

# Lynch still recouping in Arizona

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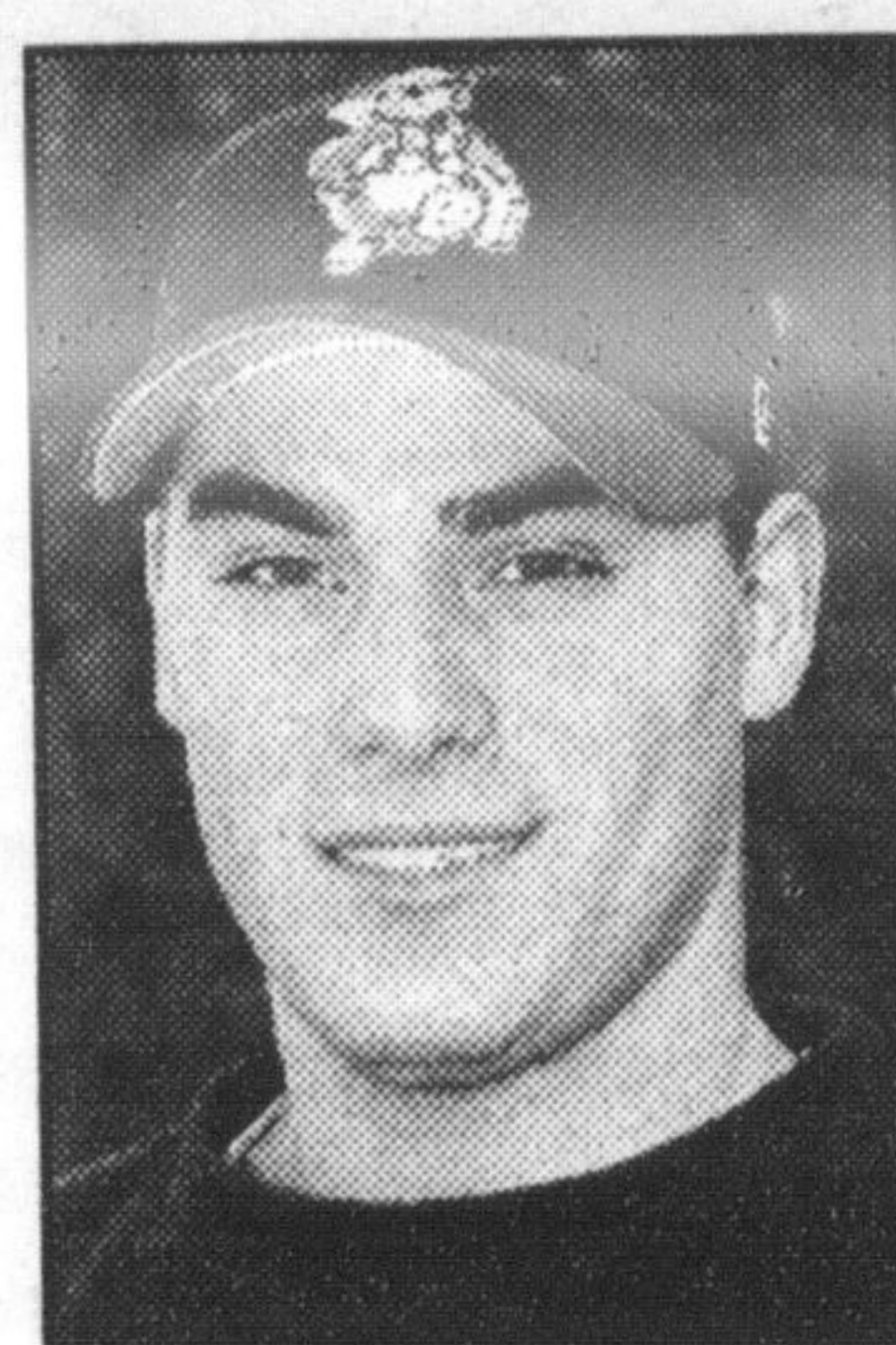
There aren't a lot of people who wouldn't be happy about spending three months in Arizona, except maybe Pat Lynch.

The Milton pitcher in the Colorado Rockies organization doesn't even need time to think about it: "I am so sick of it here."

Mind you, it's not the weather he's complaining about, but the length of time he's spent rehabilitating his arm at the Rockies' baseball complex. "I only anticipated being here a month, but all these little setbacks. I can't wait to get out of here and on to my first start."

Lynch gets his wish tomorrow as he leaves for Tri-Cities, Washington, the Rockies farm team in short season A classification. He is still rehabilitating, but hopes to finally get a start within a couple of weeks and then move up in the organization depending on his progress.

Lynch says he has pitched well in workouts, but that the arm has acted up on him at times. It's nothing out of the ordinary, just part of the process after the surgery he had.



Pat Lynch

He knows that others have to go through the same deal, but that isn't making him feel any better.

Even worse, said Lynch, is that he had never had a problem before with his arm, from playing rep ball in Milton right through high school.

"It's amazingly frustrating, up and down all the time. It seems like it's never going to end.

"So much hard work and it feels as if it hasn't paid off. That's really the frustrating part."

It may be tough to deal with for Lynch, but on the positive side, the Rockies organization is taking every precaution in dealing with his rehabilitation, which in the long term will be the best thing for him.

In the short term, trading sunny Arizona for rainy Washington will suit him just fine.

# Midgets' win streak snapped by Bulls

The Red Sox' winning streak didn't just end — it came to a screeching halt.

Milton's midgets were poised to deliver their eighth straight regular season victory at Maplehurst Ball Park Monday night, but couldn't quite close the book on the Burlington Bulls.

Reliever Conan O'Brien was one measly strike away from putting things away when the visitors stunned onlookers with seven hits, two walks and an eventual 12-5 win.

The Red Sox rallied from a pair of early deficits before their ultimate demise. Catcher Rob Angus drove in what looked to be the winning run — delivering an eighth-inning sacrifice fly that scored Scott Connolly.

O'Brien brought home two runs earlier on — with a well-placed

single and fielder's choice ground out respectively — and scored himself on a passed ball in the fifth.

Reg Taylor had the other RBI.

While O'Brien's lacklustre finish allowed for the reversal of fortune, the hosts' lack of offensive spark early on also factored into the loss. Milton managed just four hits over the first four innings — and no two came in any one frame.

Monday's defeat followed a lacklustre tournament performance in St. Thomas. Milton did deliver perhaps its strongest statement of the year in round two — with Steve Spiers' five-hitter high-lighting a 4-2 win over the AAA Mississauga Twins — but it was sandwiched between a crippling third-round loss and opening round forfeit.

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3 New Life 'A'	5	4	1	0	8
4 St. Georges	5	4	1	0	8
5 South Side '2'	4	3	1	0	6
6 Holy Rosary	5	3	2	0	6
7 Milton Bible	5	3	2	0	6
8 St. Pauls	5	2	3	0	4
9 New Life Deaf	5	1	4	0	2
10 Knox	6	1	5	0	2
11 Grace	5	0	5	0	0
12 Boston	5	0	5	0	0

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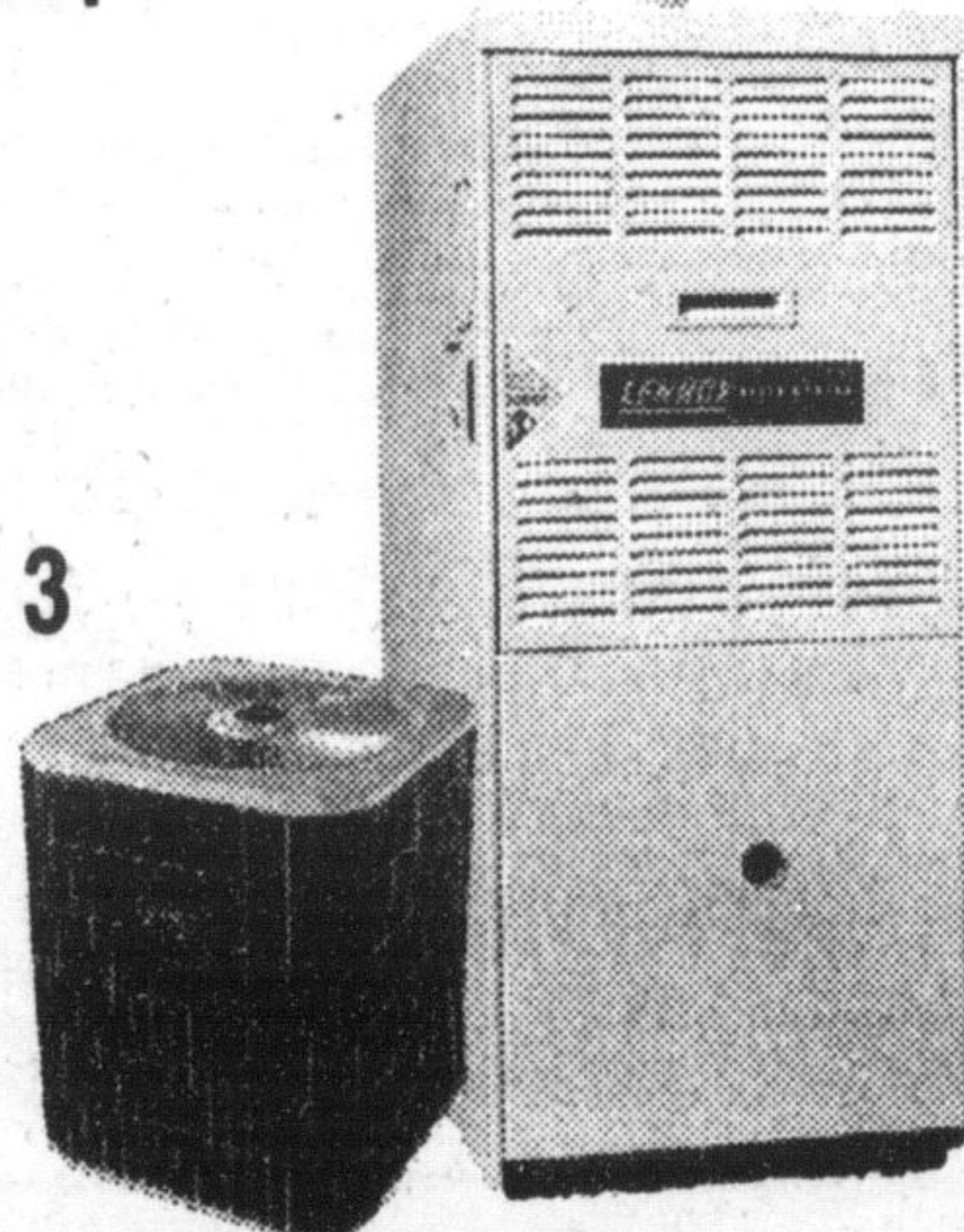
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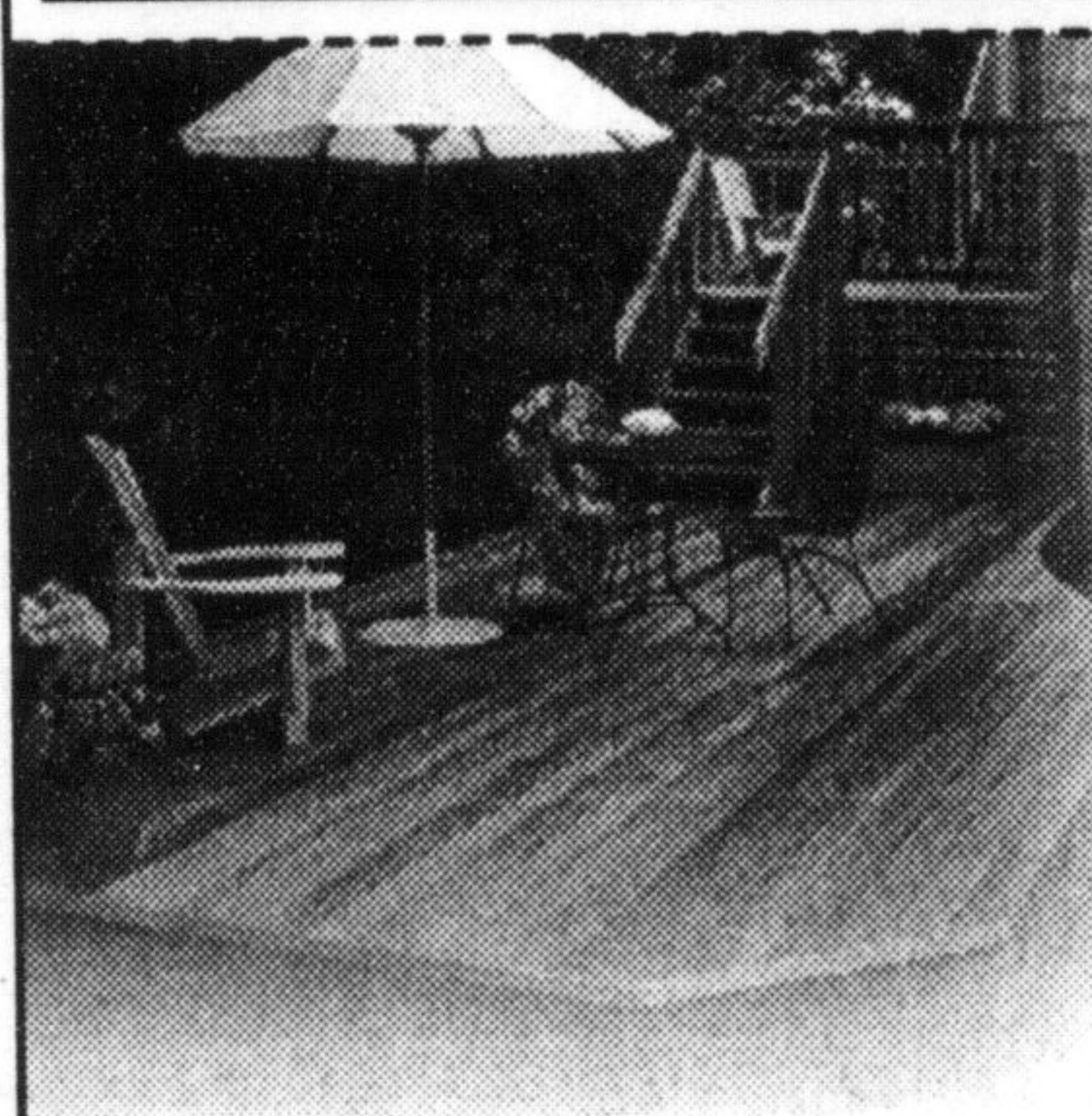
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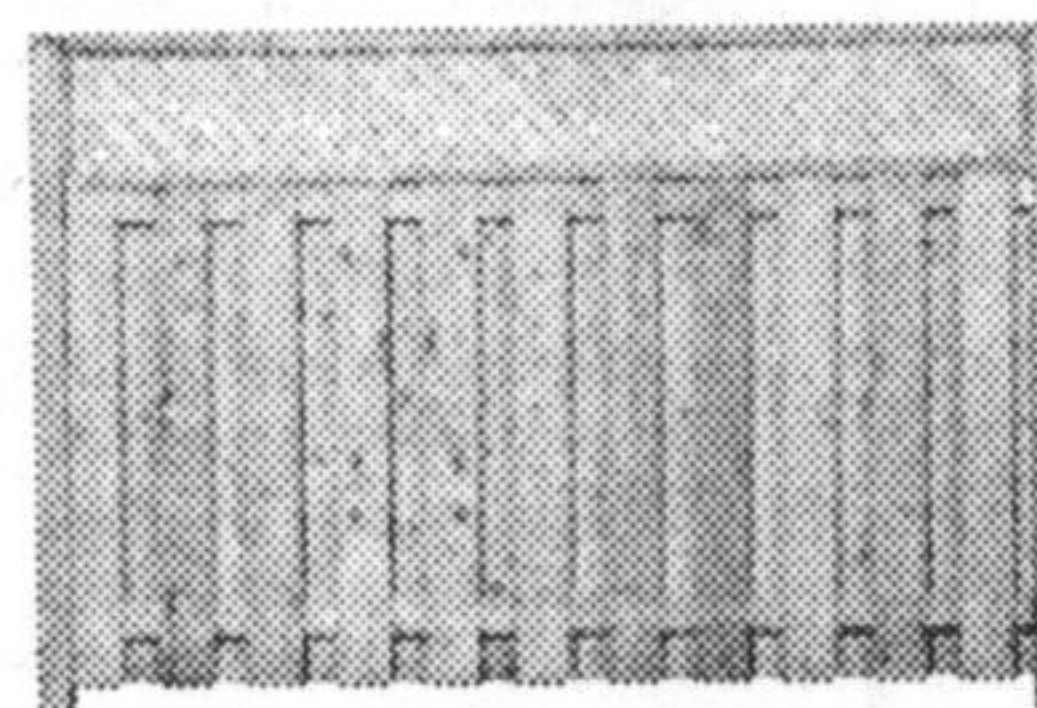
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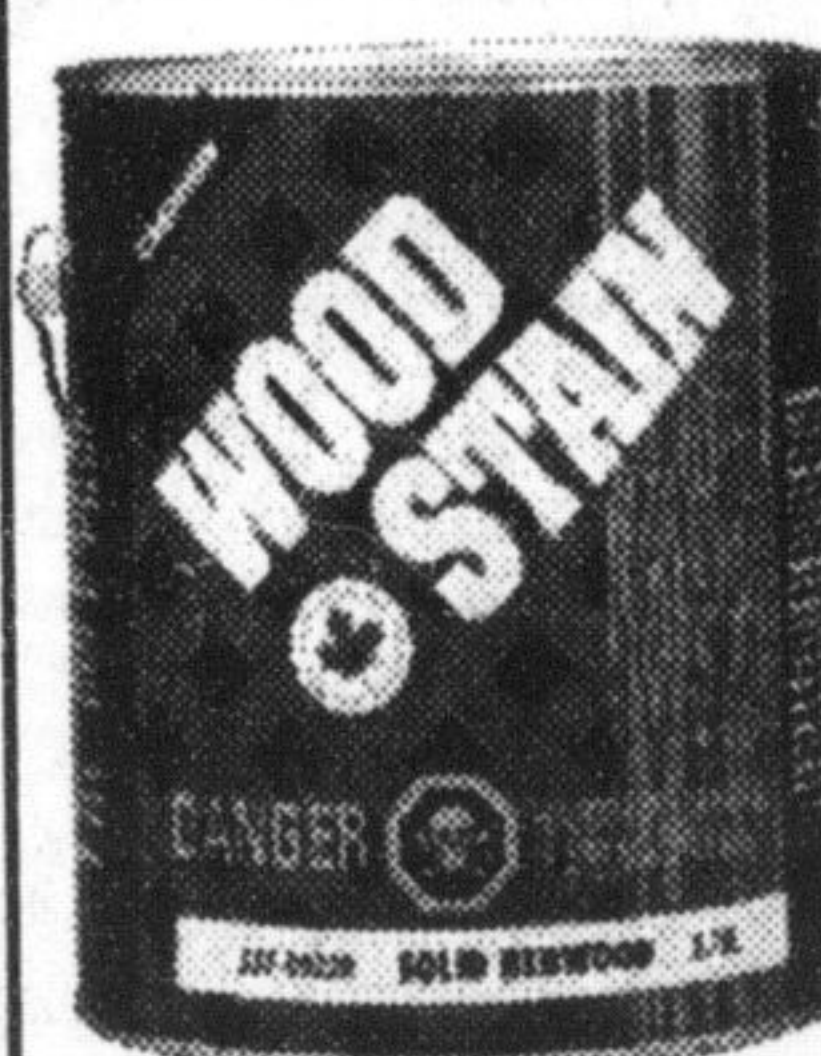
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