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Milton Millennium baby

Cody first newborn of 2000

By IRENE GENTLE

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Newborn Cody King has a teddy bear four times his size and a reputation that's even larger. That's because he isn't just the pride and joy of his mom, Lorraine, but the community at large.

The healthy, eight-pound, eight-ounce newborn with the shock of luxurious black hair has the distinction of being Milton's first baby of the millennium. And no one's more surprised than his mom.

"He was born on the third," explained Ms King.

To be precise, tiny Cody entered the world at 6:52 p.m., Monday, Jan. 3, 2000 at Milton District Hospital (MDH).

And that means the new year, which a heavily pregnant Ms King passed catching up on her sleep, was already yesterday's news.

But not at MDH, where the maternity ward had been closed for the holidays, reopening bright and early on the day of Cody's birth.

Showered with gifts

Surrounded by family, Cody has plenty of love and support behind him.

And as the millennium baby, he also has plenty of gifts.

The proud but worn out Ms King was recuperating in the hospital when she was suddenly showered by gifts -- including a massive teddy bear -- from Halton Healthcare Services (HHS), the MDH Foundation and Auxiliary and a slew of local businesses.

"It's a great start for the millennium," said Ms King, 24.

She arrived at the hospital Monday at 9:30 a.m. with the slight stirring of labour pains but no intention of giving birth yet.

"I thought I was going home," she recalled.

"I wasn't due until the fourth."

Instead, obstetrician Dr. Sandy Sharma scheduled her for a cesarean

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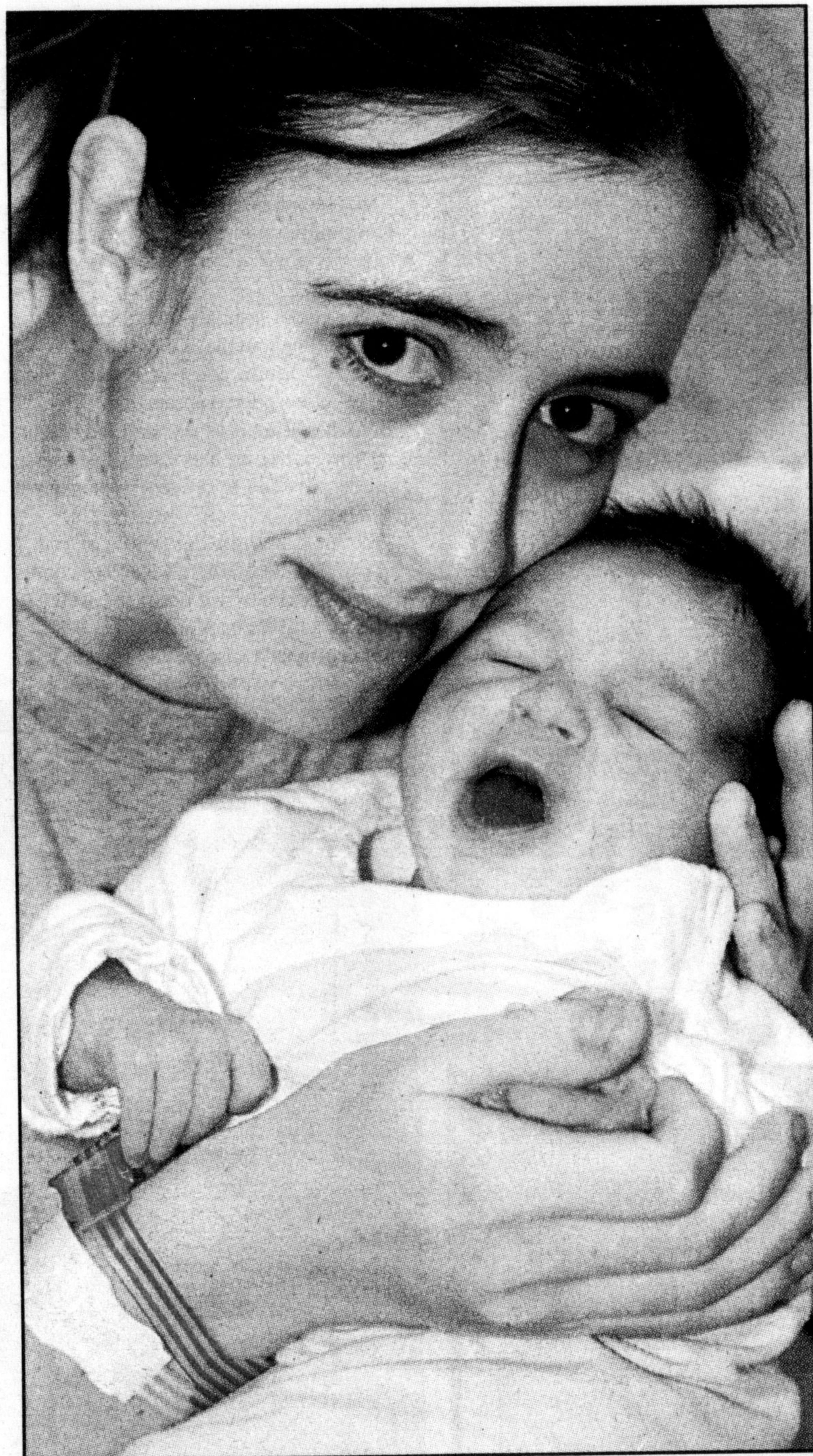


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Tiny Cody King takes a lungful of air while safely cradled in the arms of mom, Lorraine. Born January 3, Cody is Milton's millennium baby.

More brown water on its way: Region

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Some Milton residents are seeing red over continued rust-coloured water flowing from their taps.

"I've never seen anything like it anywhere," said Ron Braschuk. "You want to have a shower and the water is brown as tea."

But work to clear up Milton's ongoing water woes is in progress, said Halton's manager of plant operations Tony Smith.

And the Region hasn't been flooded with calls on the issue lately, said Halton's manager of system operations Bob McMurray.

"We get three or four calls and we don't consider that a lot," he said. "We did have some main breaks and some minor issues recently."

But the muddy-looking water doesn't pose a health threat, he added.

"It's not harmful," said Mr. McMurray. "It just looks awful."

He said the latest spurt of brown water is probably linked to a clean-up process that's meant to clear up the problem once and for all.

That involves sweeping the watermains free of tiny particles of iron, manganese and calcium that build up in the pipes.

So far, small and mid-sized pipes have been swept.

But new valves need to be installed in the large trunk main coming out of Kelso Conservation Area to allow cleaning swabs through.

And that, said Mr. Smith, could be causing the problem.

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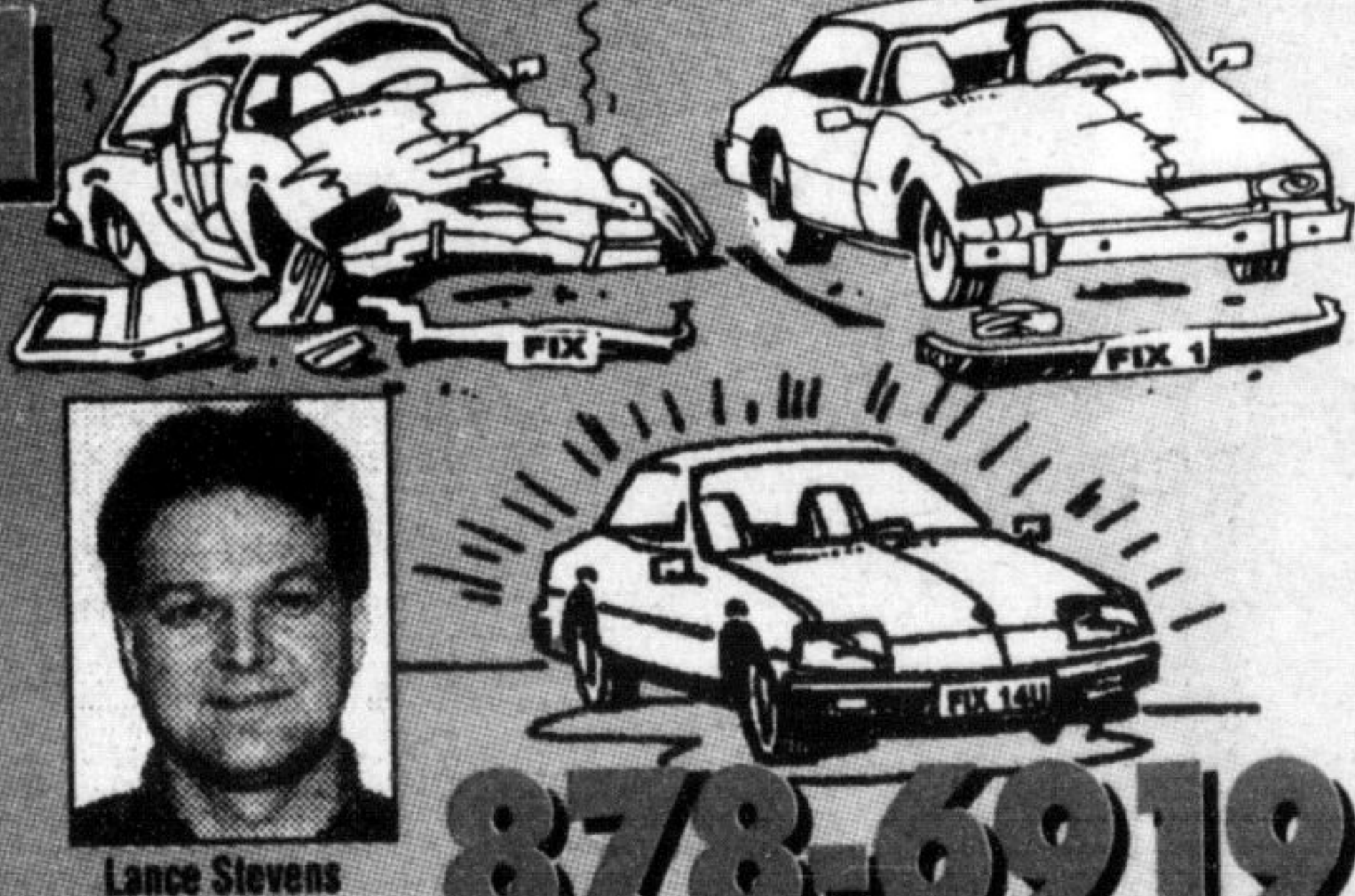
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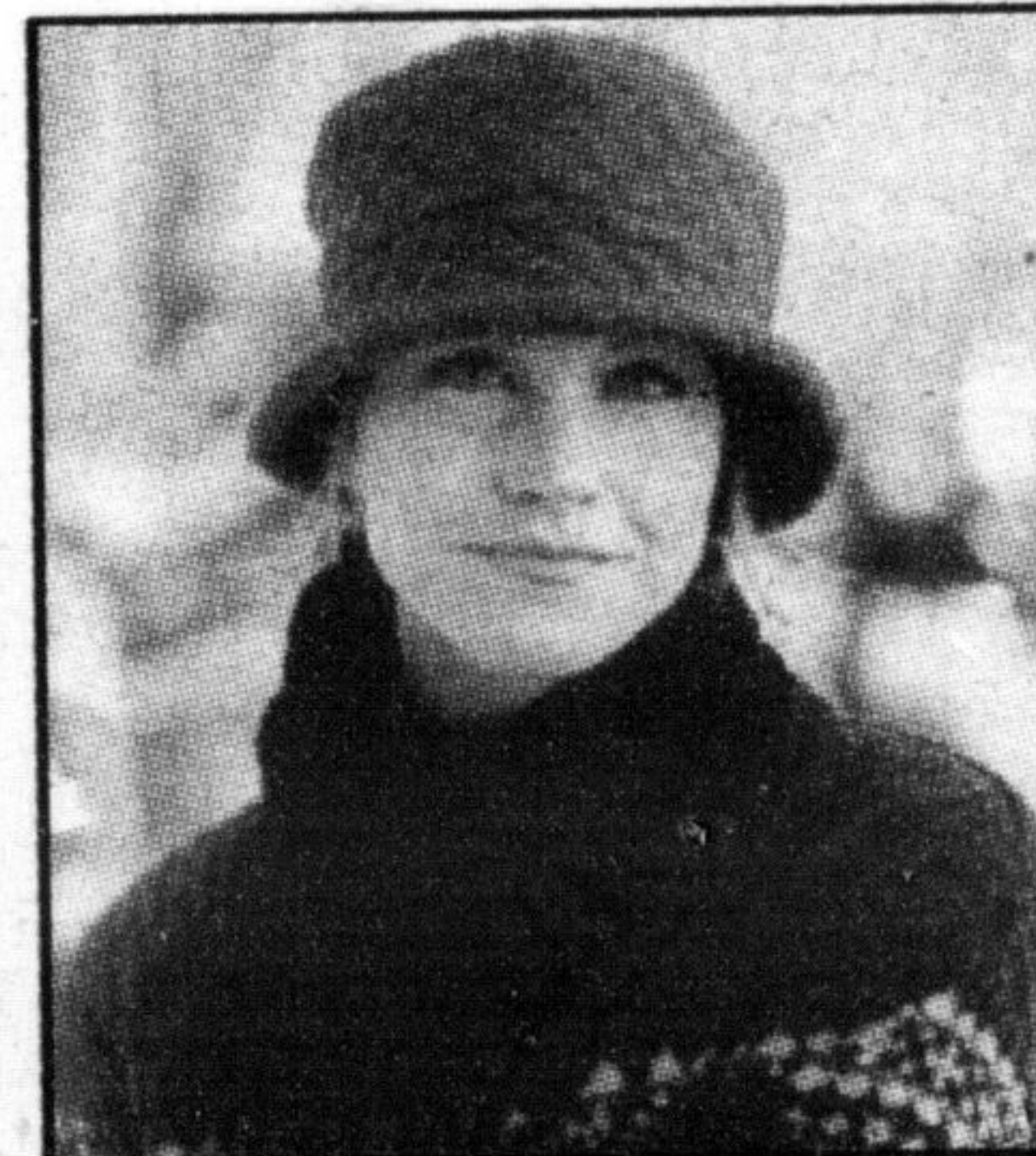
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