

Police zero in on traffic offenders: pilot project

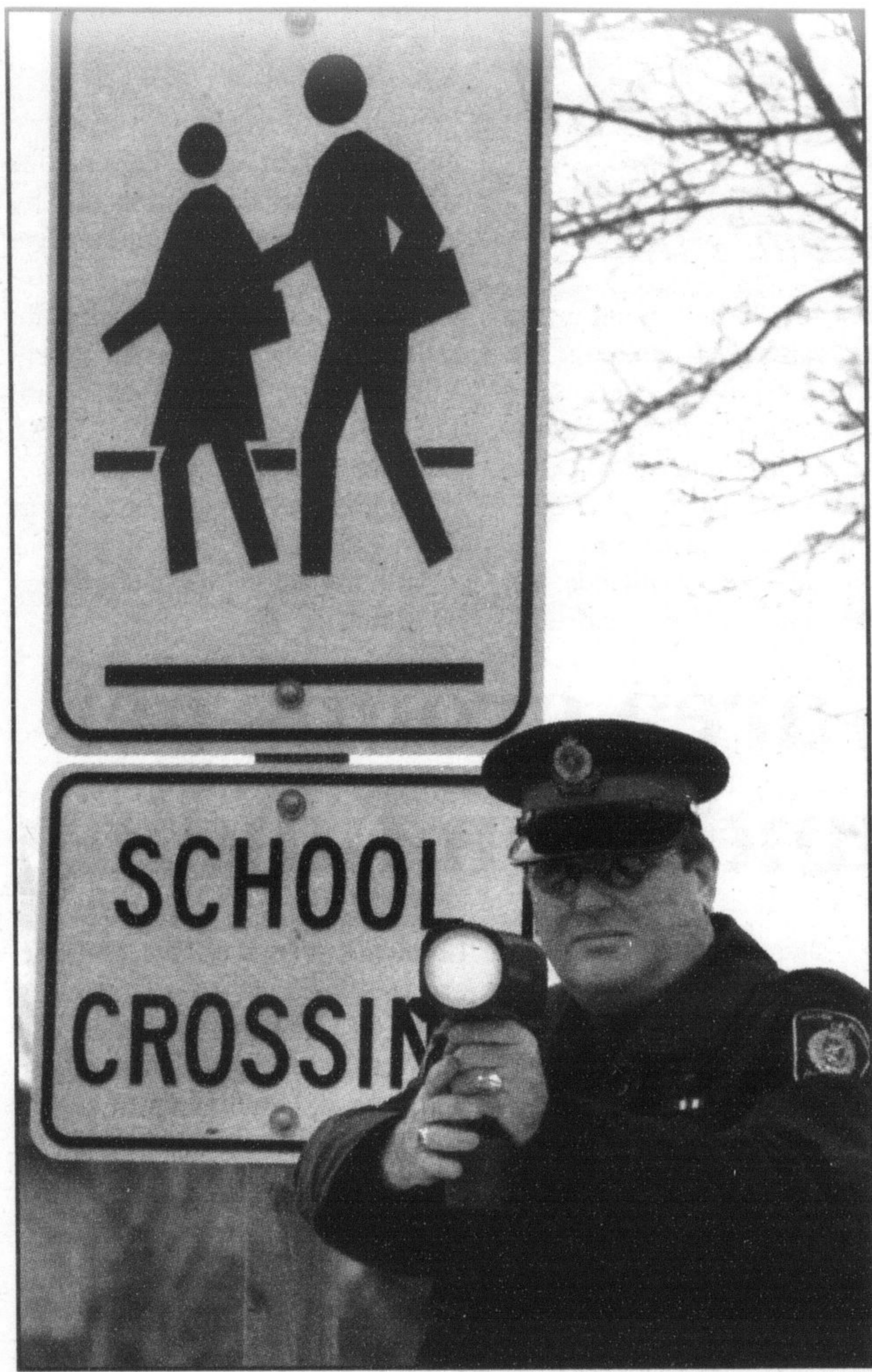


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Const. Clive Hubbard uses a radar gun to detect speeders, who pose safety risks on local roads.

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

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Speeding, light running and dangerous driving all pose potential hazards on our roads.

But hopefully town streets will be a little safer thanks to a new pilot project.

Halton Regional Police recently adopted the District S.T.E.P (Select Traffic Enforcement Program), which is running on a trial basis for six months.

One officer — Constable Clive Hubbard — has been specifically assigned to investigate areas of concern to citizens regarding traffic offences.

"We have community officers assigned throughout the town, and they would conduct an investigation into the complaints as

they have time," said Const. Hubbard, community traffic officer. "I suggested to (Sup.) Mike Kingston that a car should specifically be assigned to handle all traffic complaints for Milton and Campbellville."

Const. Hubbard sets up radar surveillance from a "plain vehicle" on streets that are known for both high and low traffic-related violations.

"I've already noticed that there's a significant amount of work for me," said the 25-year veteran of the force. "My experience has given me knowledge of where most of the traffic concerns are."

Const. Hubbard said the majority of the feedback he's received from the public has been positive.

"People are saying they're glad to see me

here," he said, adding he's issued 60 offence notices since the program began. "I'm also available to meet with the residents for consultation meetings."

Const. Hubbard wanted to stress he's not the only officer patrolling Milton with a radar gun, just the only officer assigned to this specific duty.

Since the program has only been operating a few weeks, it's too early to judge how successful it's been, he said.

"My feeling is once the general public gets the information of what we're doing, it may provide them with a better feeling overall, knowing someone is out there."

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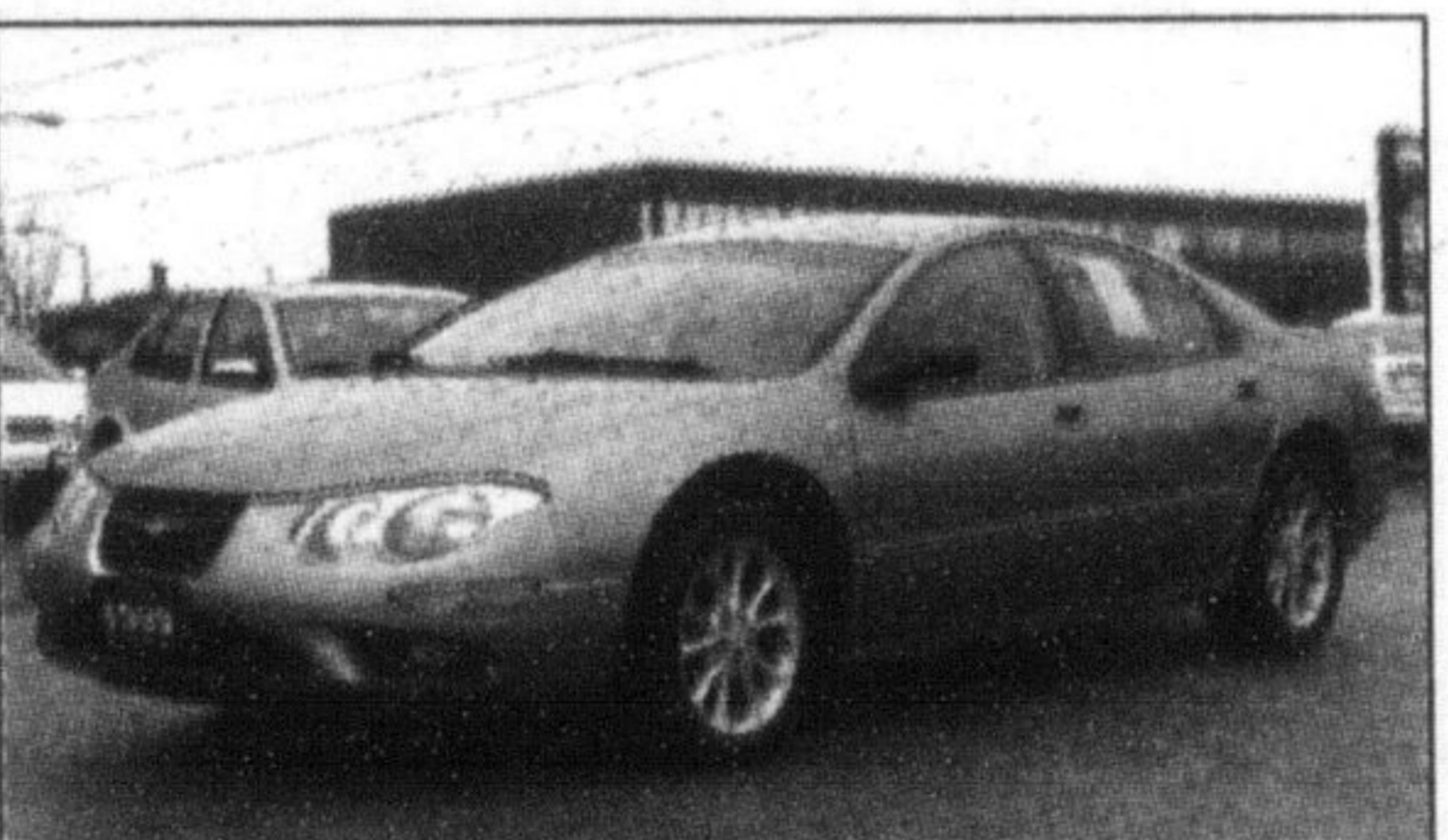


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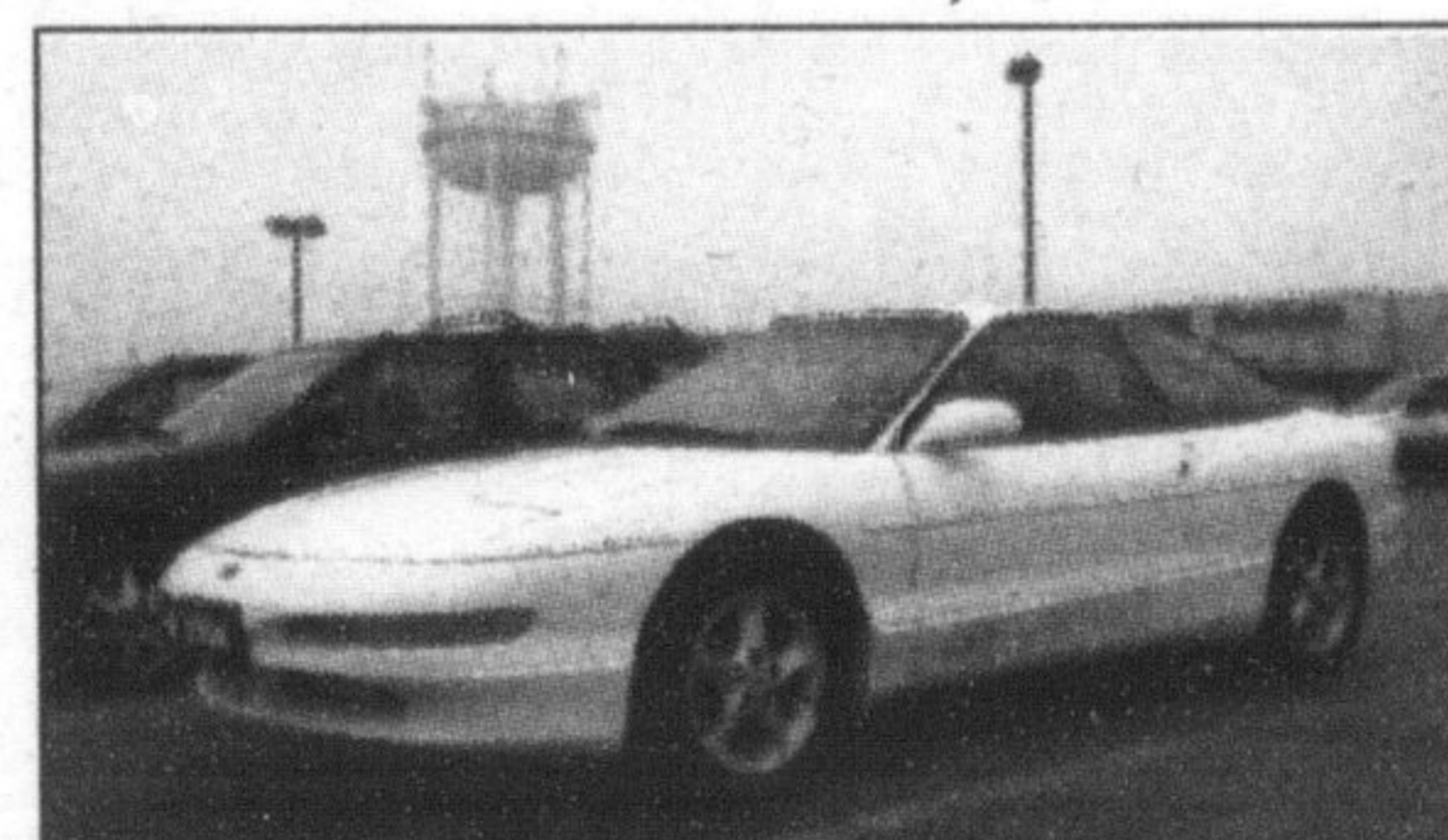
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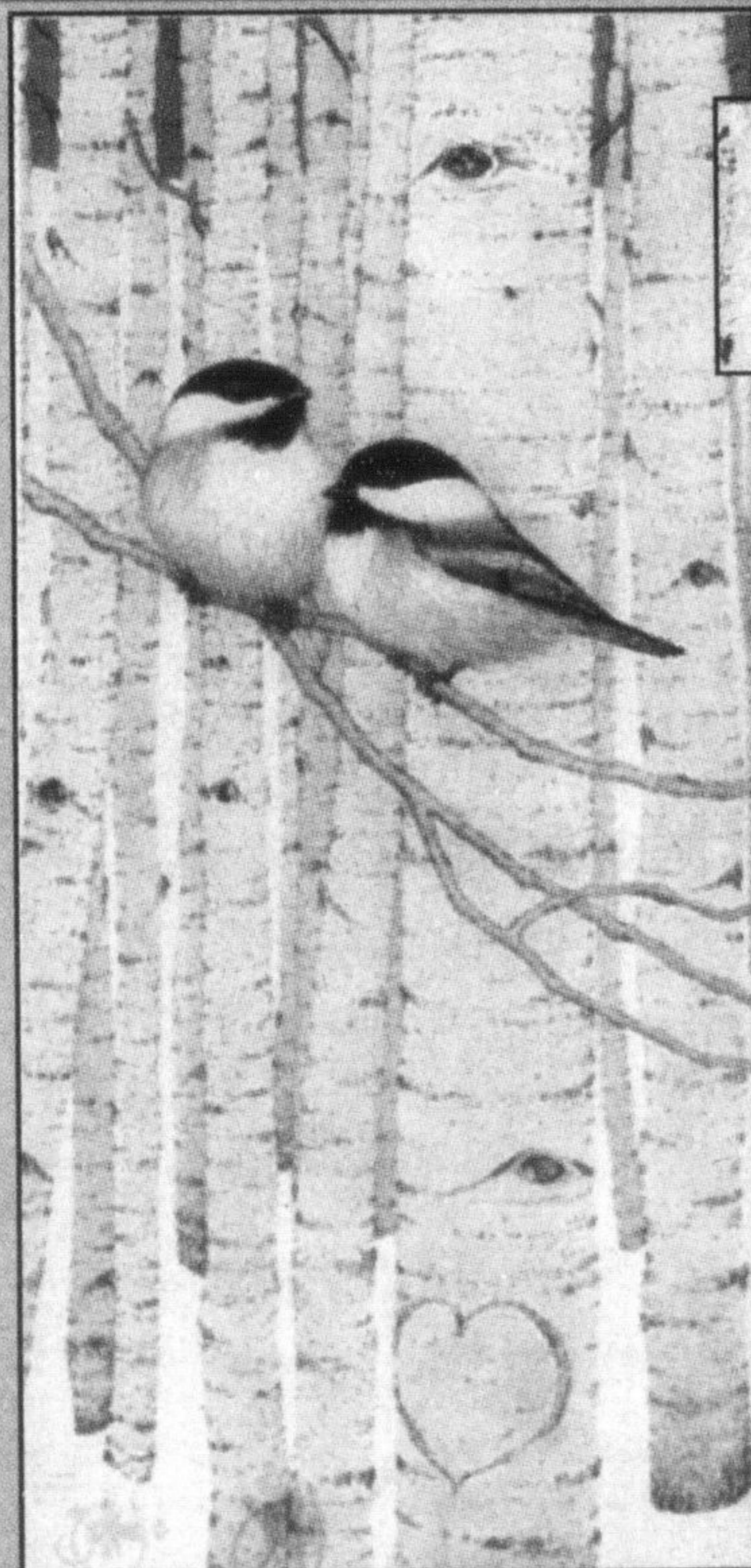
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