

**23 calls
for help
last month:
Fire Chief**

Midland firefighters responded to a total of 23 calls during the month of May, Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge's activity report for last month shows.

The document, tabled at last night's council meeting also notes, of the 23 calls, 15 were general alarms and eight were "silent alarms."

A "silent alarm" is one where only those on duty at the fire hall respond.

It was also noted in the fire chief's report that Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry had completed a three-week Municipal Fire Departments' Instructors Seminar at McMaster University.



Regent grads

It was graduation time last week for these young men and women (Grade 8's) at Regent Public

School in Midland. From Regent it's off to high school this fall. —Photo by Bruce Finlayson

Special program

Spinning a different kind of yarn at St. Louis School

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Students at Ecole St. Louis were treated to a demonstration of the crafts of spinning and knitting on their second last day of school last week.

The special program was organized by Anne Robitaille, grade one and two teacher, and featured her mother Mrs. Maria St. Amant, who has been a spinner for many years. Also demonstrating their knitting skills were Mrs. Simone Charlebois and Mrs. Georgette Lesperance.

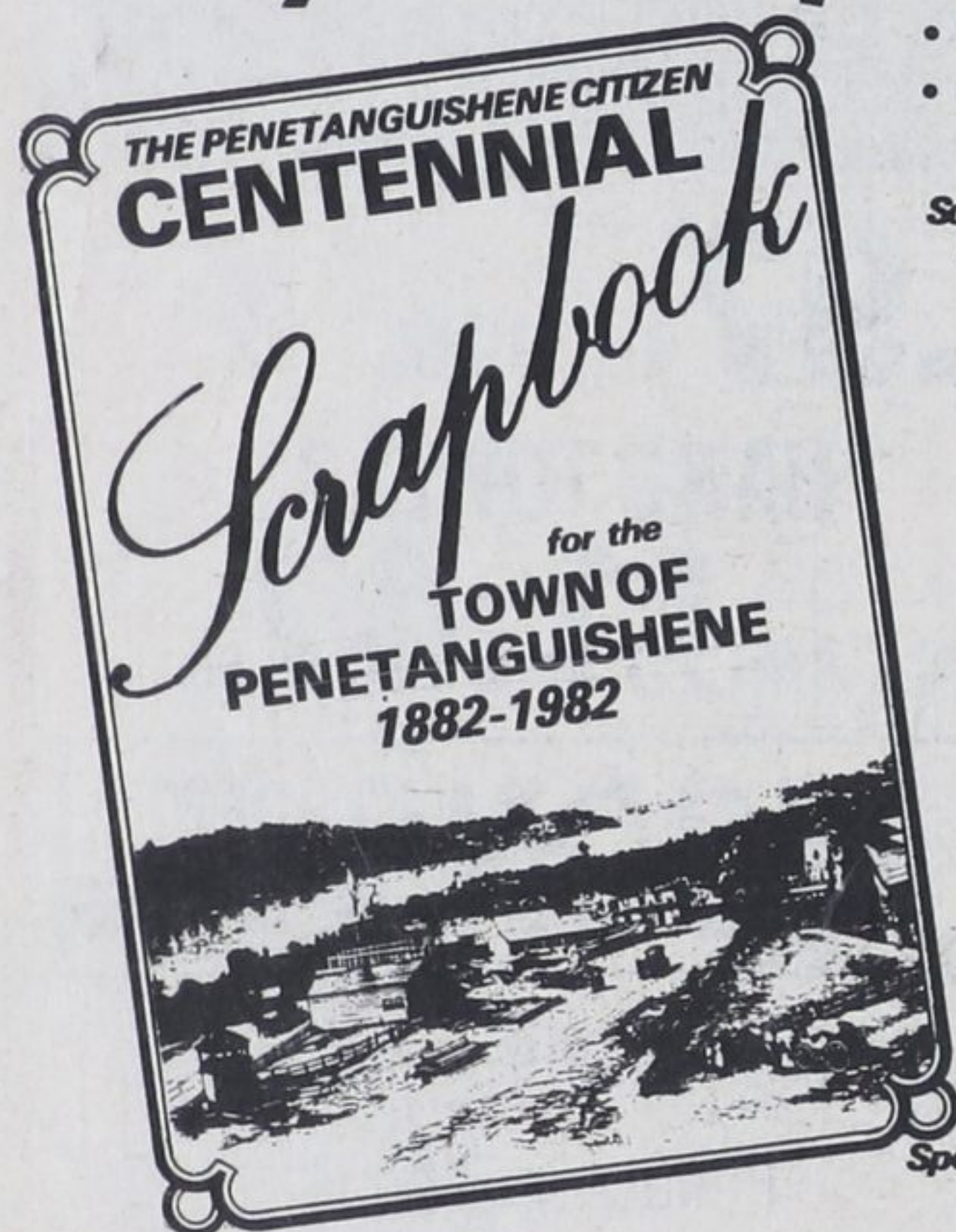
Mme. Robitaille displayed a copy of a 1945 article in the Toronto Star in which she appears as a small child on her mother's knee, watching as her mother spins.

The 84 pupils at St. Louis sat in a semi-circle on the auditorium floor, with rapt attention as raw wool was turned into skeins of knitting yarn by the nimble fingers of Mrs. St. Amant.

The magic of the spinning wheel, and the traditional crafts of knitting and quilting appeared to impress the children, as lucky ones were chosen to try their hand.

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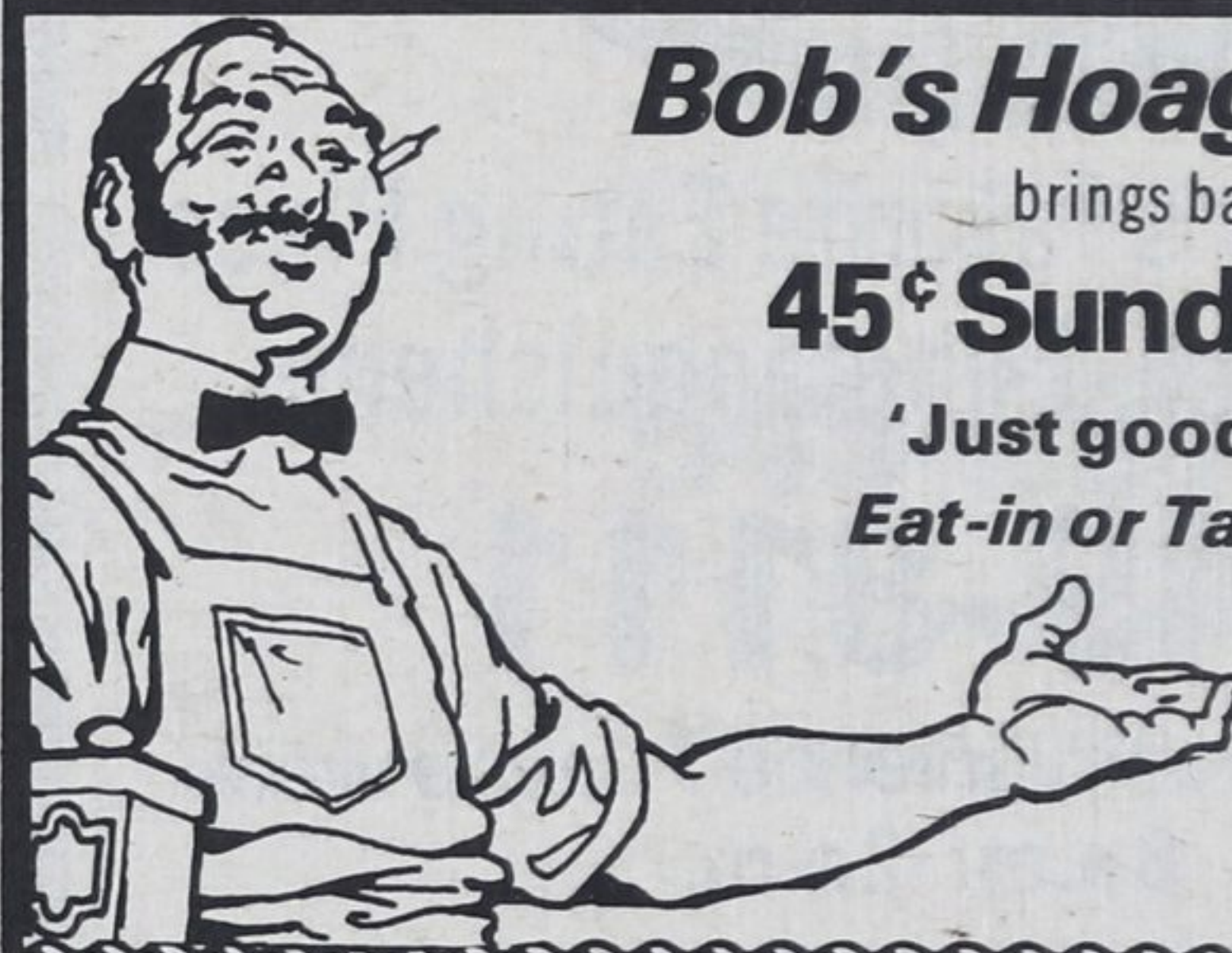
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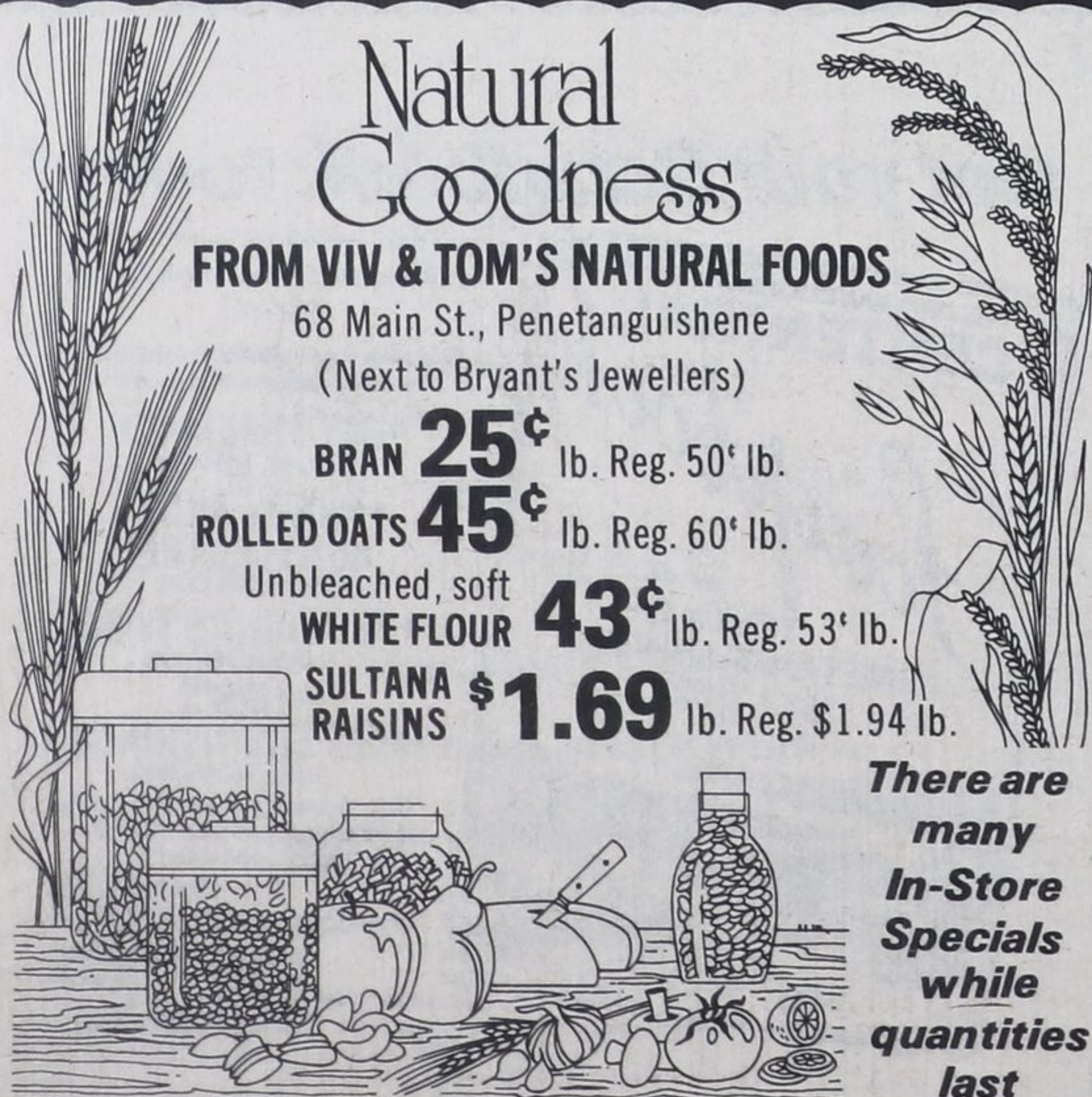
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