

Library's shut-in service a success

Because she performs the service by herself, after hours and on her days off, Jean McKean sees the library's shut-in service as "not a big production at all".

Richmond Hill Public Library provides the service to residents confined to their home or an institution through illness or physical disability.

Mrs. McKean, the supervisor of the Richvale Branch library, is in charge of the shut-in service. Dr. Denison to address Big Brothers

Big Brothers or anyone interested in becoming a Big Brother are invited to hear a talk on "adolescence" next Monday, December 18. Dr. John Denison, family physician and trustee of the York County Board of Education, will be speaking at Big Brothers' headquarters in the Church Street school in Aurora at 7:30 p.m.

The Big Brother organization is always looking for men to offer their time and energies to boys in need, but at Christmas time the need is pronounced.

In Richmond Hill there are only four matches of men and fatherless boys, and there are six boys waiting for men.

service, but because of her time commitments, can service only about 15 patrons.

But, to date, 2,000 books have been circulated through this service.

Maureen Stephenson, assistant librarian in the main branch said she expects there will be 2,500 by the end of this year.

Anyone unable to get out to the library — for periods of two weeks or two years — can call Mrs. McKean and give her either the title of books they would like to have, authors they particularly enjoy or just the type of books they like — love

stories, mysteries, historical novels, non-fiction, even large print or talking books from the CNIB.

Mrs. Stephenson said she felt the service was valuable because the "friendly chat" that arrived with the book helped brighten the day of a possibly long confinement for many.

Mrs. McKean delivers from one to a dozen books to anyone needing the service and although she would like to expand the service she said funds are not available, nor are there volunteers to deliver the books.

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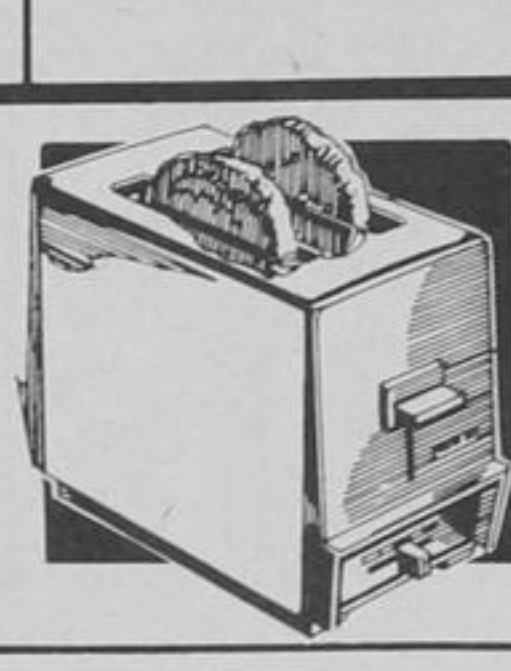
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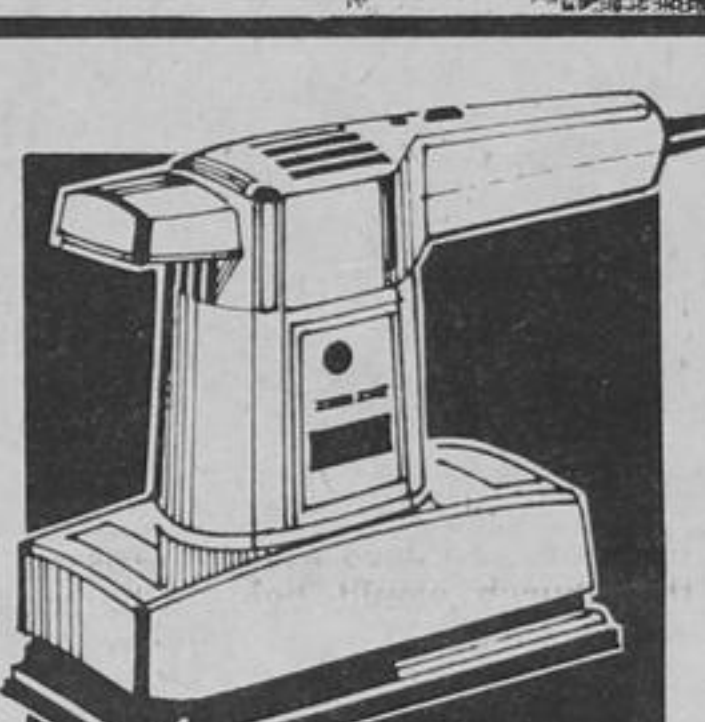
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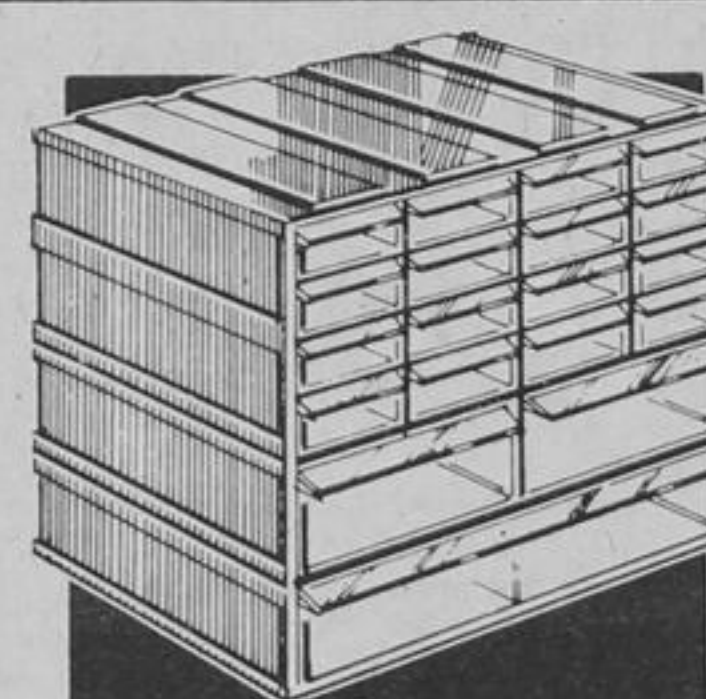
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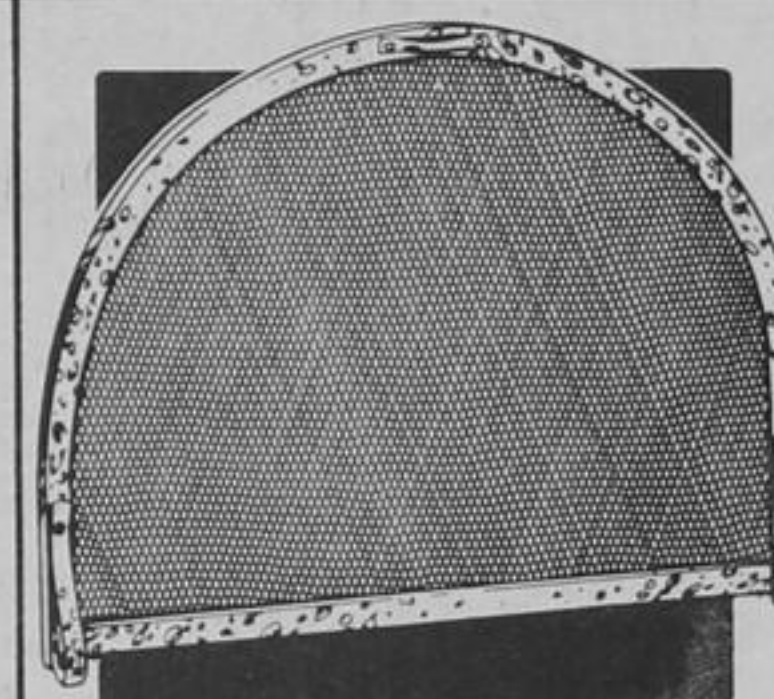
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