



Go-kart contest

Our drivers place fifth

The Dills Publishing team finished a surprising fifth in the annual Mississauga News Christmas Fund go-kart racing meet held at the North Halton Go-Kart Club Saturday.

The rather inexperienced duo of Milton Champion sportswriters Lee Fairbanks and Rod Jerred teamed up with veteran kart driver Al Currie—husband of Georgetown Independent News Editor Anne Currie—on the Dills team. They amassed 38 points on first and second place finishes by both Fairbanks and Currie and two thirds by Jerred who claims he faced much sterner competition.

The winners of the competition, the Kamikaze Kart Klub from Mississauga, won the racing with 51 points. Second spot went to Mississauga News with 45 points, third to Coulas Real Estate with 43 points and fourth to Kennedy Ford Sports Cars with 39.

The only local competition for the Dills Publishing team, The Georgetown Herald entry finished a dismal last in a field of 18 teams, with 19 points.

Point system
Each racer ran three races with the first one a warm-up race which only counted in case of a tie in the team standings. Nine points were given for a first place finish, six for a second and four for a third. The number of drivers in a race varied depending on how many karts were in running order at the time. Most races had three to five karts.

The Dills team began slowly with Fairbanks and Currie capturing seconds in their preliminaries and Jerred finishing third in his. Currie and Fairbanks finished second in their second outing, both a fair distance behind the winners but both well ahead of the rest of the racers.

Jerred ran into a bit of what he refers to as "bad luck" in his second race. In an over-exuberant attempt to pass a driver on the inside of a hair-pin turn, a move Jerred shamefully admits, was rather stupid, he hit the second place driver and knocked him off the track.

Black flag
For this act Jerred was black-flagged and forced to let the other drivers pass him. But Jerred redeemed himself somewhat by passing the fourth driver (a woman) and placing third in the race.

In the final set of races the Dills team let out the throttle. They moved up in the standings with first place finishes by both Fairbanks and Currie.

Currie calmly won his race, displaying the driving expertise matched only by a Sunday afternoon drive in the country as he grabbed the lead on the first turn and never lost it throughout the five lap race.

Fairbanks did the same thing with his victory, skillfully manoeuvring the turns and preventing all opponents from passing him. (And if you want to hear more on how Fairbanks won his race, just ask him—he'll gladly give you an hour-long description on how he won the five-lap, five-minute race.)

Poor spot, kart
In the end, a first place finish for the team rested with Jerred but unfortunately the luck of the draw gave him the third and final pole position and a kart which hadn't seen a winner all day.

Not to give up, Jerred decided his only chance was to gamble on the turns and stay close to the other two

drivers in hopes they made a mistake.

Unfortunately Jerred was the one who made the miscue as he spun out on one of the turns, killing any hope for a second or first place finish. The trio, however, was proud of its fifth place finish and vowed they would be back to win the meet next year.

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One man is unconscious and listed in poor condition in the intensive care unit at Hamilton General Hospital following a motorcycle-car collision on the Guelph Line late Sunday night.

Thirty-year-old Gregory Hynes of Toronto was seriously injured in the 10.30 p.m. accident on Guelph Line north of Highway 401. He was a passenger on a motorcycle involved in a collision with a car, according to the Milton

OPP. The driver of the motorcycle, 23-year-old Howard Usher of Milton suffered an arm injury and is in satisfactory condition at Milton District Hospital.

The driver of the automobile, Thomas Garvin of R.R. 1 Campbellville, was uninjured. Mr. Garvin's 1976 Datsun received \$3500 damage while the motorcycle received \$600 damage.

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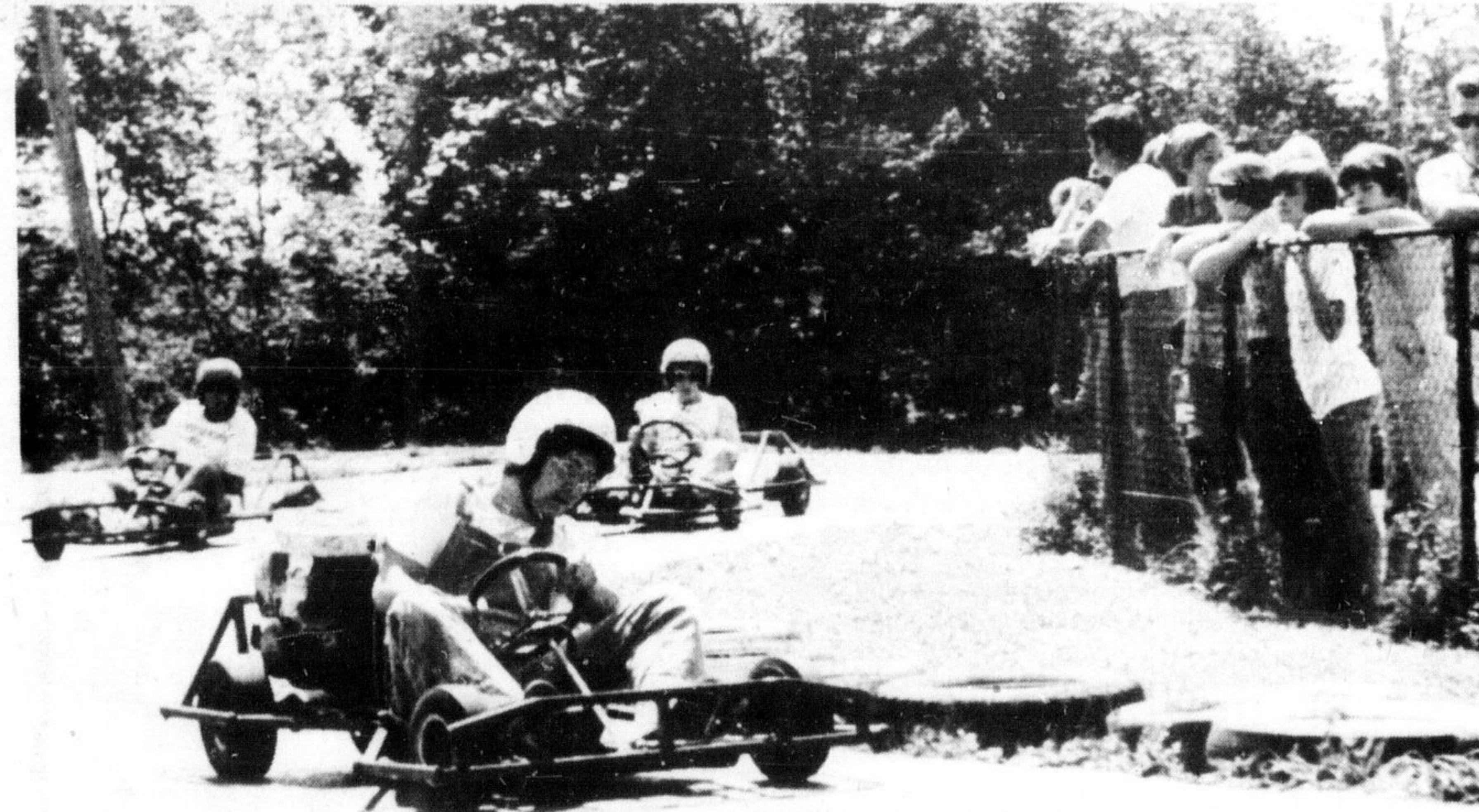
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SMILING LEE FAIRBANKS of The Champion handled this corner with the expertise that enabled him to finish second in this race at the

Mississauga Christmas Fund go-kart races held at the North Halton Go-Kart Club Saturday.



ROD (BLACK FLAG) JERRED manages to manoeuvre this corner without spinning out.

Later on in this particular race, Jerred ran into the kart driven by the smiling man behind him.

Trustees reject another supply teacher pay cut

An administration suggestion that supply teachers who come into a school and teach only one day receive 10 per cent less pay, didn't even have enough support from trustees to be voted on.

Thursday, Superintendent of Instruction John Boich recommended to the Halton Board of Education that supply teachers who teach less than two consecutive days for the same teacher be paid at a daily rate of 10 per cent less than the regular rate.

Boich explained that when the board decided to reinstate the pay cut, trustees hit Halton supply teachers with last winter the board asked for a report this summer.

"This suggestion shouldn't be thought of as a criticism of supply teachers. It is the result of an intensive look at absenteeism of our teachers, supply teachers use and costs," Boich declared.

He told the trustees last year the board spent \$425,000 on supply teachers and when this year's budget was struck,

that amount was cut back \$5,000. Boich explained with four months left in the school year there isn't much left in the supply teachers' budget so it appears the board will definitely go over budget.

"Principals are happy with supply teacher work but it isn't surprising they are more effective when lessons have been planned and that often isn't the case when they come

in for just a day," Boich stated.

He said he thought his 10 per cent pay cut for just one day's work would save between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

"They are simply more effective the second day," he added.

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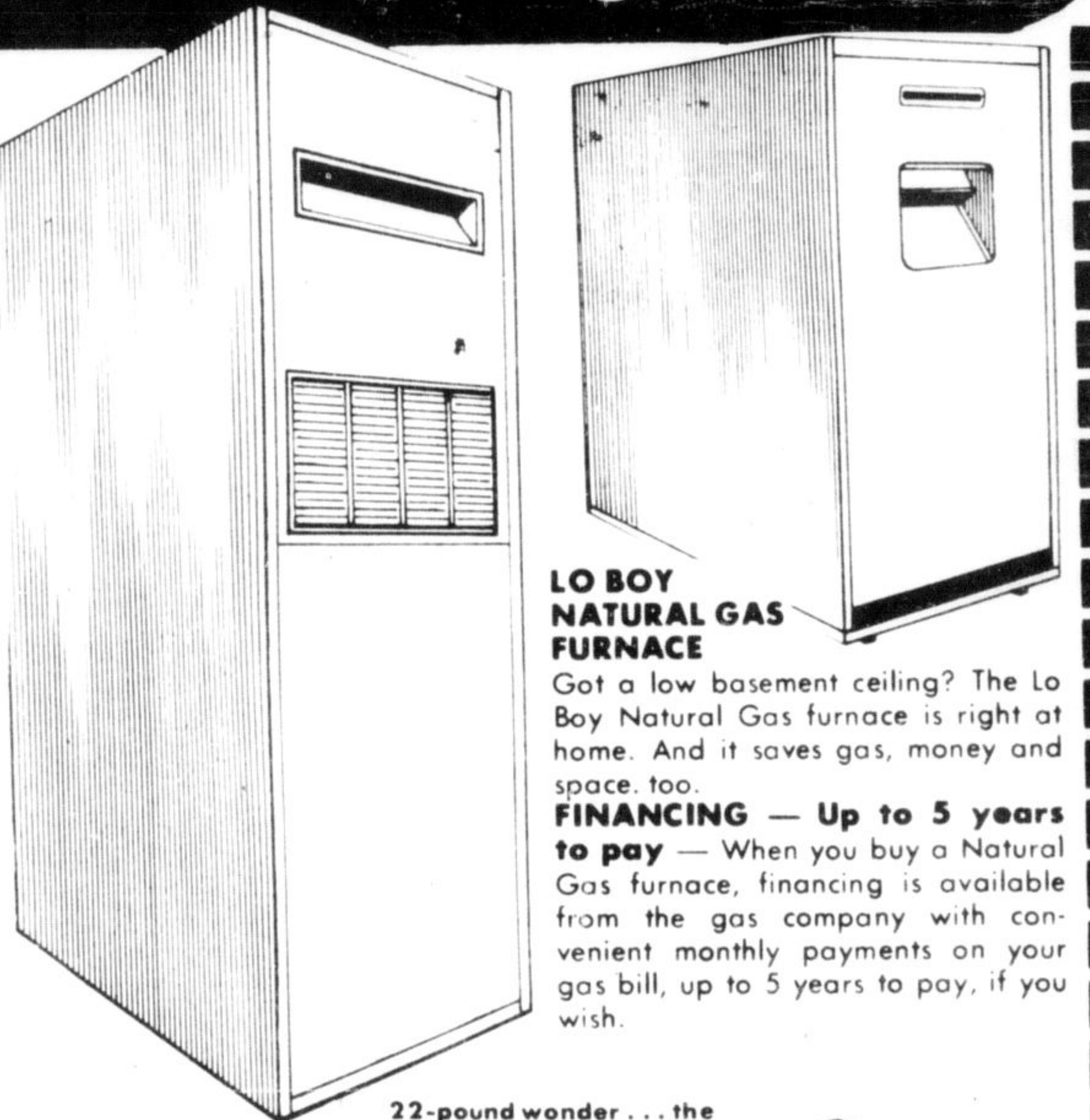
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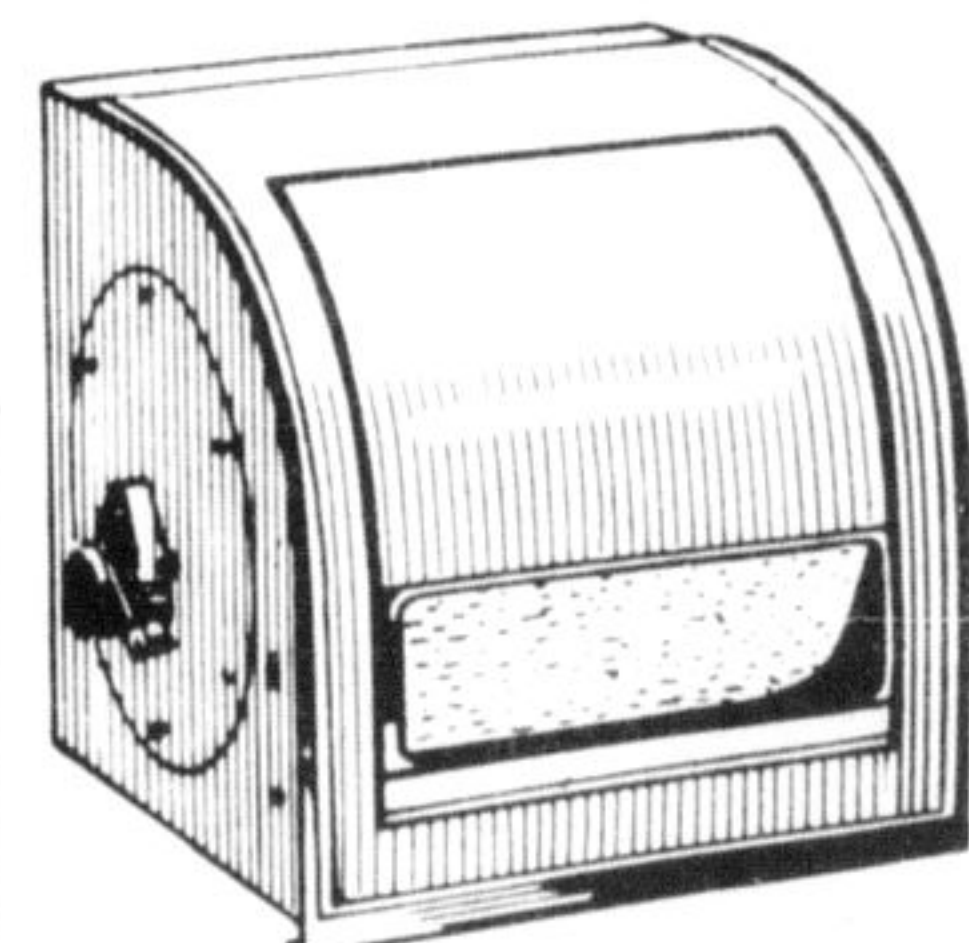
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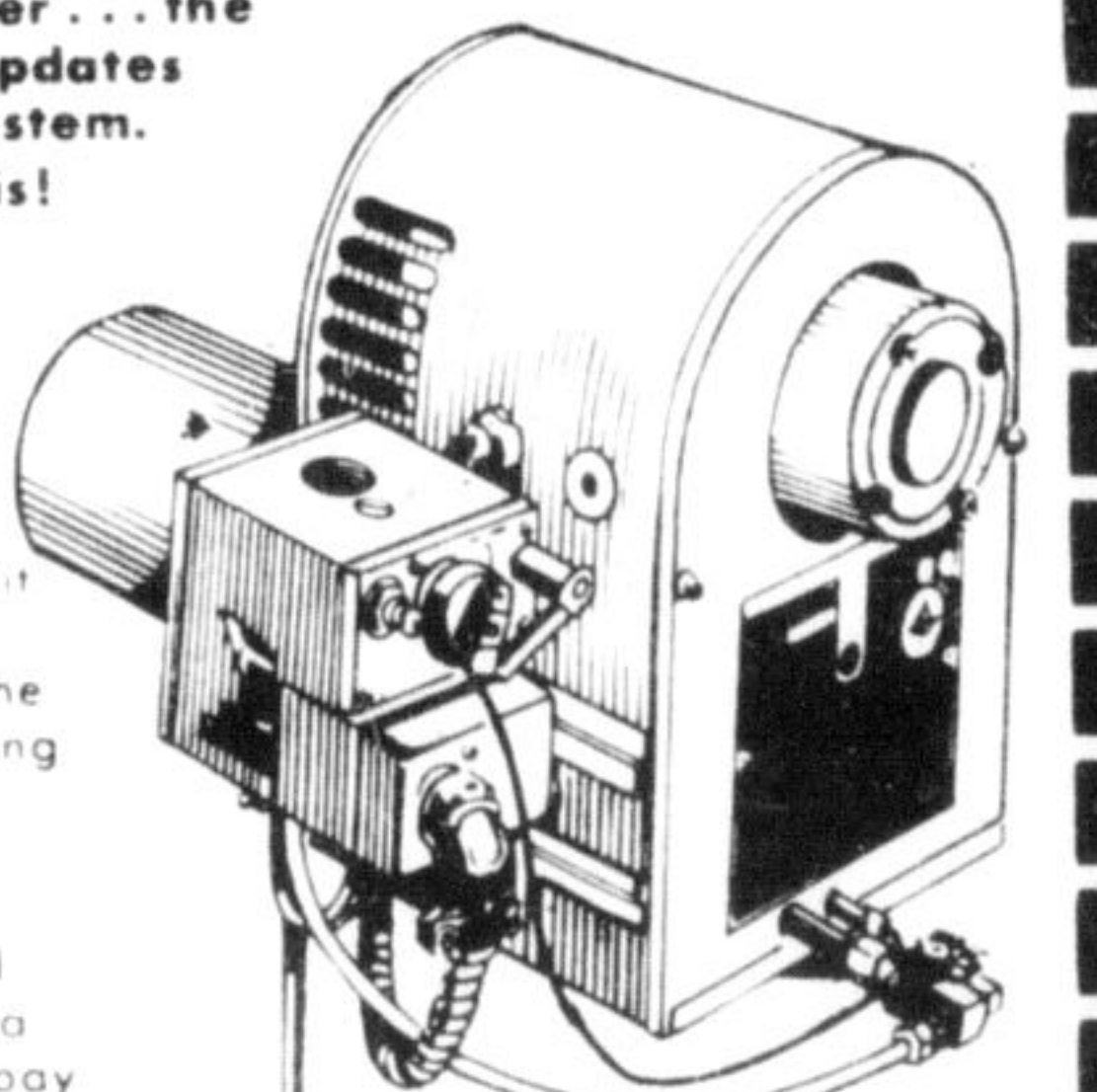
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Steam-Era '76...

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international rules, thus the "world championship" title.

Another innovation for the '76 Steam-Era is a country and western talent contest, schedules Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. in front of the fairgrounds grandstand.

Dennis Webb of Beamsville, president of OSAPA, explains Steam-Era is "an exhibition of all that is good from Ontario's rural past." There will be 30 steam traction engines, over 100 gasoline engines, 50 gas tractors, several antique cars and trucks and over 100 model engines—all restored, polished, running and working throughout the show.

Other attractions include the country store, souvenir stands, antique displays, refreshment booths, a trading post, a ladies' tent, daily parades in front of the 1,700-seat grandstand, an operating steam calliope, and plenty of contests for participants and spectators.

Milton Chamber of Commerce is organizing a talent contest for Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Steam-Era in the fair grounds.