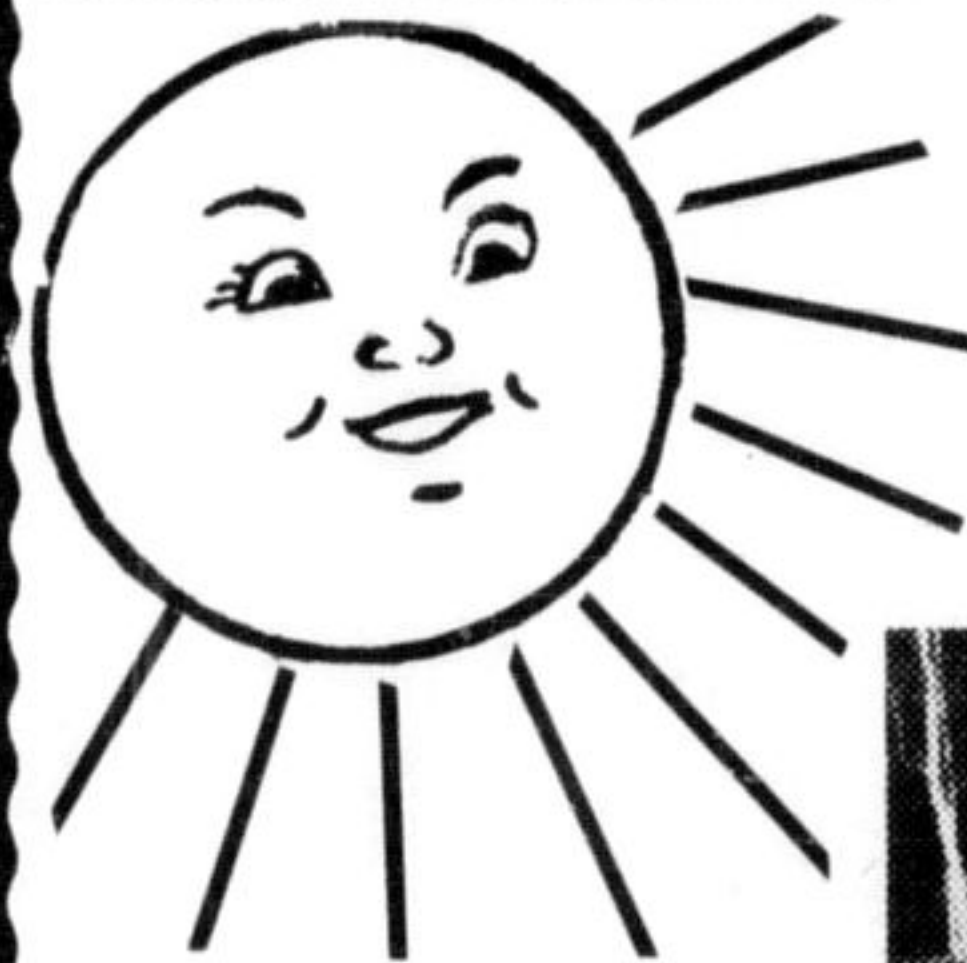
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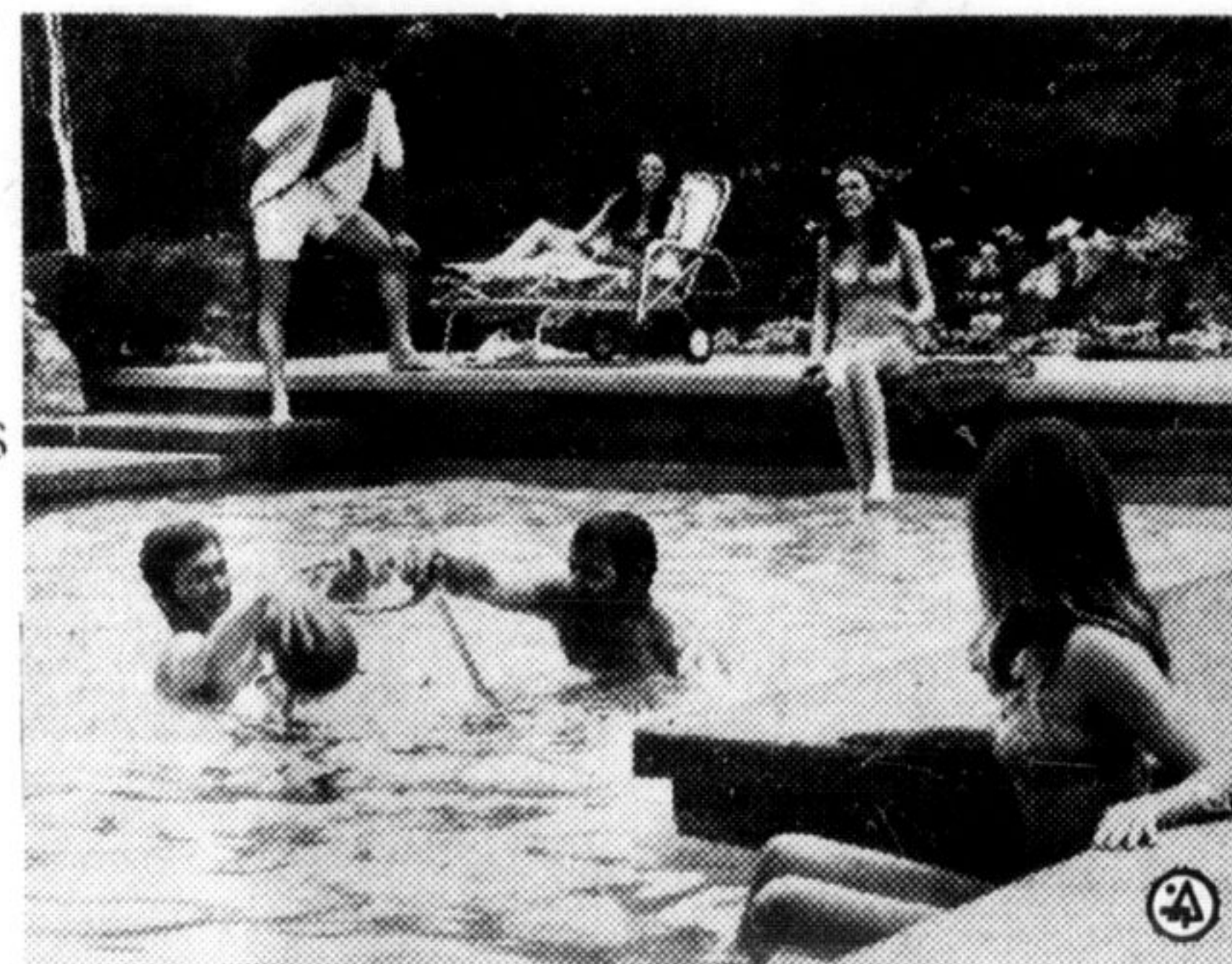
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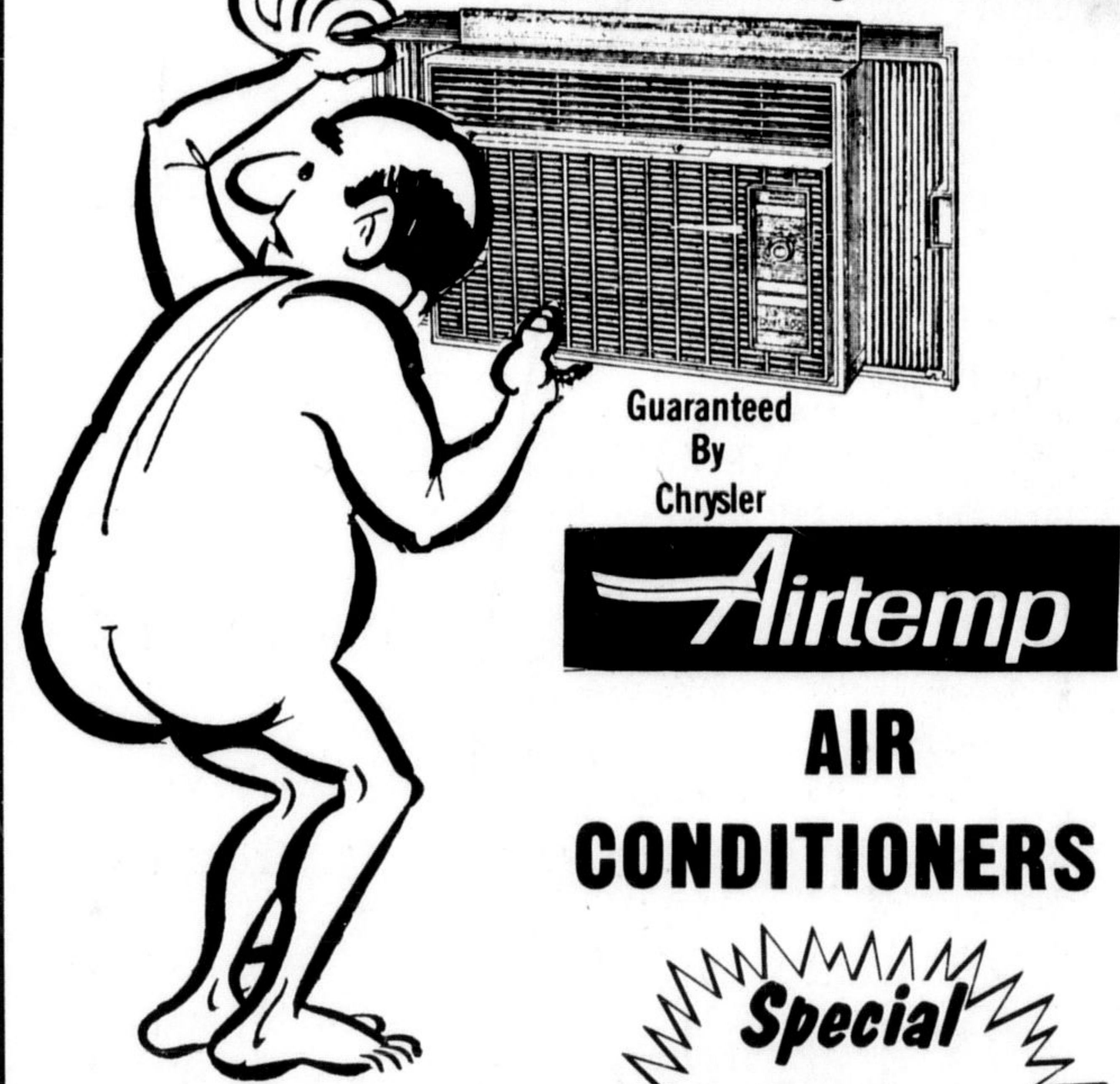
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