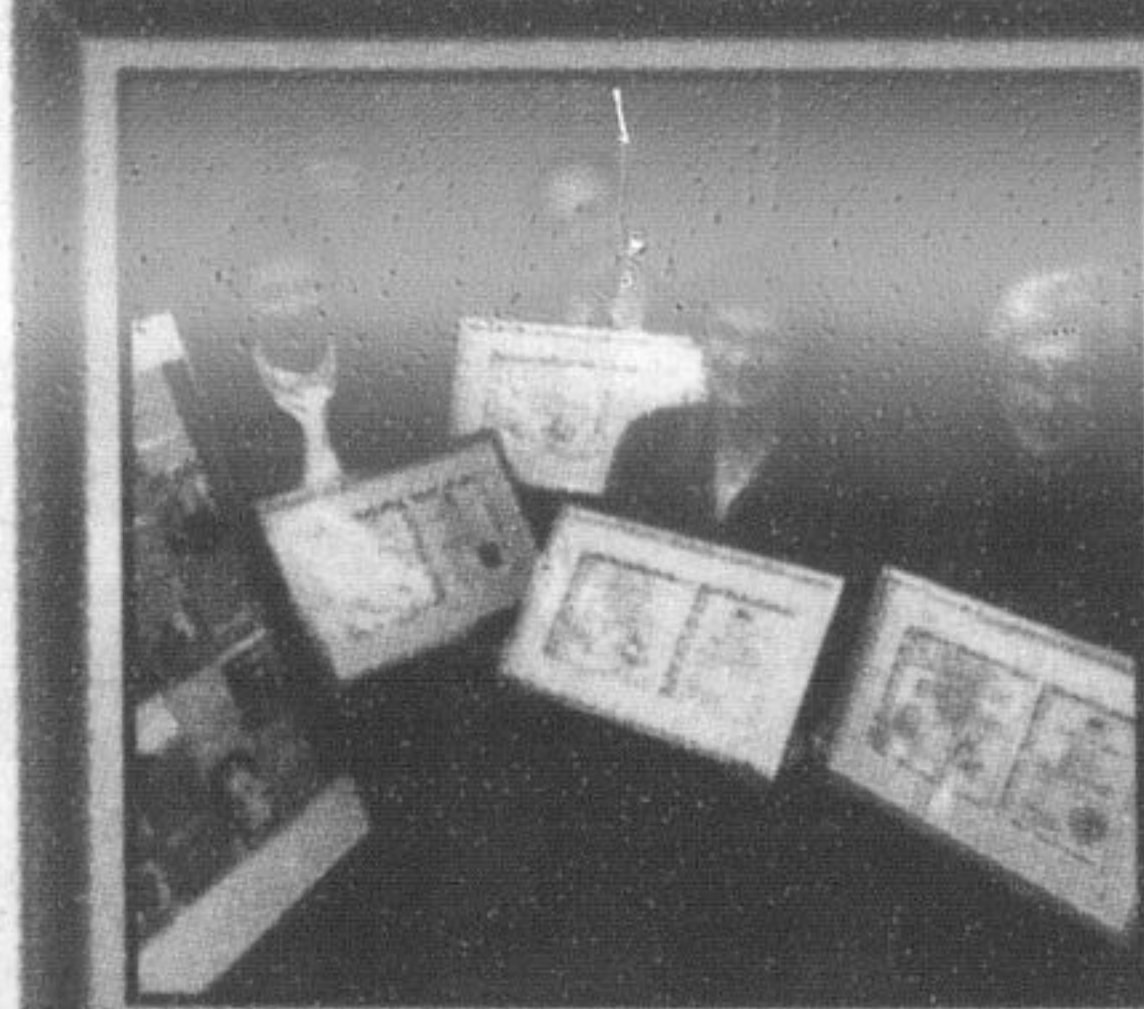


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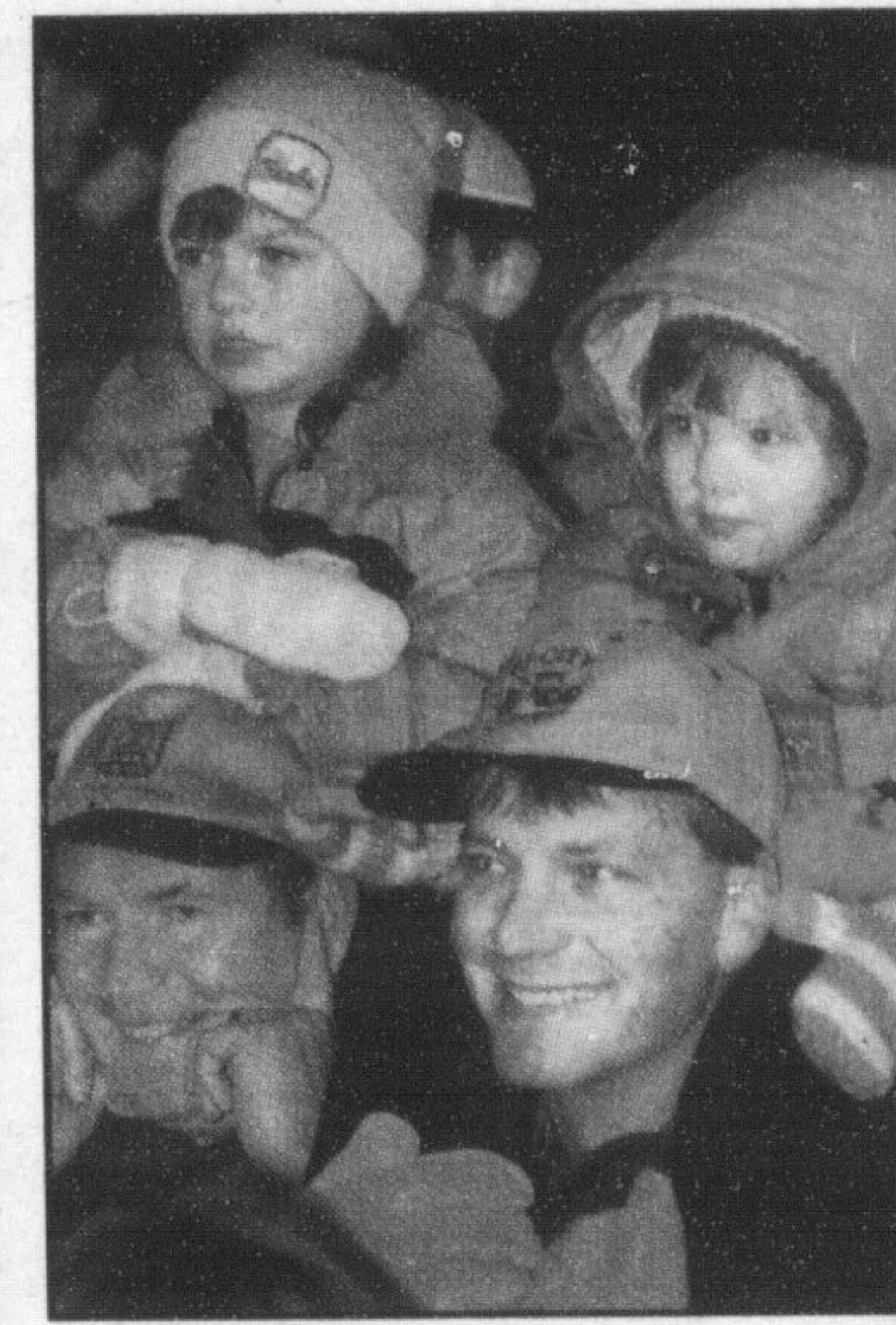
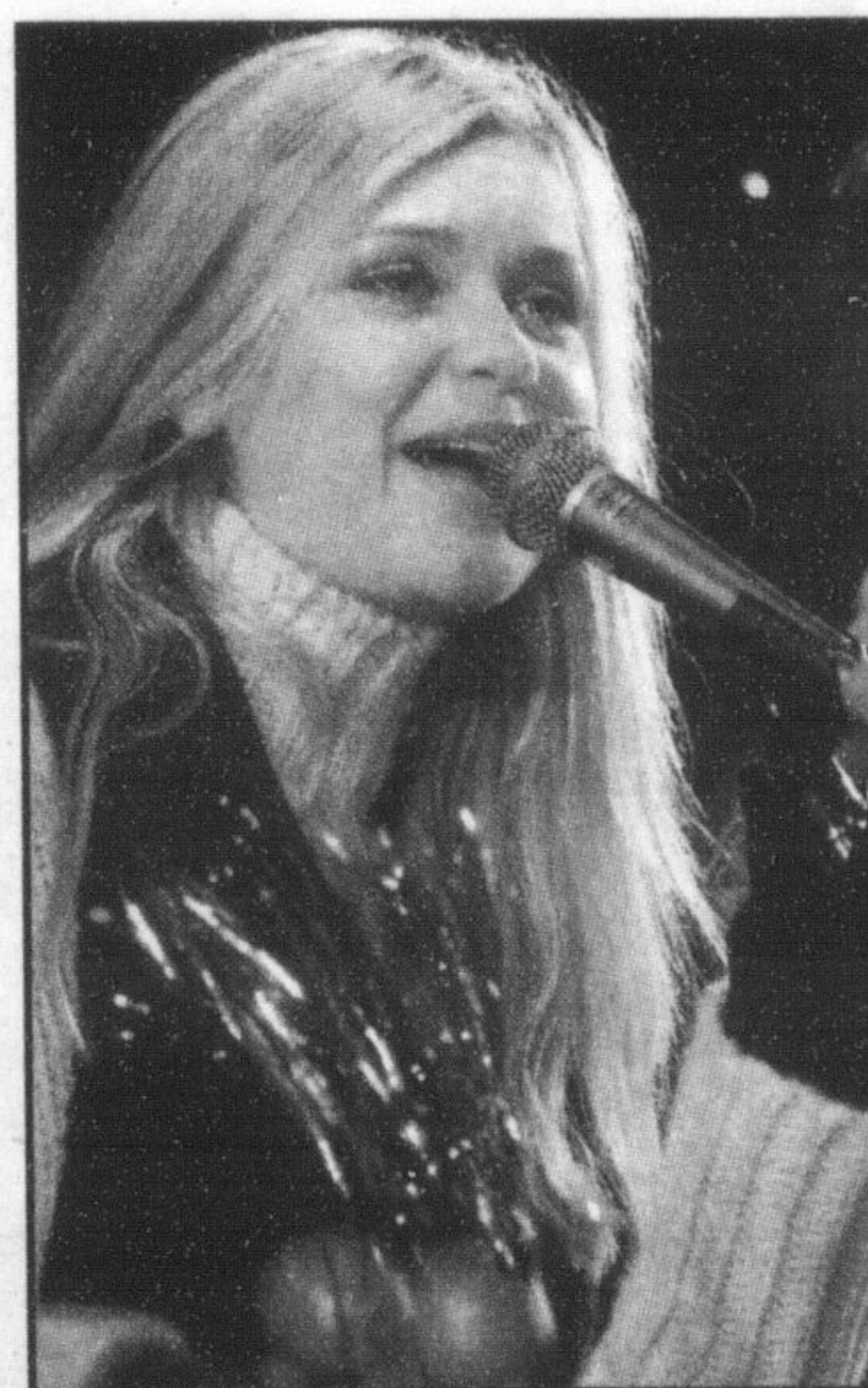
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✓ Crematorium to be built at cemetery

By RICHARD VIVIAN
The Champion

Creation of a crematorium at Evergreen Cemetery on Ontario Street received the go-ahead December 3 from the Milton administration and planning committee.

"We have reviewed the application in respect to the Provincial Policy Statement Plan and to the Regional Official Plan. We are prepared to recommend to you the approval of the application," Director of Planning and Public Works Mel Iovio told the committee.

"A site plan has been submitted to staff and all the issues have been resolved."

The concept of building a crematorium on the site has been in the works for more than two years, Jim Dills, a member of the cemetery board and chairman of the crematorium committee told *The Champion*.

"Trends in the grieving industry are definitely increasing in the cremation area. More and more — I think around 40 per cent — deaths involve cremation. There is a community need."

Should the necessary approvals be granted, the current works garage at the rear of the property would be converted into the crematorium. A new works garage would be constructed behind the current building, Mr. Dills added.

"The site proposed is not one which will ever be acceptable for burial purposes."

Town council and site plan approvals are both required before the project can move forward. At press time, Milton council was expected to address the matter last night.

Because additional approvals are still required, Mr. Dills said there isn't a timeline for building the crematorium.

Construction costs won't come from the Cemetery Board's existing trust funds, he continued.

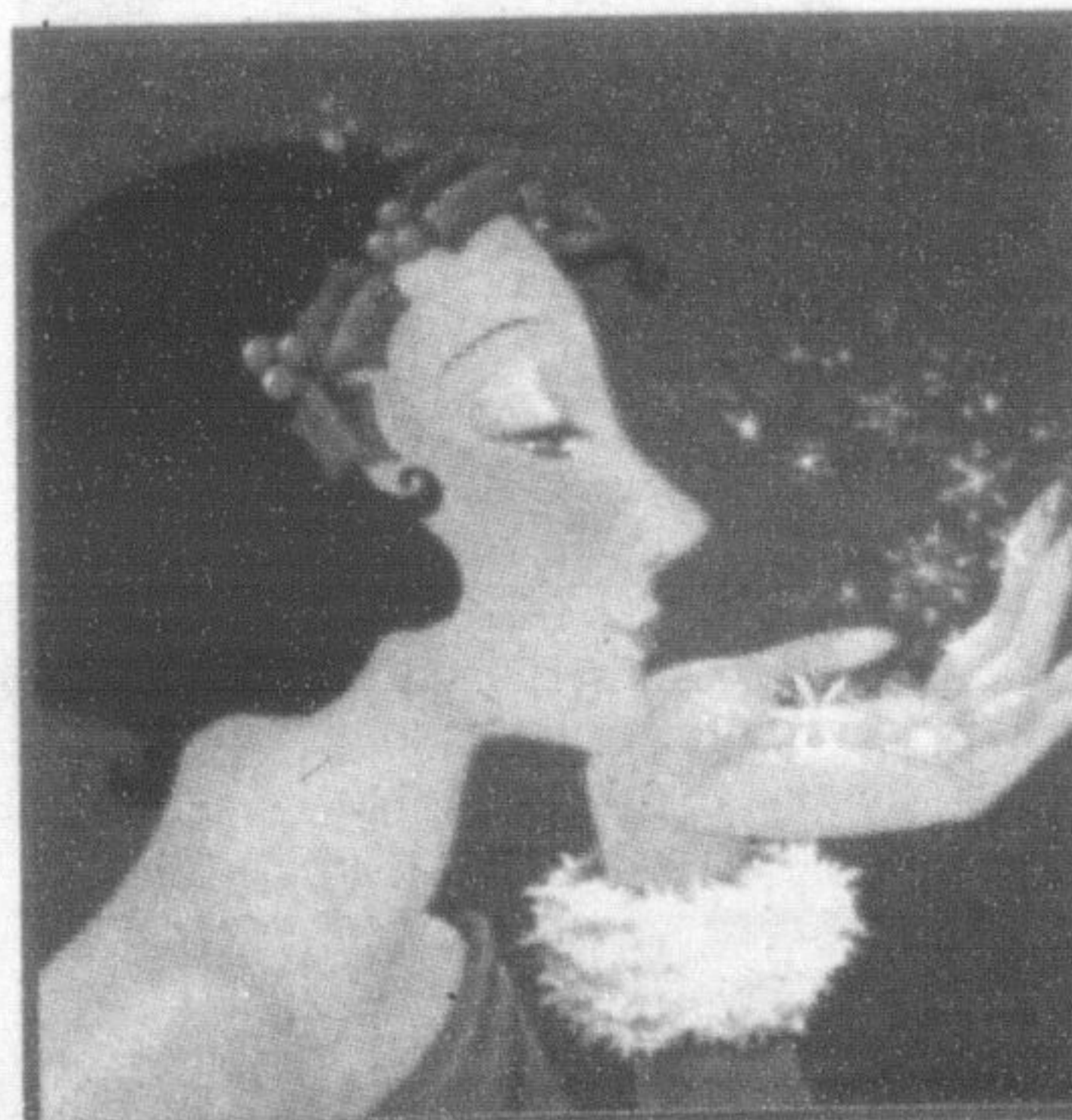
"The funds will be advanced to the cemetery by an independent group that will ultimately operate it (crematorium) on a lease basis.

"It will be operated by fully-trained professionals who are accredited crematorium operators."

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