

# MSS open house: art displays, band concert, shop demonstrations, science fair

Midland Secondary School will be a lively place at tonight's Open House. Sound, colour and action will highlight the evening, as almost every phase of the school's operations is on display. Parents will have a chance to see what their children are exposed to in their daily routine. Taxpayers will be able to see where a healthy chunk of their tax dollar goes. And the general public will be offered a colourful variety of sights and sounds, in the biggest and best free show in town.

and the show will run until 10. **Art on Display** A striking exhibition of student art will be on display in the school's handsome library. Items shown are in each of the media in which the students have been instructed, from silk screen work to oil painting. In addition, the Art rooms will be open, and visitors may watch student artists at work. **Band to Perform** In the cafeteria, the band will present a performance, and the Music room will be open during the evening, with

students practising and working. The Theatre Arts room will also be open, with students on hand running through their paces. **Shops At Work** Technical shops will be open, with students operating in welding, drafting, electricity and all the other skills. In the Commercial wing, again students will be demonstrating what they are taught daily. In the Marketing room, they will show how they are learning to run a radio station. **Films, Displays** And the academic

subjects will not be neglected. The English department will be showing a student-made film. The French department will have atmosphere and slides. Science labs will be in operation, and the Math department has mathematical games and a film. The Geography department will present: a display of and 3-D stereoscope viewing of local air photos; industries of Midland; snowfall comparison of this winter and past years.

**Sports on Show** In the triple gym, there will be action all evening, with a girls' dance group, boys' wrestling, gymnastics, basketball and paddle-ball. Visitors should check the time of the different events of the evening in advertisements and programs. **Rock and Folk** Behind the glass of the Guidance department, there will be live entertainment all evening, with folk singing, gospel and rock. At the back of the cafeteria, the Guidance department will have a display of students in action in the community, with everything from karate to flying. Students will be on hand to explain.

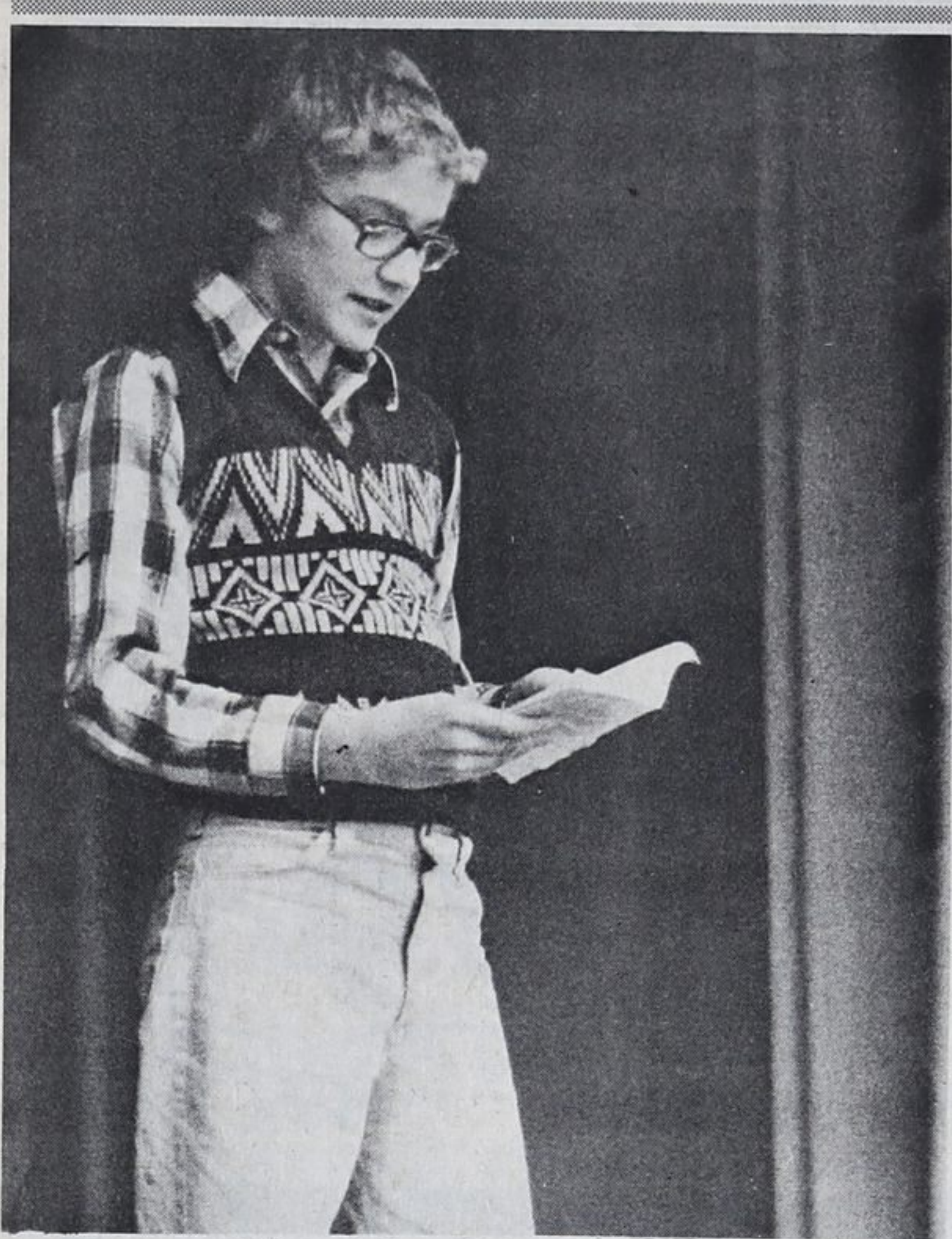
**Science Fair Winners** During Education Week, local elementary schools staged a Science Fair. This will be on display all evening in the MSS Gym 2 area, with the winners appropriately tagged "Students In Action".

Theme of this year's Open House is "Students in Action". There will be hundreds of students literally involved in the programs.

Visitors will be given programs which contain the times and places of all events, and also a map for finding their way about the sprawling building.

Also on hand will be student guides to direct the visitors to areas of particular interest. It's a three-hour effort, with something doing

every minute, and something for everyone's taste. Refreshments will be available in two areas of the school.



Checking his notes

## Public speaking competition held

Eleven elementary school youngsters from Simcoe County's Area 3 competed in an Oral Communications Festival last Tuesday. All were winners in their own schools. A large audience gathered in the auditorium of Midland's Bayview school for the event.

Each contestant spoke for about four minutes on a topic of his choice, and judges Raymond Holt, MSS theatre Arts teacher, Rev. Brian Gazzard, Elmvale, and writer Shirley Whittington asked related questions of each speaker following delivery of the prepared address.

Contestants were also required to read aloud from a book of their choice.

Martin Shanahan, from Huronia Centennial School in Elmvale was the winner with a presentation on "The Common Cold".

Other speakers were Raymond Gronross ("TV Commercials"); Wobize Bambi ("Iran"); Kelly Goodman ("The Unexplained"); Mike Haliburton ("Alcoholism"); Adele Clark ("International Women's Year"); Joseph Dignard ("The Bermuda Triangle"); Pamela Spears ("One of My Favourite Teachers"); Rochelle Desrochers ("A House Fire"); and Cheri Ward ("Drugs").

Winner Martin Shanahan was presented with the Ken Cowan Trophy. Ten miniature trophies were presented to the other contestants.

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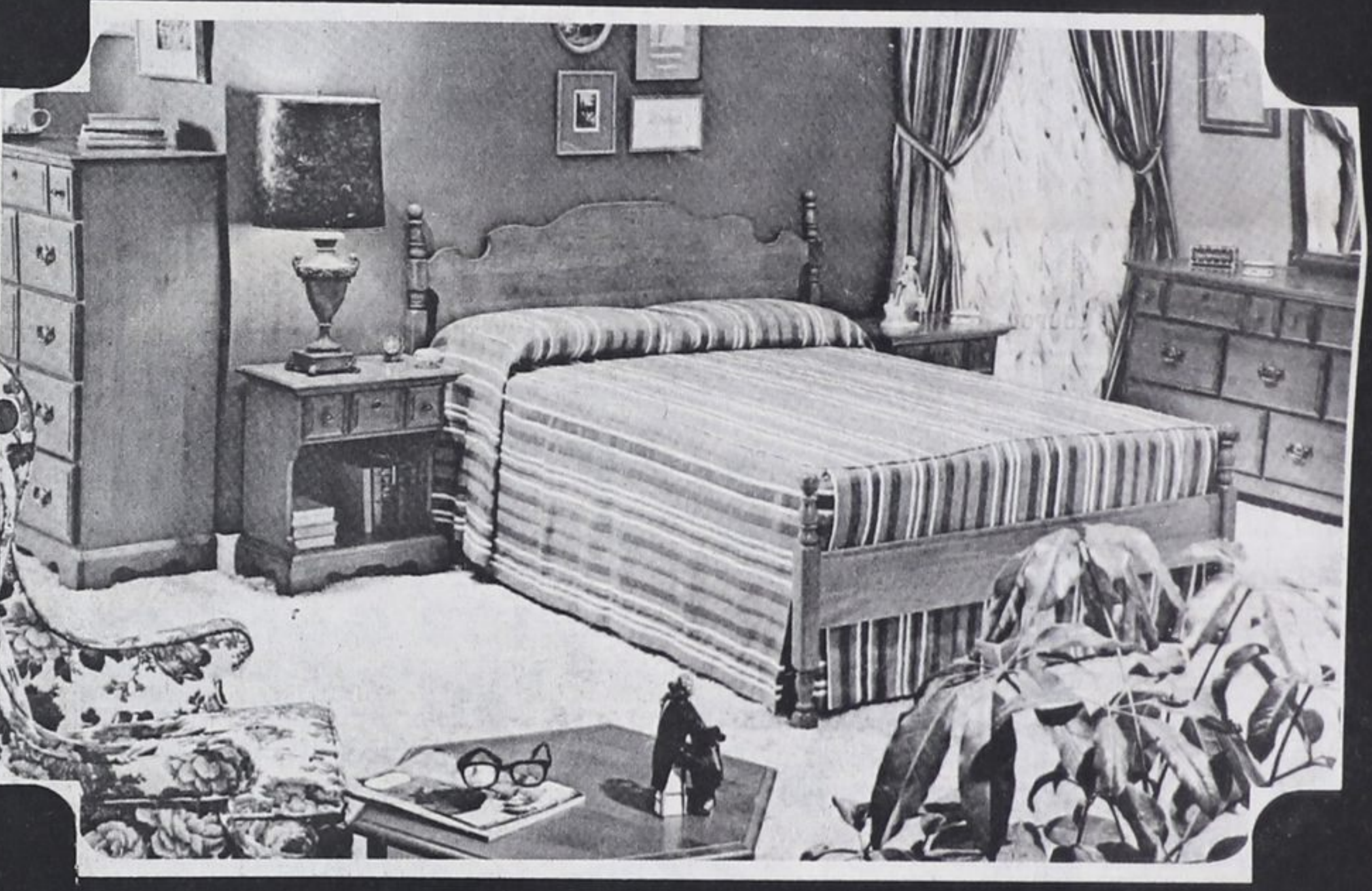
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