

Ministry may be allowed to view confidential info

By CAROL STEWART-KIRKBY
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Neither the Halton Board of Education nor the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board will protest changes in the Education Act which will see a longer school day and grant authority to ministry officials to look at confidential board documents.

Registration 617, which will also make all school days at least five hours long, excluding recesses and lunch, was approved late last year with September 1982 as a deadline to introduce changes.

Dennis Nolan, a superintendent for the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board, said the authority granted to ministry officials will have the most impact of all changes made.

"Every school board in Ontario, whether it is public, private or separate school, is an independent corporation. Previously, there was no statutory authority for a non-board representative to look at matters labelled confidential," explained Mr. Nolan.

Mr. Nolan said some school boards have spoken against the amendment. "We have nothing to hide, however, and all our work is done in public," he said.

Rae Stoney, superintendent of instruction for the Halton Board of Education, said he didn't see any real difficulties with the new authority given to ministry representatives. "Basically, the minister is putting on paper what is already in practice. It gives the legal go ahead," said Mr. Stoney.

The lengthening of the school day, to exclude lunch and recess time, was a change that is much needed, according to Mr. Nolan.

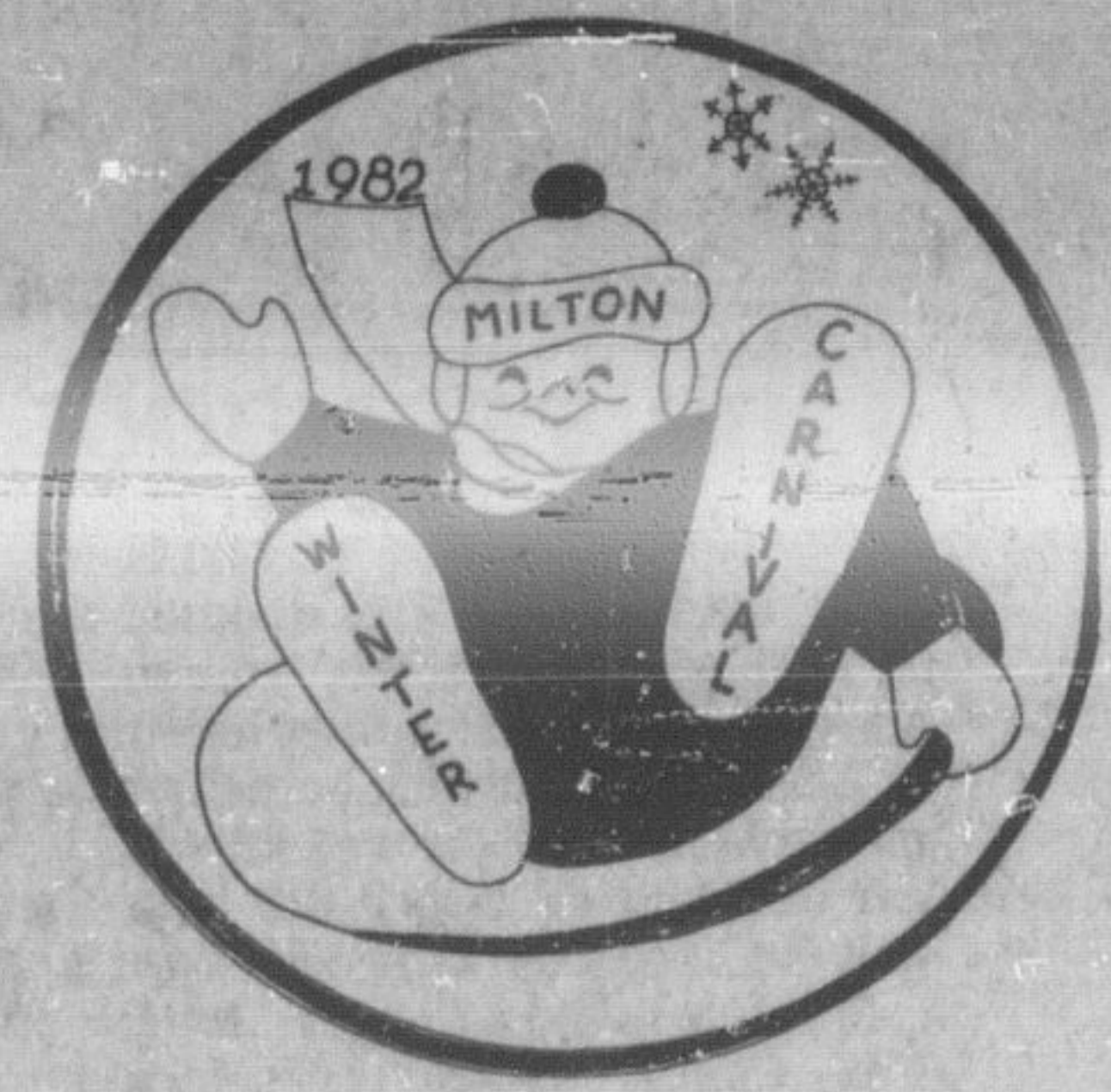
"In general, society has said 'do more' and this will now give all schools the time needed to do more," Mr. Nolan said.

This provision does not have to be in operation un-

til September, 1982. "Enough time has been allowed to make any necessary changes in timetabling," Mr. Nolan explained.

Mr. Stoney said all elementary schools in Halton have been running on five hours of instruction since 1969. "There might have to be a few minor changes at the secondary school level," Mr. Stoney said.

There are other changes included in the new regulation. One change is a proposal to fly the flag of Ontario as well as the national flag, at schools.



Carnival fun on the way

Children, despite the almost continual remonstrations by their parents about the season, have always loved winter.

Realizing this, the committee putting together the 1982 Milton Winter Carnival are putting together a festival for the whole family that will be of particular interest to children.

In fact, the committee is looking for nominees for Prince and Princess of the Carnival that are between the ages of five and seven years old.

If you have children or know of children who would make ideal representatives for this festival, contact Bonni Ward at 878-7211. Further information and ballots will appear in upcoming editions of The Canadian Champion.

The carnival, slated to take place Feb. 12, 13 and 14, 1982, is shaping up to be one of the best local festivals the community has seen.

In the coming weeks, The Canadian Champion will detail each event and provide some of the highlights to watch for when taking in this winter extravaganza.

Following is a tentative chronological path Milton Winter Carnival is scheduled to take. Think snow!!

Friday Feb. 12, 1982:

Bingo—The Senior Citizens Club will hold a bingo at the Canadian Legion Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Special transportation will be arranged for seniors.

Parade—A parade from Town Hall to Rotary Park led by the Prince and Princess of the Winter Carnival and Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, will begin at 7 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies—The Prince and Princess will be crowned, a marshmallow roast and bonfire will take place and there will also be food concessions and a sing-along.

School Room Dance—The Milton District Pipe Band will march up Martin St. shortly before 9 p.m. to kick off the dance at Holy Rosary Hall. The purchase of a box lunch will be the admission to the dance. There will be various forms of entertainment, including the Senior Citizens Band.

Public Skating—This will take place all weekend, with Milton Rotary Club manning a concessions booth (selling coffee and hot chocolate.) The club will begin manning the booth this weekend and every weekend leading up to the carnival.

Sleigh Rides—Horse drawn sleighs will provide rides, likely for the duration of the week end. They will ride between Rotary Park and the Kernighan property—site of more Rotary Club activity featuring coffee and hot chocolate.

Saturday Feb. 13, 1982

Pancake Breakfast—The Rotary Club will start your morning right at Laurier Arena with this function.

Skating—This will take place at Laurier Arena.

Snowmobile Obstacle Races—This will likely take place near the arena.

Polar Bear Tennis—It will be whites everywhere for this spectacle.

Broomball Tournament—Girls and boys teams from Milton District High School and E.C. Drury High School will square off in what is expected to be an annual affair.

Bridge Tournament—The Rotary-Anns will organize this affair, to take place at Holy Rosary Hall between noon and 6 p.m.

Curling Demonstration—Milton Curling Club is expected to show Miltonians how curling is used to be played—on the Mill Pond.

Skating Club—Demonstrations, of figure skating.

Motorcycle Demonstration—Ice racing will be demonstrated at the Mill Pond.

Hot Air Balloon Rides—This will take place at Glen Eden. Shuttle bus service will be provided for those who wish to see the action at Glen Eden.

Cross Country Skiing—There will be a demonstration of this growing and very popular pastime at Glen Eden.

Skating Races—Kelso Dam will be the scene for this Olympic sport.

Toboggan Races—This should prove to be very popular. It will take place at Glen Eden.

Ballet Skiing Demonstration—To the uninitiated, this is hot dog skiing. A great spectator sport, that will take place at Glen Eden.

Dance—The Optimist Club will have a Valentine's Day Dance at the Optimist Club, beginning at approximately 9 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 14, 1982:

Brunch—The Knights of Columbus start Sunday's activities with a brunch at Holy Rosary Hall from 1 to 3 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt—Sponsored by the Rotary Club, this will take place on the Kernighan property in the afternoon.

Mutt Show—Whose dog has the longest tail, shortest ears, etc.

Wood Chopping Contest—A test of strength and skill.

Turkey Shoot—This takes place at Rotary Park—you thought you'd seen enough of it at Christmas?

Ice Fishing—If you can break through the ice at the Mill Pond, there's some good winter fishing.

Tag-of-War—The police, the firemen and local firms and businesses will be teamed up and pitted against each other in this one.

Polar Bear Demonstration—Bruce McIntosh of the Hamilton chapter of the Polar Bear Club will brave the cold for a dip in the Mill Pond.

Remember, there's lots to do and there's lots to be done. If you want to enter an event or help to organize it, contact Bonni Ward at 878-7211. And don't forget, think snow!!!



Riding high and dry above the flooded entrance of Milton Mall Monday are Judy-Jo Wilson and Gary Sim. Les Chatter is one of several mall

employees who helped sweep water from burst water pipes toward water pumps.

Cold snap breaks pipes, floods Milton Mall stores

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

Low temperatures of the recent bitter cold snap have been blamed for two incidents of flooding at Milton Mall Monday morning which left shoppers and employees with soggy footwear.

By no means a catastrophe, the flooding caused minimal damage in four stores at the mall. Water which poured from burst overhead water pipes, which feed the sprinkler system, was first discovered by Carolan Bouldbourn, an employee of Peggy's of Milton shortly after 9 a.m.

"I thought this was going to be just another day," she said.

"I was afraid to switch anything on so I just called maintenance right away," the employee added.

She noticed water was seeping across the carpet in the store from neighboring Jean World, where pipes had exploded, causing water to break through ceiling tiles at the rear of the store.

Minimal damage was reported at Cambridge Jewellers, also located next to Jean World.

About an hour following the first avalanche of water, a second set of water pipes exploded—resulting in what witnesses described as a mini Niagara Falls at the mall entrance next to Zellers.

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temperatures for this time of year," Mr. Berthelot said.

He noted that both Windsor and London, which recorded low temperatures of -19 degrees Celsius broke records that had stood since 1873 and 1962 respectively.

"There's really nothing unusual about this at all," he said, "it's simply wintertime in the northern hemisphere."

Mr. Berthelot explained that the cold air mass we shivered through originated in the north-western part of the country and "slid across" the western plains to reach southern Ontario.

High winds were caused by the high pressure system bumping into a low pressure system over Quebec.

"Likely," he said, "we can expect that things will be much the same or even slightly warmer for the next few days."

A long range forecast, through to Jan. 20, he added, calls for average or slightly above average temperatures for most of the region.

"Average" temperatures for this time of year, he said, should range between highs of -3 and -8 degrees Celsius and lows of -8 and -10 degrees Celsius.

"We have to remember that normals are made up of extremes and it is the extremes that people remember," he said.

Milton public works director John Matthews said the cold snap caused "nothing unusual" for his crews, adding that deep snow would be a greater concern for his staff.

Bob Moore, Mr. Matthews' counterpart at Halton Region, however, had a slightly more difficult weekend.

"The weather hasn't caused us too much trouble," he said, "but there have been some watermain breaks and some road maintenance problems."

Watermain problems, he said, occurred, for the most part, on private property where mains ran through unheated areas, such as garages or crawl spaces.

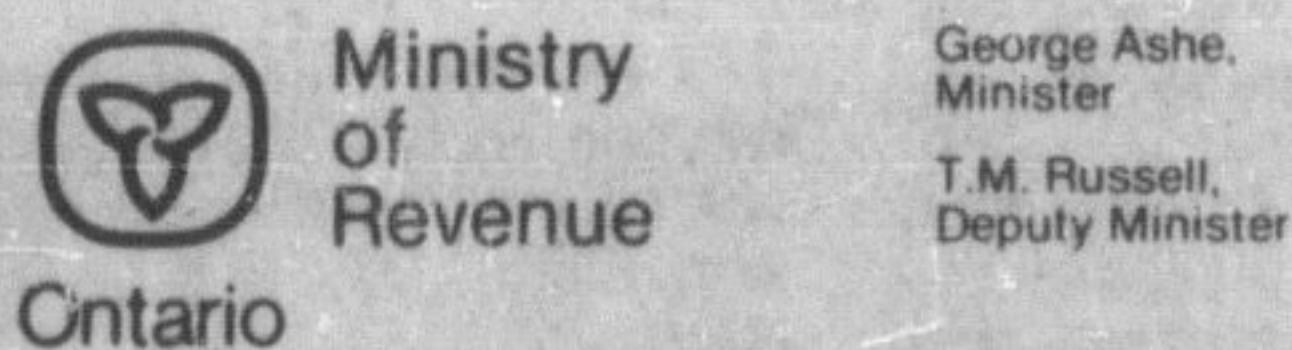
"People should be sure that their mains are wrapped up when they go through such areas," Mr. Moore said, adding that one major watermain in Milton did break, "but it wasn't a great problem."

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Jack Roscoe, head of maintenance at the mall, said the second flood was sparked when doors were opened, allowing cold air to rush into the mall from outside.

Zellers employees and mall maintenance staff equipped themselves with mops, pumps and vacuums in an effort to dissipate the two inches of water which accumulated at the front of Zellers and in the mall entrance way.

Mall manager Clair Henderson explained the problem of burst water pipes is not peculiar to Milton Mall alone, but other such complexes have shared the problem.

Although Milton Mall escaped any such incidents last winter, the problem has cropped up before in the history of the mall.

Mr. Henderson was unable to release a total damage estimate at press time, but he suggested the figure would be low as losses were minimal.

Dunk Currie of Currie Plumbing, the company called in to repair the broken pipes of the sprinkler system, has estimated repairs will cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

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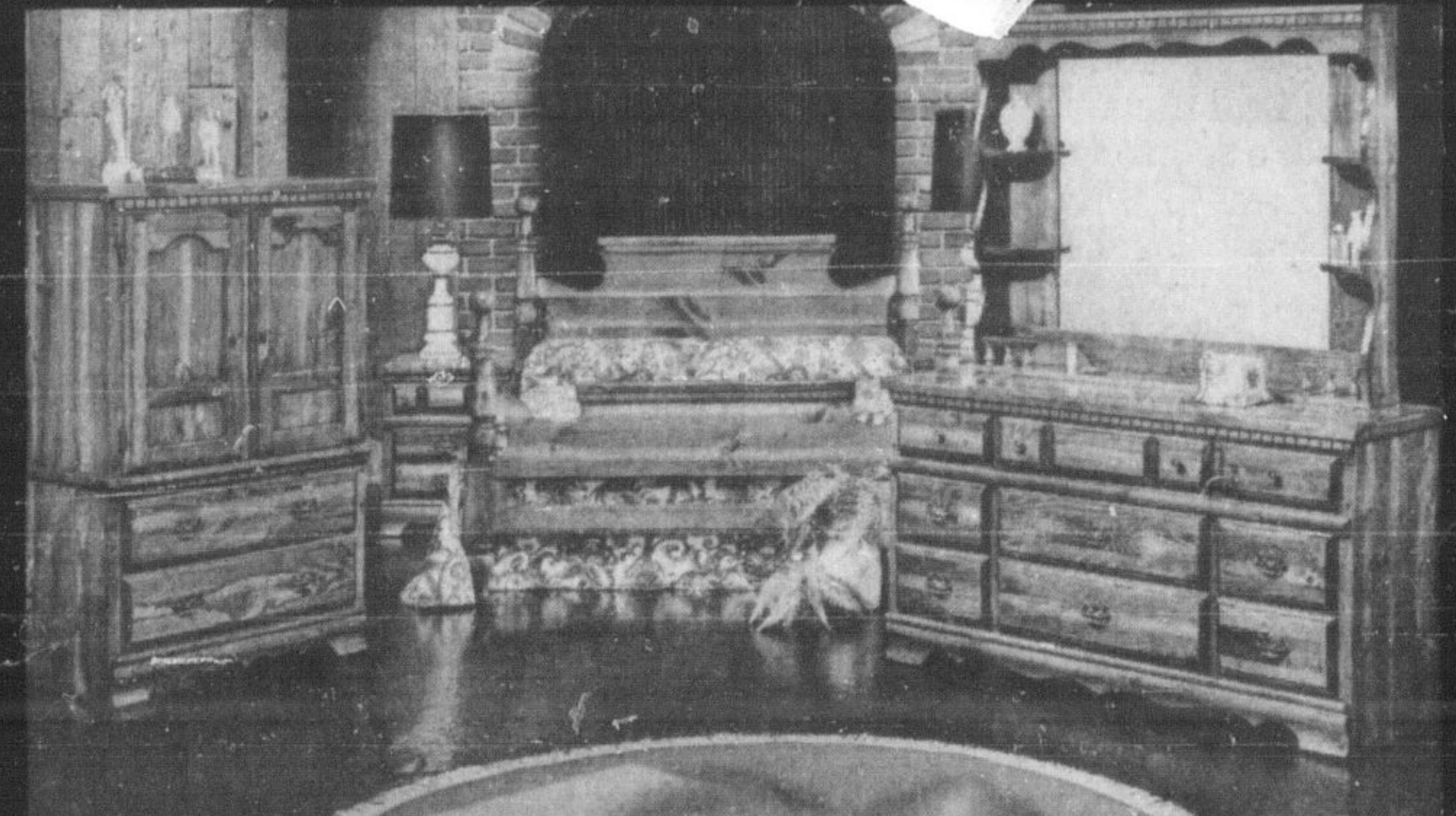
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