

# McKichan is named to the Order of Canada

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The Champion

A Campbellville man has been named to the Order of Canada for his contributions to the business world and years of volunteer service.

Now semi-retired, Alasdair McKichan of Guelph Line was notified by mail in May that he had received the honour, but was asked to keep it quiet until an official announcement was made earlier this month.

"I was amazed," he said, recalling his reaction to the news. "I wondered what I had done to deserve it."

Nominated by a colleague, Mr. McKichan, 67, has a long biography of positions held in law and consumer affairs.

Born in Surrey, England, he earned his bachelor of law at Glasgow University and began his career with McGrigor, Donald and Co. of Scotland.

In 1957, he moved to Winnipeg where he practiced law with Aikins, Macaulay and Co.

Two years later he was asked to come on board as general counsel for the North West Line Elevators Association, for which he exercised his reportedly superb negotiation skills in the grain trade.

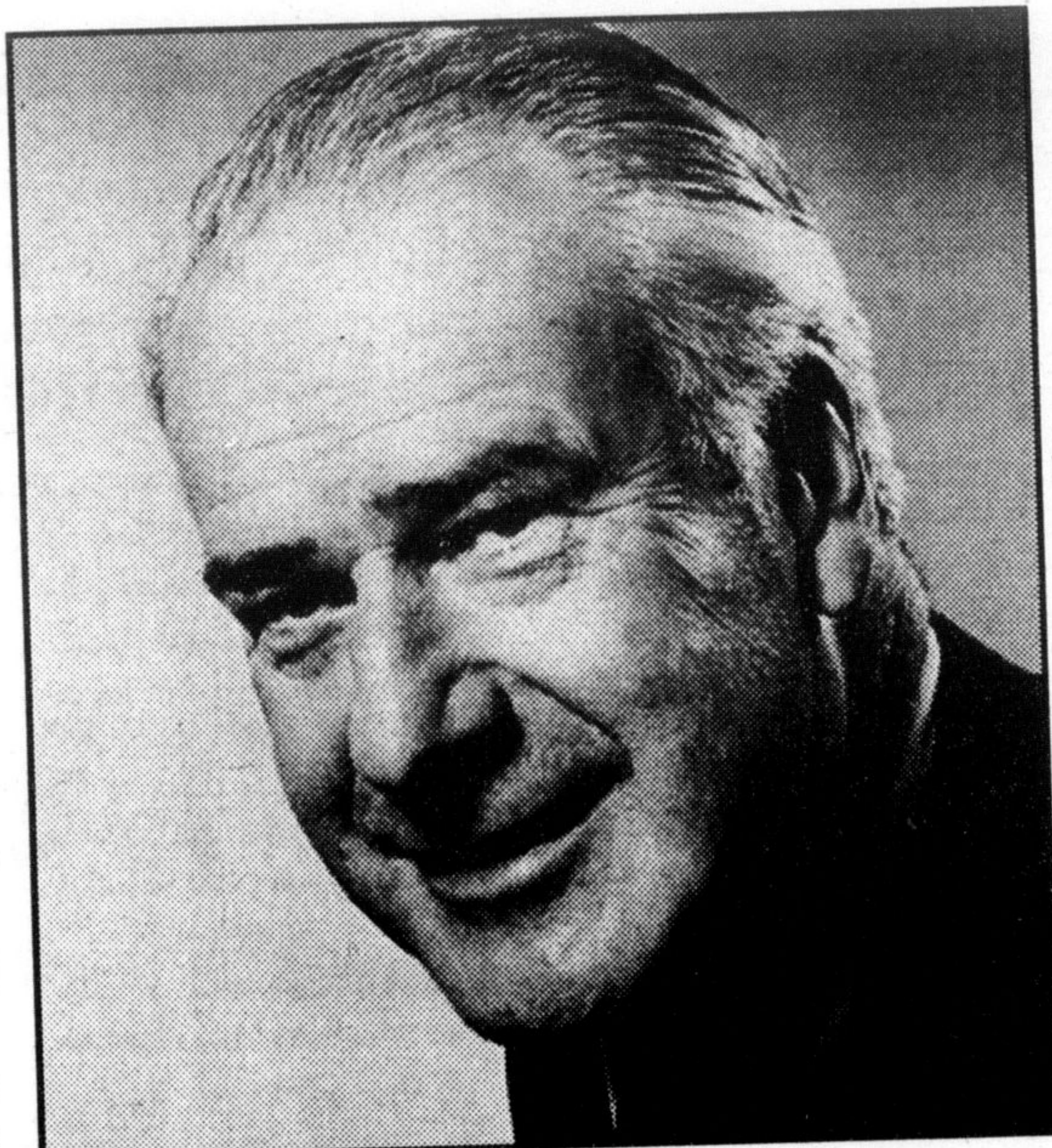
During this time, he also contributed to the Royal Commission on Transportation, which examined Canada's rail system and made recommendations for improvement.

However, the McKichan family decided to move east, so in 1963, the father of two daughters became the general manager of the Toronto-based Retail Council of Canada — something he said he came upon purely by accident.

After seven years, Mr. McKichan left the council for the position of vice-president of consumer and corporate affairs for the T. Eaton Co. Ltd. of Toronto.

But after four years, in 1975, he returned to the Retail Council of Canada, this time as president and chief executive officer before retiring in 1994.

Over the years, he also made time to serve as a



Campbellville resident Alasdair McKichan is now a member of the Order of Canada.

board member and honorary secretary for the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

With a daughter suffering Down's syndrome, he was also chair of the Mississauga Association for the Mentally Retarded, now the Canadian Association for Community Living.

He was chair of the Canadian Society of Association Executives and headed the Sectoral Advisory Group on International Trade, Consumer and Household Products, which reported to the federal minister of the environment.

He was a member of the Waste Reduction Advisory Committee for the Ontario Ministry of Environment and on the board of directors for the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy.

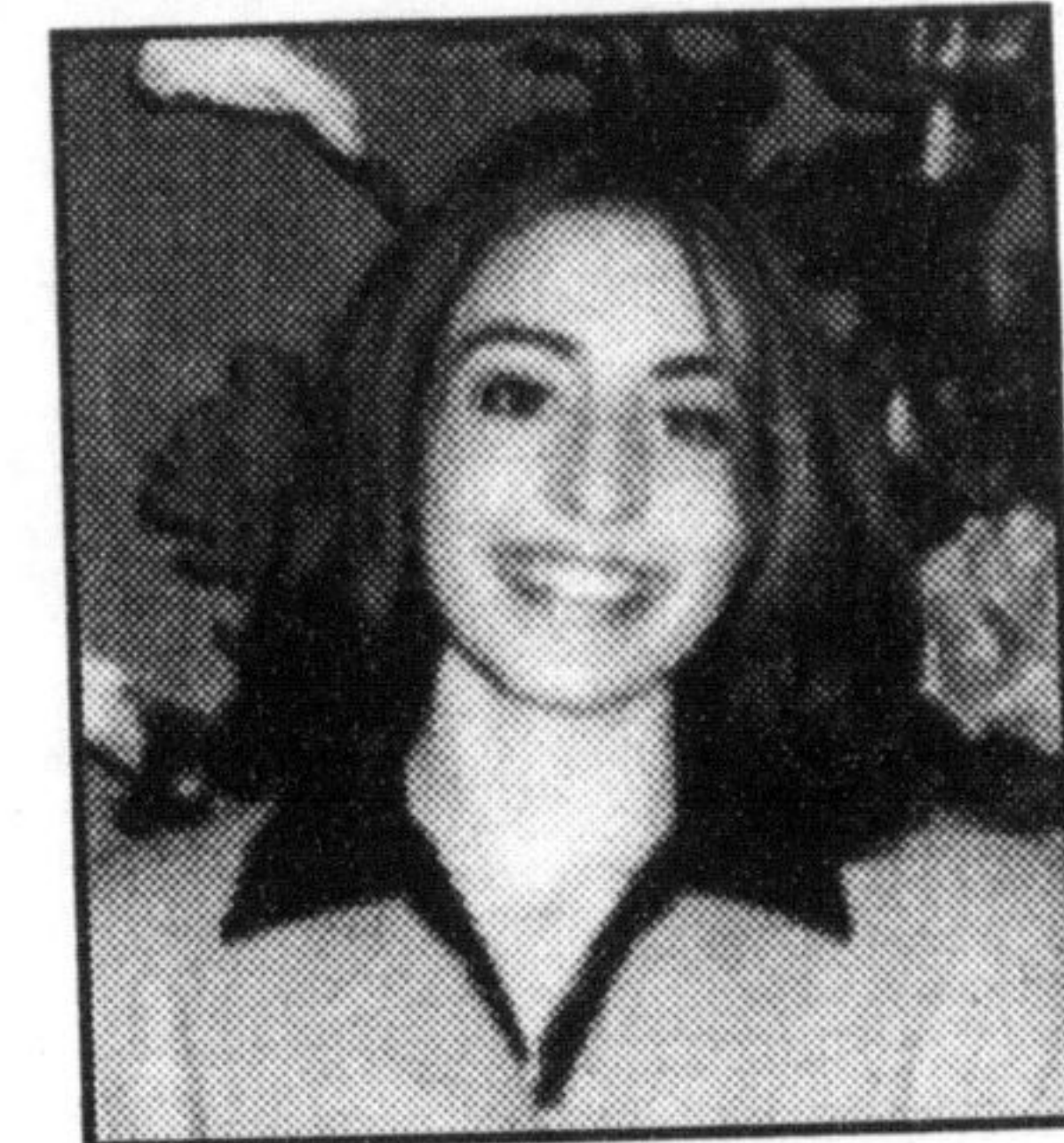
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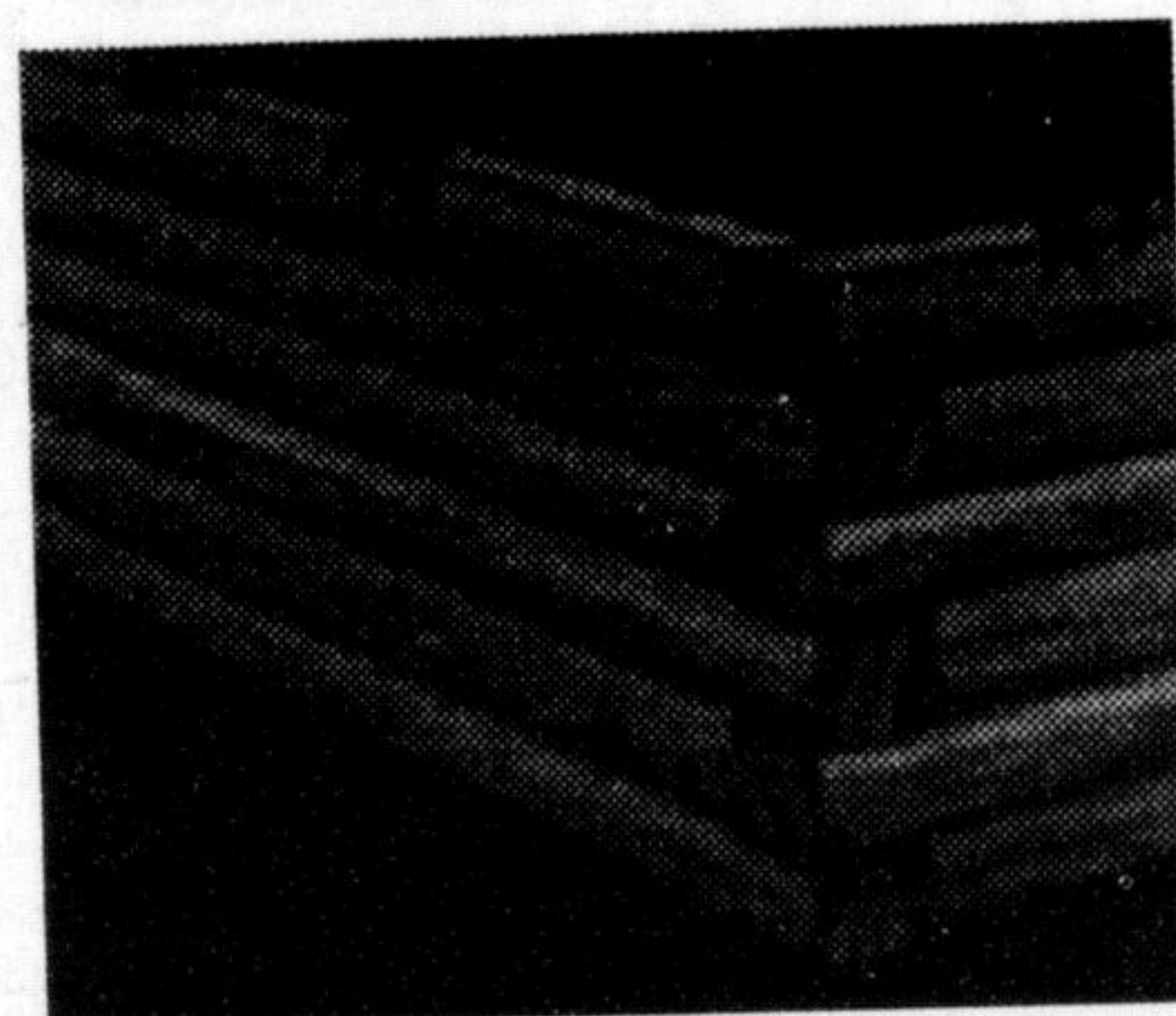
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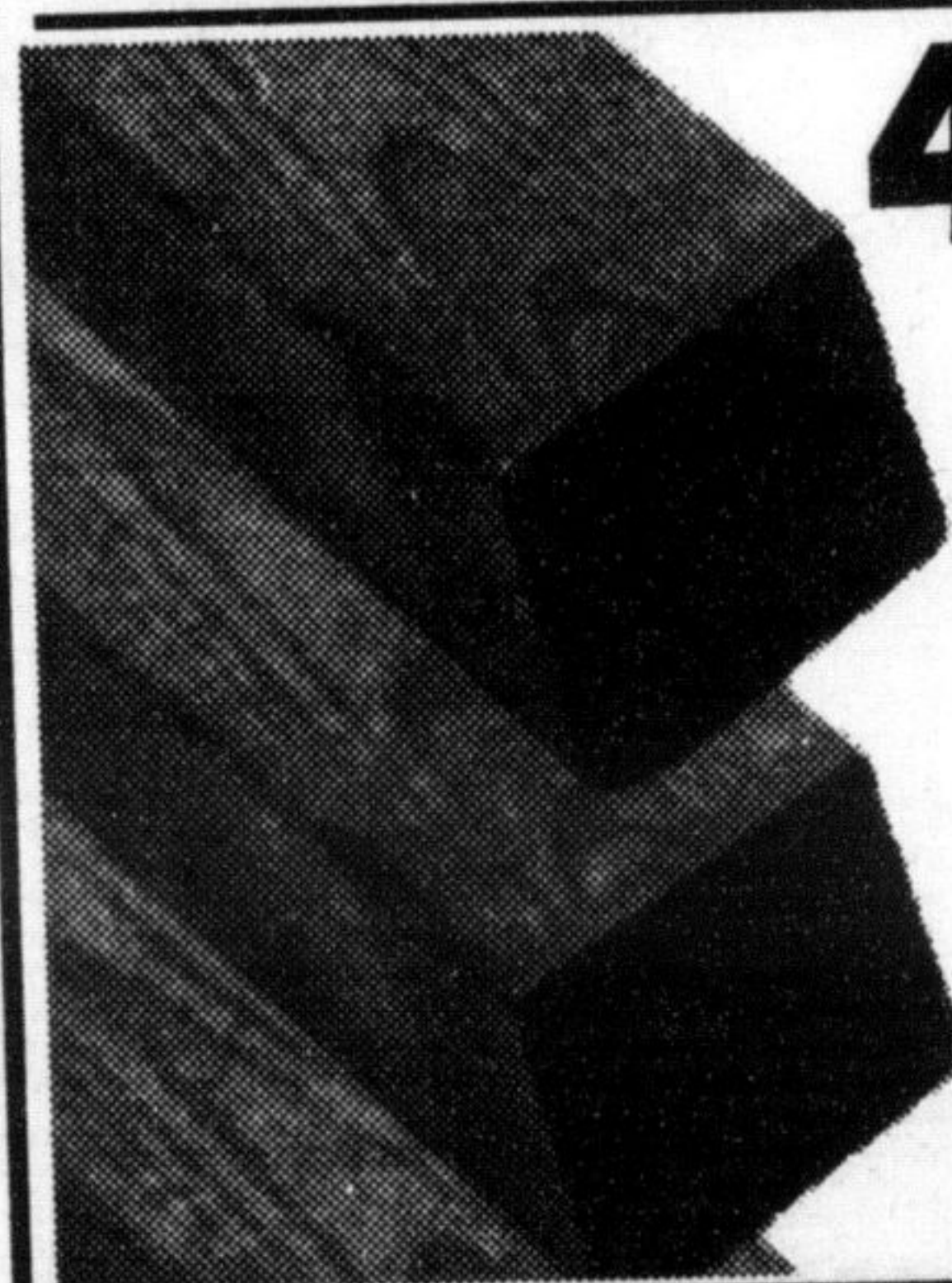
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