



### Great gardeners

Several of Milton's best gardeners were at a recent Milton and District Horticultural Society meeting to receive their prizes in the club's annual garden competition. In photo above are from left (back row) Mrs. Joe Rynsoever, Paul Farnell, Father H.J. Bedford, Keith Gregory, Peter Olsthoorn, (front row) Wendy Murphy, Joanne Gregory and Irene Cherwaiko. In photo at right, Ada Scisizzi (left) and Elizabeth Stout display their trophies for best red rose and most points in show respectively. Those prizes were won at the society's annual flower show earlier this year. The garden contest was open to residential and commercial gardens. A record 54 entries were made this year.

## Animals shouldn't suffer

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I read that you are an animal rights activist, and as such, you are opposed to using live animals for testing in laboratories. Abby, please be reasonable. You make no sense at all, woman!

Where would medical science be if live animals were not used? Please rethink your stance. I love animals too, but not so much that I would oppose animal testing that could benefit humanity.

#### FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

DEAR FOR: You read incorrectly. I am opposed to the use of live animals for testing household products and cosmetics. I am not opposed to using live animals for medical and biomedical purposes when there is no alternative method of testing.

I am aware that much progress has resulted from animal experiments, but if there is no alternative to using live animals, we should treat those animals humanely to prevent needless suffering.

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that people send for little signs that say "Thank You for Not Smoking" if they don't want guests to smoke in their homes. Why don't you tell them to warn guests in advance, so smokers can decline invitations to homes where they are not free to smoke?

You certainly are down on smokers, Abby. I'll bet you would turn down a doomed man's request for one last puff on the grounds that it would be bad for his health.

#### SMOKER

DEAR SMOKER: You are mistaken. I was once put to that test when someone I loved very much begged me to get him a cigarette while he was in the hospital, dying of cancer.

I went out into the hall, bummed a cigarette from a stranger, and

Dear Abby



granted the dear man his wish. Why not? The harm had already been done.

DEAR ABBY: What can we, as parents, do to get our 39-year-old daughter to repay the money we loaned her?

We loaned her money to make a down payment on a car. We loaned her money so she could go to beauty school. We loaned her money to pay her rent and security and electric company deposit — and instead, she used the money to give her stepdaughter a birthday party.

She promised to pay for the collect phone calls she made to us, but she hasn't. The list goes on and on.

Her father called and asked her to please send us a little something. All we get are promises. She manages an office and makes good money. Her husband also has a job that pays well.

Abby, we are trying to get along on our Social Security and need the money.

#### NEEDY PARENTS

DEAR PARENTS: Unless you have an IOU or promissory note signed by your daughter, complete with the terms of repayment, your chances for collecting are slim. Sometimes threatening to sue will motivate a deadbeat.

I wish you luck. Meanwhile, this should be a lesson for others: Don't lend anybody (relatives included) money without a signed IOU or promissory note.

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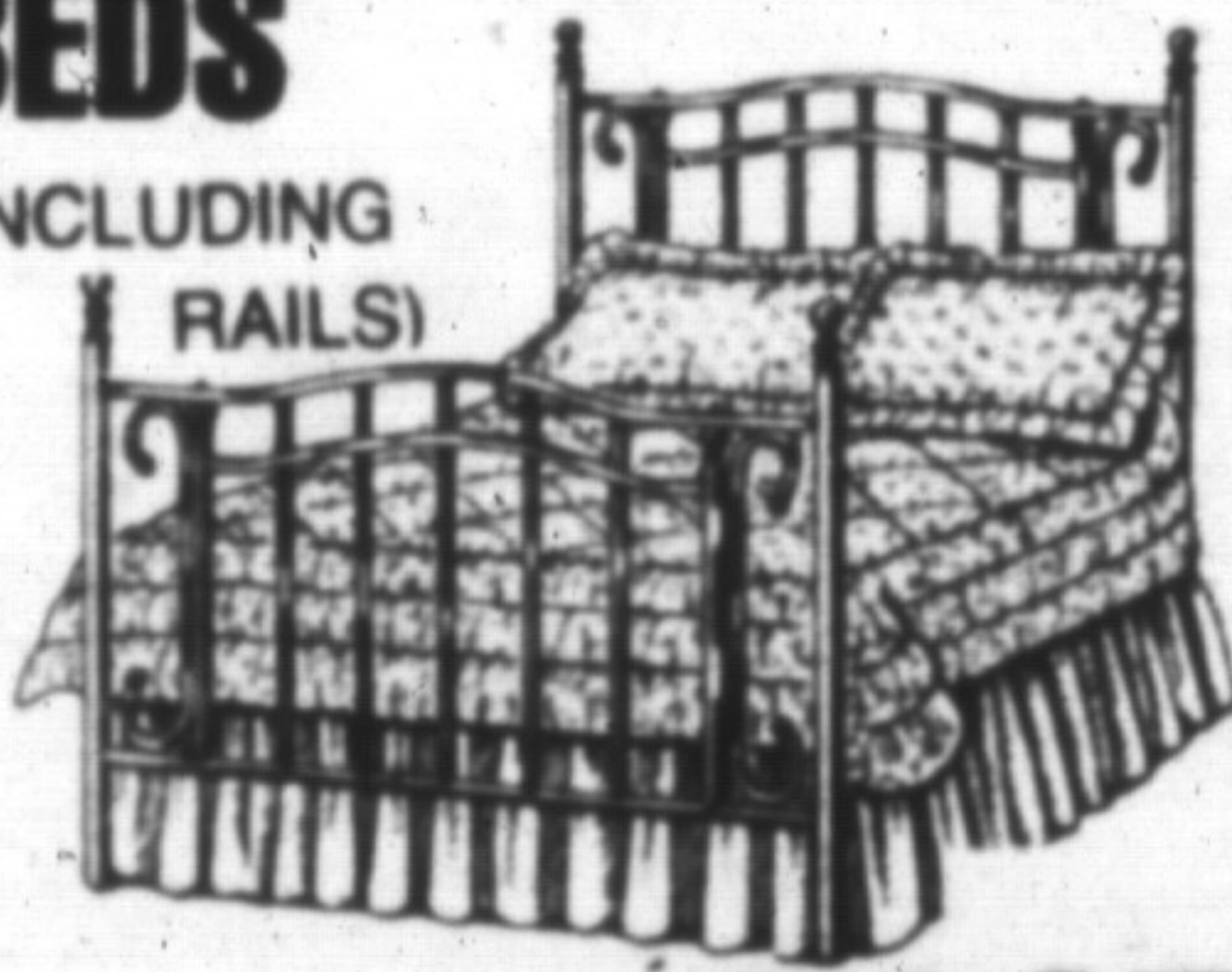
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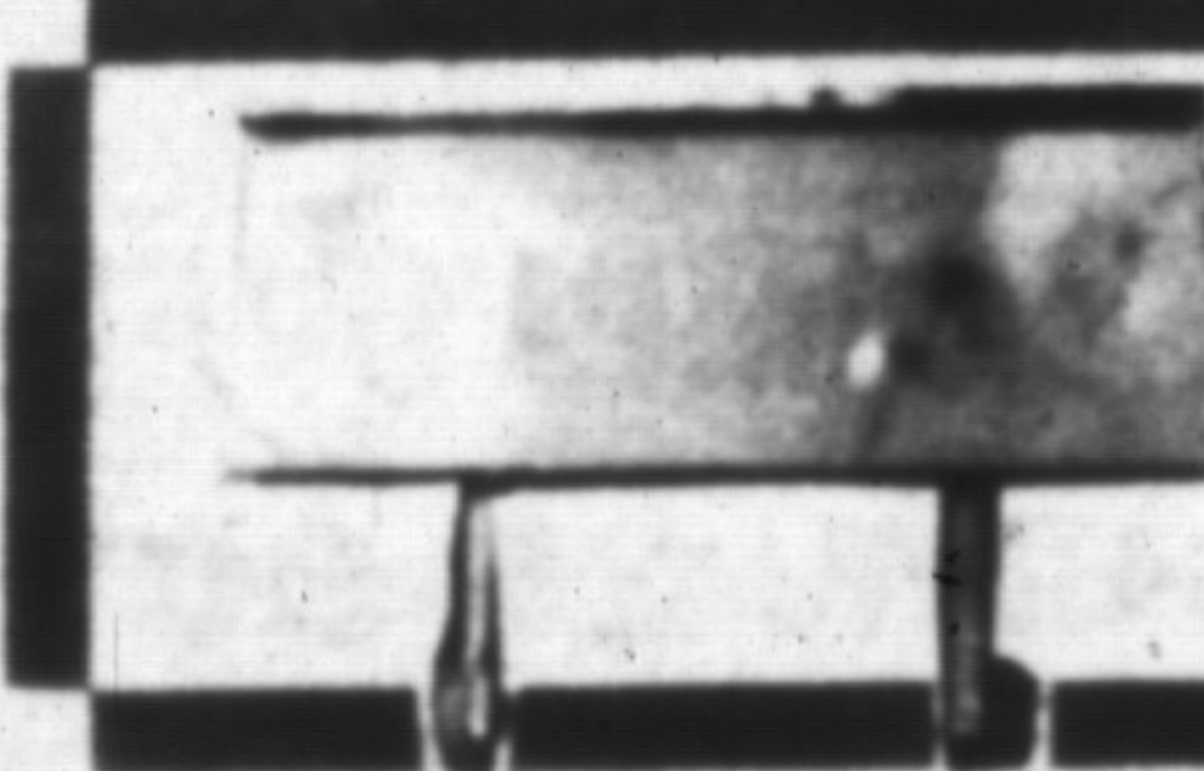
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