

Planner asks co-operation of Halton region officials

Milton Planning Director Bob Zsadyani issued a plea for co-operation to members of the Halton Regional Planning Committee when the committee reviews the consolidated official plan for Milton.

The planner explained that Milton was pulling two whole communities and parts of three others together. He noted the task in Milton was a microcosm of what is happening at the regional level with four areas.

He visualized Milton as a community an entity on its own and one that would offer diverse range of lifestyles not available in Oakville or Burlington. "This helps Milton and it helps the region if the region will acknowledge it."

Conflict
Zsadyani said the proposed plan would conflict with provincial goals stated in the Toronto-Centred Region Report and enforced in the COLUC study.

He lashed out at the province's idea that 2,300 acres of prime agricultural land in North Oakville (now Milton) should be used for housing.

He argued strongly in favor of a plan that would see that land left in agriculture and provision made for Milton to grow.

The proposal for an industrial park north of Highway 401 was essential for the welfare of the town, Zsadyani said. "We have a dire shortage in our tax base. We've been forced into this position," he said. Zsadyani noted that the town could not meet the demands placed on it unless the poor industrial base was improved.

Lots of housing
"Due to perhaps an overly voracious council, we have a lot of housing for young families. God knows where they would go without that."

"I hope the region will have an open mind to what might seem to urban people as bizarre ideas," he suggested. The town and the regional council have sparred from time to time on conflicting ideas concerning estate type rural developments and also over communal wells.

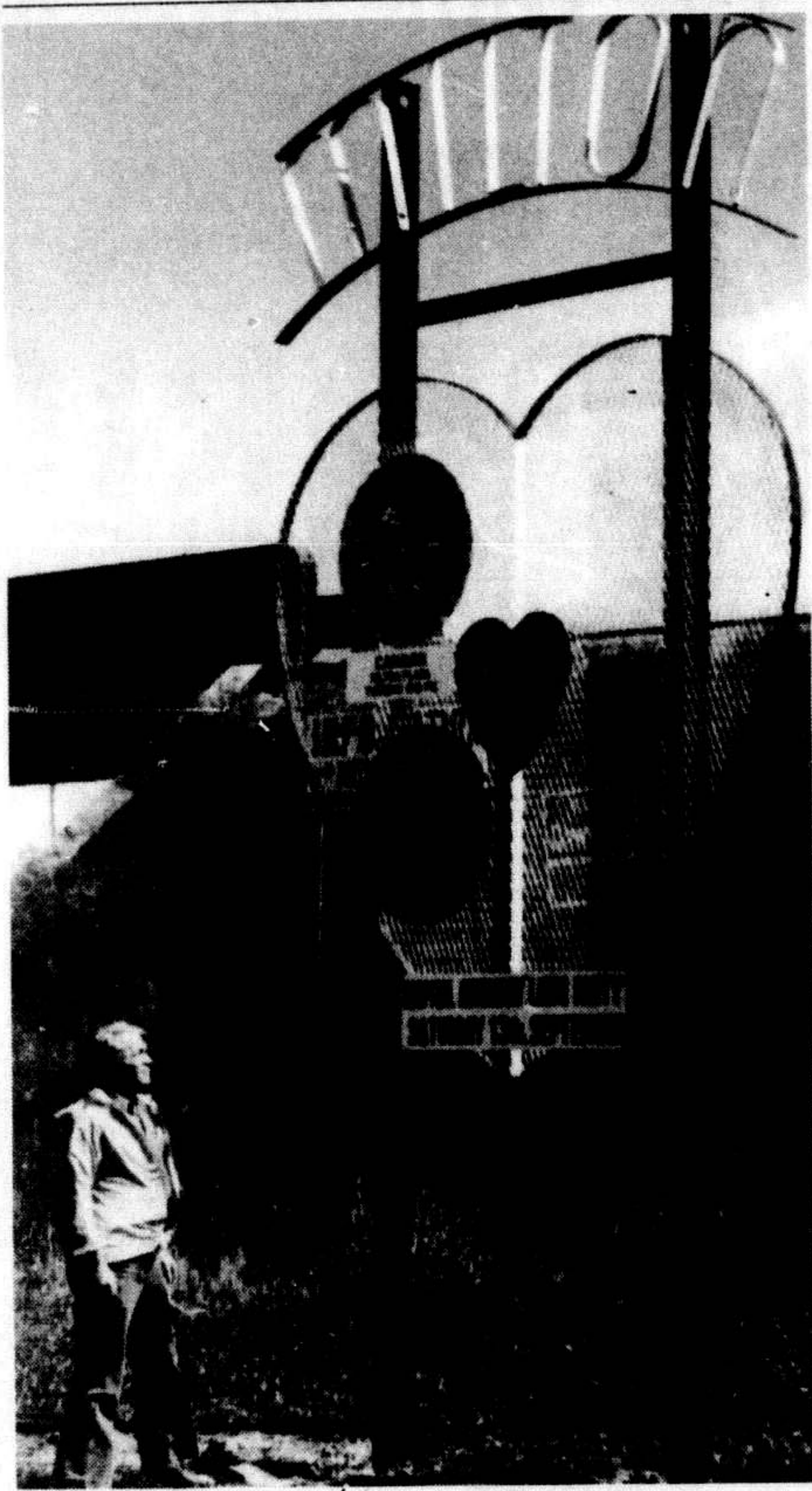
Because of the urgency involved, the town will go ahead with the industrial amendment that would provide new industrial lands first and then proceed with the consolidated plan later.

The planner told the committee that public hearings would start on the plan in either the middle or end of October. He said he hoped to have the plan through by the end of the year and the plan approved by the middle of 1976.

In reply to a question from Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell, Zsadyani said he had received personal correspondence from Provincial Treasurer Darcy McKeough. In that correspondence McKeough told Zsadyani that he was giving serious consideration to Milton responses to the Parkway Belt and the COLUC study.

Unless the province shifts from its most recent public position, it is sure to scuttle any plan that would see large tracts of land turned over to industrial users in the town of Milton.

—Have you seen The Champion's local history display at Milton Library? It's there in the local history room until Sept. 27.



Who will enforce by-law?

Cutting of trees in Halton Region may soon come under strict regulations. Halton Region's planning committee discussed the terms of a proposed by-law at a meeting Wednesday night in Brookville.

The by-law, if passed, would restrict cutting of trees to those more than two years old and prohibit cutting along the roadside except in the interest of necessary public works. The by-law makes

Regional Coverage by Bob Burt

provision for trees to be cut for Christmas trees, woodlot management and control of diseased trees.

Study staffing
Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said the implication on staffing requirements and the possibility of issuing permits for trees to be cut should be investigated.

Councillor Jim Watson noted that an old by-law passed by a former county council was never actively enforced and there was really no way of knowing how effective it was.

Former Cabinet Minister John Yaremko was in the audience and noted that the old county by-law was far more restrictive than

regulations imposed by the Niagara Escarpment Legislation. He felt land-

Committee okays HU complement

There won't be any cuts in the staff complement of Halton Region's Board of Health Nursing Services. That decision was made by Halton Region's Administration Committee Wednesday after a special report from personnel Director Dennis Camm was presented.

Apparently some councillors became concerned at the

cost of nursing services after nurses settled for a salary increase of 30 percent back in May.

Camm's report explained that the committee had given informal direction to cut costs of nursing services by 15 percent. Subsequent to that, a resolution was passed urging that the complement be left as it is but no increases were to be permitted.

Camm noted that if the 15 percent reduction in spending were to be permitted, many programs would suffer. He said that if the committee was eager to cut spending it should cut some program or programs and it should be the committee's decision which programs were cut.

His report indicated some clinics had been cancelled this year due to time restrictions staffers face.

May charge man for removing farm topsoil

Halton Region's Planning Committee will investigate the possibility of bringing charges under the Pits and Quarries Act against a man in North Halton who is apparently removing soil from a farm near Stewart-

Nix subdivision
The matter was brought before the committee by members of the Halton Federation of Agriculture at a meeting in Brookville Hall last week.

Fred Nurse said that the practice of hauling the top soil off what he described as "excellent" farm land would render the land useless for farming and open it up for premature development.

He recalled as a member of Esqueping Planning Board several years ago, denying an application for a subdivision on the property. He noted that the removal of top soil, if allowed, would be a factor

that could strengthen the owner's argument.

Planning committee member Jim Watson said that the removal of topsoil could be considered excavating and if so, it might be covered under the Pits and Quarries Act.

Chairman Mary Munro said the matter would be investigated and legal advice would be sought to determine if charges could be laid under the pits and quarries act.

SERVICE CLUB SIGNS will have a new vantage point at three entrances to town when signs like this are installed. The first installation on Highway 25 north of Steeles is admired by Rotary Past President Burke McNeill. A committee of members from the Optimist, Lions, Kinsmen, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary groups contributed to the three signs to be erected. Sam Nadalin prepared the original design. The sign features spots for service club signs and coming event features of the community. Planters are planned for the base of the sign, designed around Milton as the "Heart of Halton"

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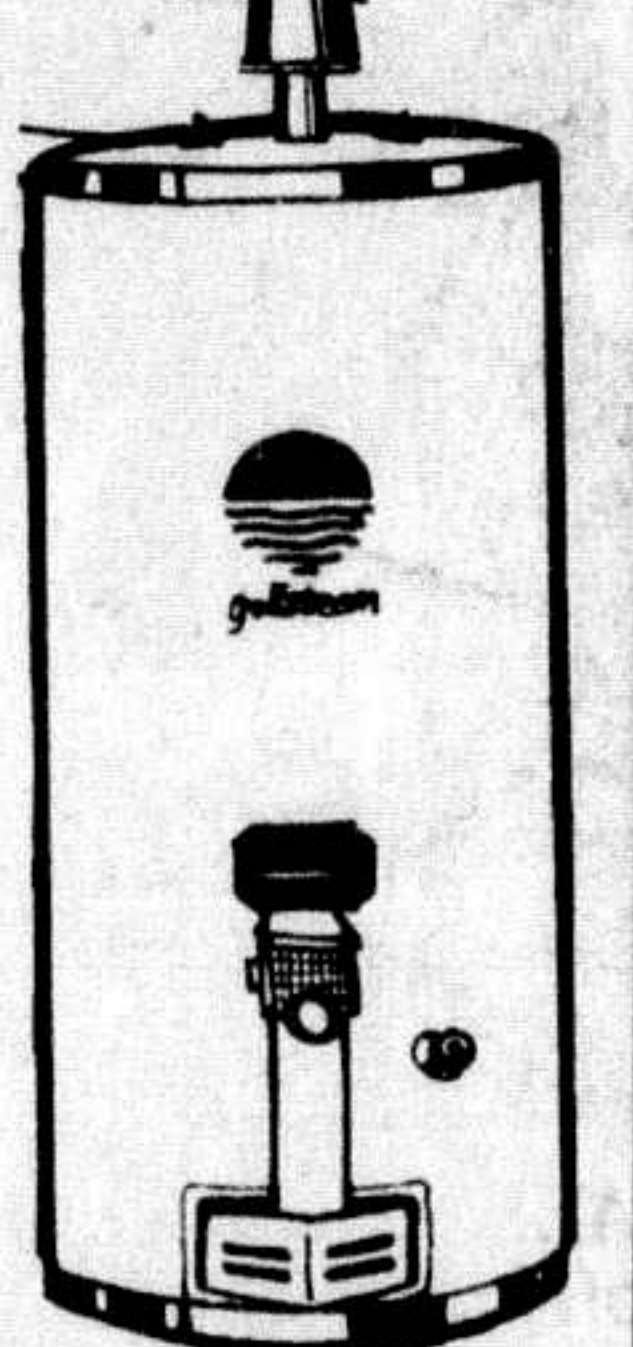
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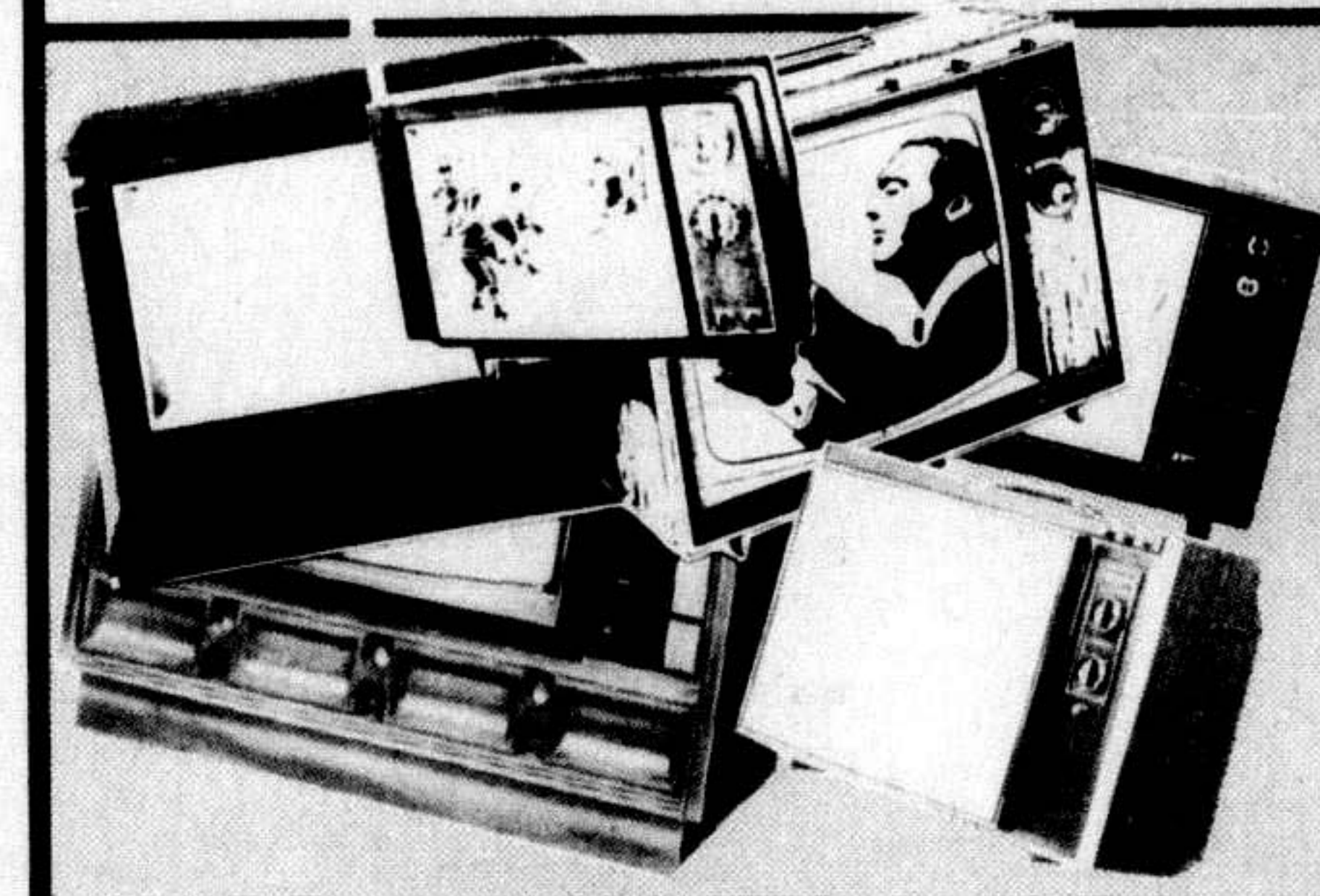
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