

Milton hospital welcomes own orthopaedic surgeon

By **RICHARD VIVIAN**
The Champion

Broken bones soon won't mean a trip to the Oakville hospital.

Starting Monday, Milton District Hospital (MDH) will have its first orthopaedic surgeon dedicated to the facility.

According to MDH Chief Operating Officer Cindy McDonnell, the arrival of an orthopaedic surgeon in Milton really boils down to numbers.

"It was a question of at what point can your medical manpower plan be expanded to include a full-time orthopaedic surgeon. That's based on the town's growth," she explained.

Currently, those with bone, joint and muscle injuries must go to Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital or a surgeon from there must come to the Milton hospital for treatment.

But with the arrival of Dr. Markus Bischoff, that practice will become unnecessary.

"I'm really happy to be here. I think this is a great little hospital. They've treated me very well," the doctor told The Champion.

"I like that (being first dedicated orthopedic surgeon). That way I can set up the program the way I want to here in Milton, to help me work closely with the community. If you're the only one, you get more of a chance to work closely with the community."

Dr. Bischoff comes to Milton following medial training and residency at McMaster Medical Center in Hamilton and a sports medicine and orthopaedics fellowship in Banff, Alberta.

The surgeon will operate regular office hours during the week (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) out of the hospital, as well as providing on-call services along with those from the Oakville hospital.

When it came time to locate himself somewhere, Dr. Bischoff said he selected Milton for two reasons; both

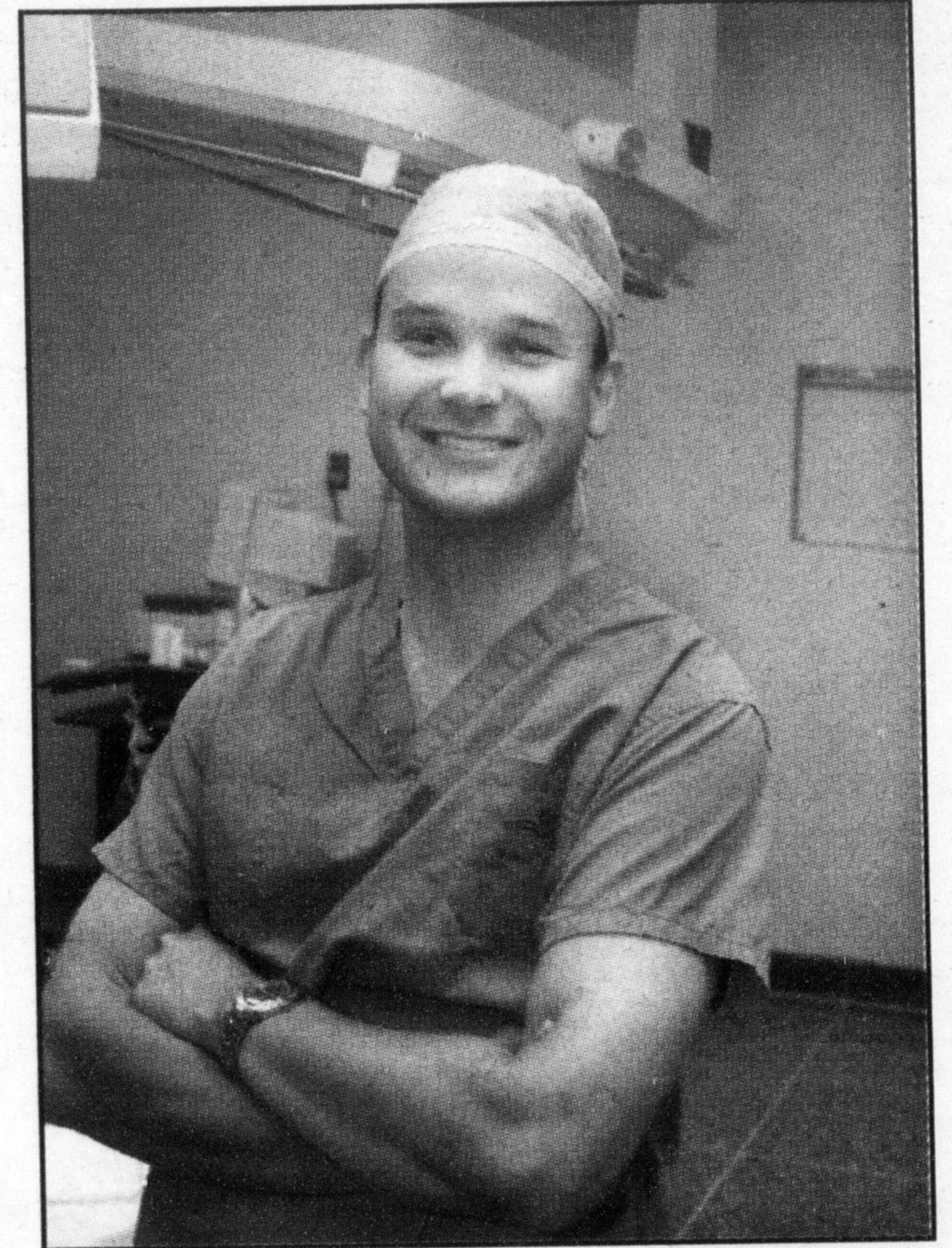


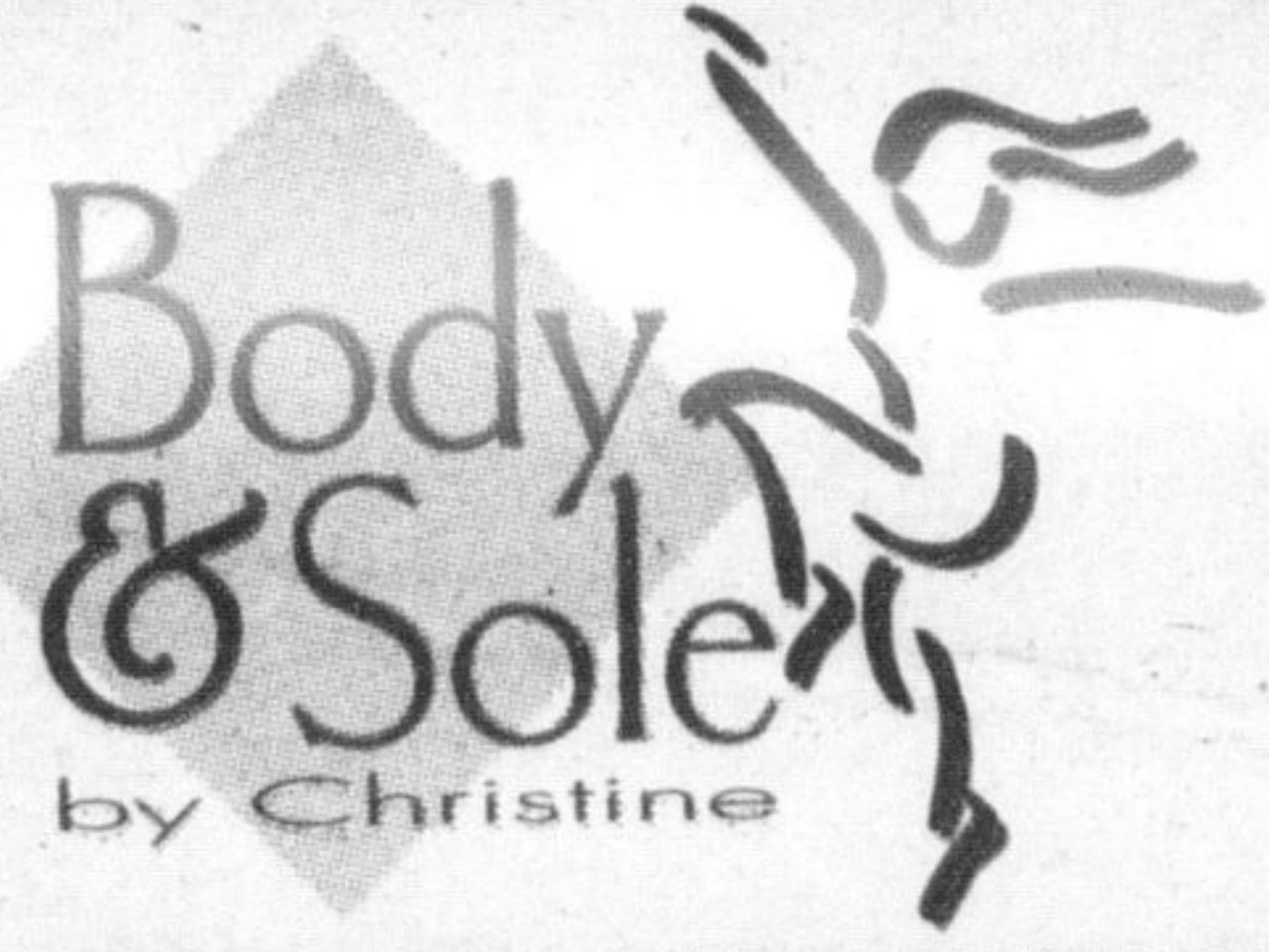
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The town's population increase has resulted in the arrival of Dr. Markus Bischoff, Milton hospital's first own orthopaedic surgeon.

he and his wife have family nearby and Milton is a small hospital.



"I was looking for a smaller hospital. I like smaller hospitals better. It's a closer working environment. Milton was a logical pick," he explained.

"This is an area (orthopedics) that's expanding hugely and it (hospital) is definitely in need of an orthopedic surgeon."




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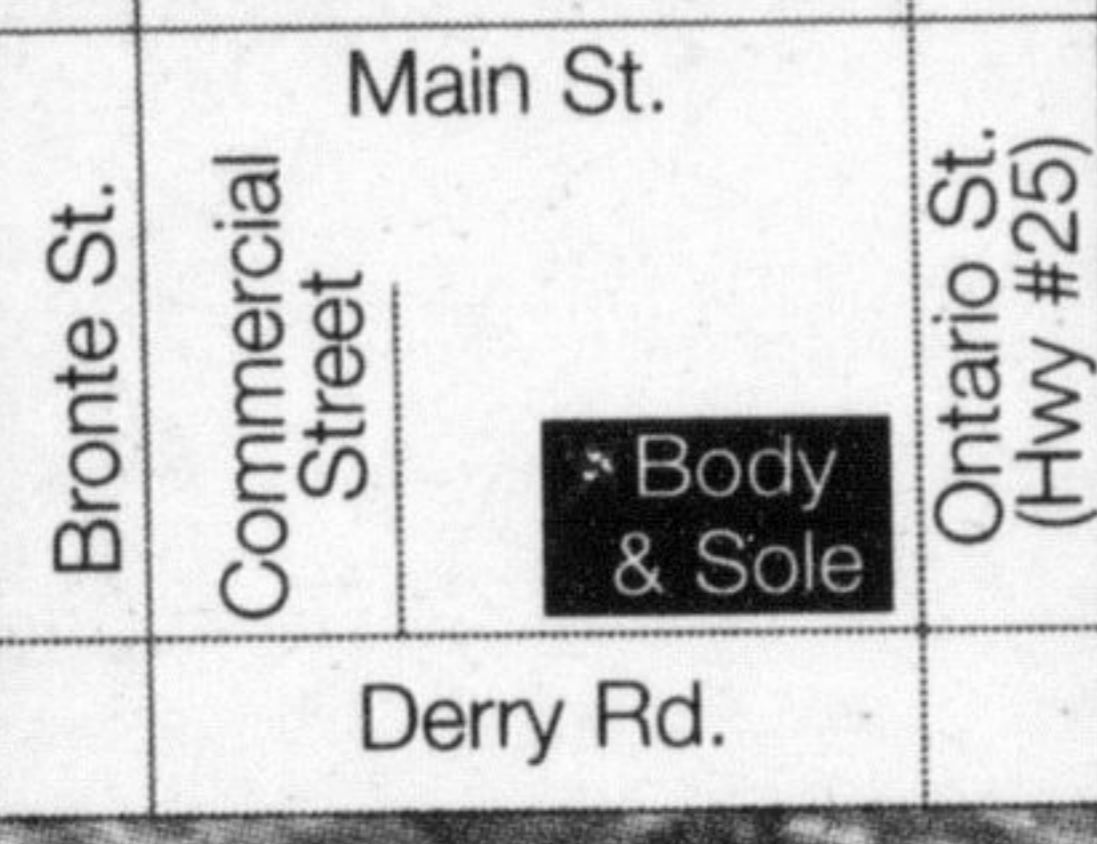
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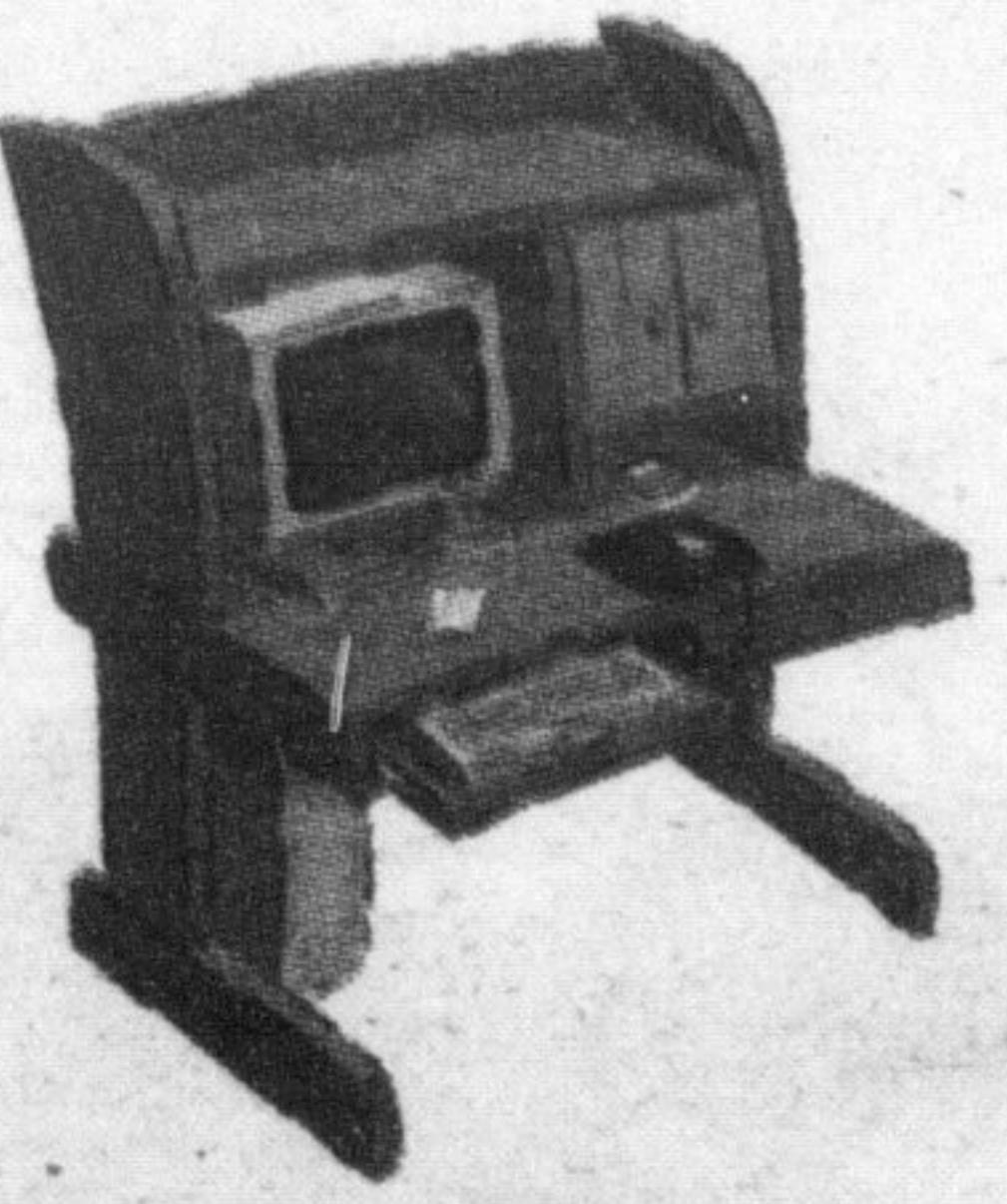
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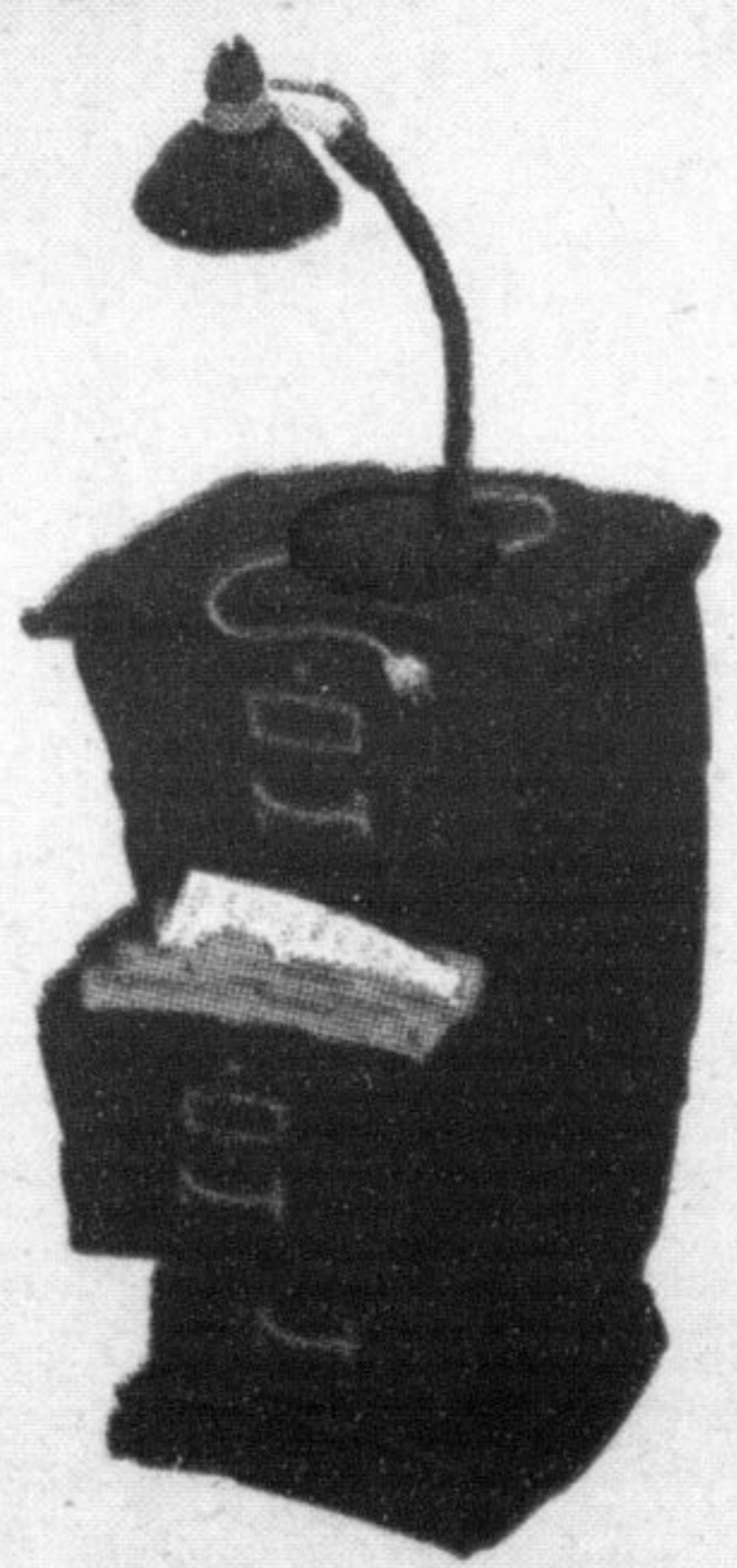
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