

We're close to terms — Monroe

There's an excellent chance a collective agreement will be signed between York County Secondary teachers and the board of education at an April 2 meeting, according to negotiating team chairman Bill Monroe.

"Both sides met with the mediator last Friday and Saturday and I'd say we're closer to terms," he said. "Our relationship with the teachers is good — my opinion is the mediator has too many things going at once and that's why things will take a little longer."

About a month ago, Mr. Monroe was asked about the likelihood of negotiating a two-year agreement, seeing that most of this contract year has already run out. He didn't think there was a good possibility or enough time for such a contract. Now, he said it's a definite alternative.

"We have been talking two years and the teachers have mentioned two years so I don't think it's totally out of the question. If we do end up with a two-year contract, I don't think either side will be entirely happy but we'll have felt we accomplished something."

He emphasized both groups — teachers and board negotiators — are bargaining sincerely. He claimed there are articles in Bill 100 which would allow the board to "do certain things", but that his team wouldn't resort to such tactics.

"Questions arose at last week's meeting for which answers weren't readily available, otherwise we might have been closer to the end."

The office of District 11 OSSTF (Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation) confirmed a two-year contract is being negotiated. One of the issues unsettled remains a cost of living allowance (COLA) grid.

The teachers have been without a contract since August 31. Elementary teachers signed an agreement last October giving them an average six per cent increase, less the annual experience increment.

Union man is beaten by thugs

A 46-year-old Woodbridge man returned home from Etobicoke General Hospital last Saturday after being beaten unconscious in front of his Pine Valley Drive home March 8.

John Meiorin, secretary-treasurer of the Brick Layers and Masons Independent Union of Canada, who are posting a \$10,000 reward for information about the assailants, is also president of the 30,000-member Canadian Confederation of Unions.

The Brick Layers and Mason Union (all Canadian) has been in heavy competition over the past year with other unions and especially the American dominated Building Trade Council for the building contracts issued by the Metro Building Association.

Mr. Meiorin said the two men in their mid to late twenties who beat him unconscious while he was changing a tire were the same pair who had visited his house two days earlier asking to use the telephone.

"They were probably scared off that night," he said, "because my daughter answered the door."

When he was changing the tire, the men approached him and offered assistance. He said he could change the tire himself and bent over to loosen the bolts when a steel object smashed on his head.

"It was about a half an hour later that I came to," said Mr. Meiorin. He said he didn't remember what had happen, or even what he had been doing.

Mr. Meiorin was treated for a concussion, fractured ribs and possible kidney damage and received multiple stitches to the face and head.

Box Grove residents fight to save hamlet

The residents of Box Grove want to preserve its heritage, "sordid" as it may have been, said Bob Hagerman, president of the hamlet's ratepayers association, at last Thursday's regional council meeting.

The hamlet on the Rouge River at the ninth line of Markham is older than both Unionville and Markham, said Mr. Hagerman. It was once known as Sparta, boasted three mills and four hotels, was the "roughest town in Markham."

"My grandfather used to call it Sparta Wharf. Barges used to come up the river and unload

there," said Mr. Hagerman, who grew up in the nearby hamlet of Locust Hill, like his father and grandfather before him.

He was appearing before regional council to block the engineering staff's plans to widen the ninth line through Box Grove which he was afraid would have the same effect as road widenings in Locust Hill and other hamlets in York Region.

"Only two families who lived in Locust Hill 20 years ago are still there," he said. "People lost heart in their community. The charisma of the

village was lost." Regional council voted 13-1 Thursday to send the road widening plans back to the engineering committee.

The region's plans are only one problem that the recently formed Box Grove Ratepayers Association is worrying about. They are also fighting 500 kv transmission lines, highway 407 and the proposed East Metro Freeway which will eventually encircle the hamlet. They have heard rumors of railway expansion in their area as well. "We must not allow all of these things," said Mr. Hagerman.

The ratepayers collected signatures of 70 per cent of the homeowners in the hamlet of 400 opposing the regional road widening. Councillor Lou Wainwright wanted to know why the objections were not raised last summer, when the regional engineering department had an information centre in Box Grove.

It had been advertised four times in the local newspaper and information circulars were sent to residents on the ninth line.

Katie Gamble (wife of York North Progressive Conservative candidate

John Gamble), drawing applause from a section of the audience, said that not everyone reads the newspapers.

Councillor Gord Rowe said that he did not always read the papers either "particularly since I got into politics". He suggested that in future property owners be informed of projects that might concern them by registered mail.

The region is proposing a 32-foot roadway with curbs and gutters through the hamlet on a 66-foot right-of-way.

Outside the hamlet, the road will be built with shoulders and ditches in a

100 foot right-of-way. While only three trees would have to be removed within the hamlet, Mrs. Gamble was concerned about those to the north and south.

Mayor Eldred King of Whitchurch-Stouffville said the region should be spending money on improving roads in existing road allowances rather than taking road widenings that may not be needed in rural areas.

Councillor Alma Walker said that the region was planning a "speedway" that was not needed.

Mayor David Schiller said that Mill Street in Richmond Hill was rebuilt with 22 feet of pavement "for many of the same reasons" stated by the Box Grove ratepayers.

But Councillor Ron Moran said improvements would be

needed because the town has approved a development for 6,500 people north of Highway 7 and another for 1,500 south of Highway 7 and these people would be using the ninth line.

Engineering commissioner Bob Hodgson insisted on a parking lane as well as two through lanes because, he said, cars were parked on the ninth line now.

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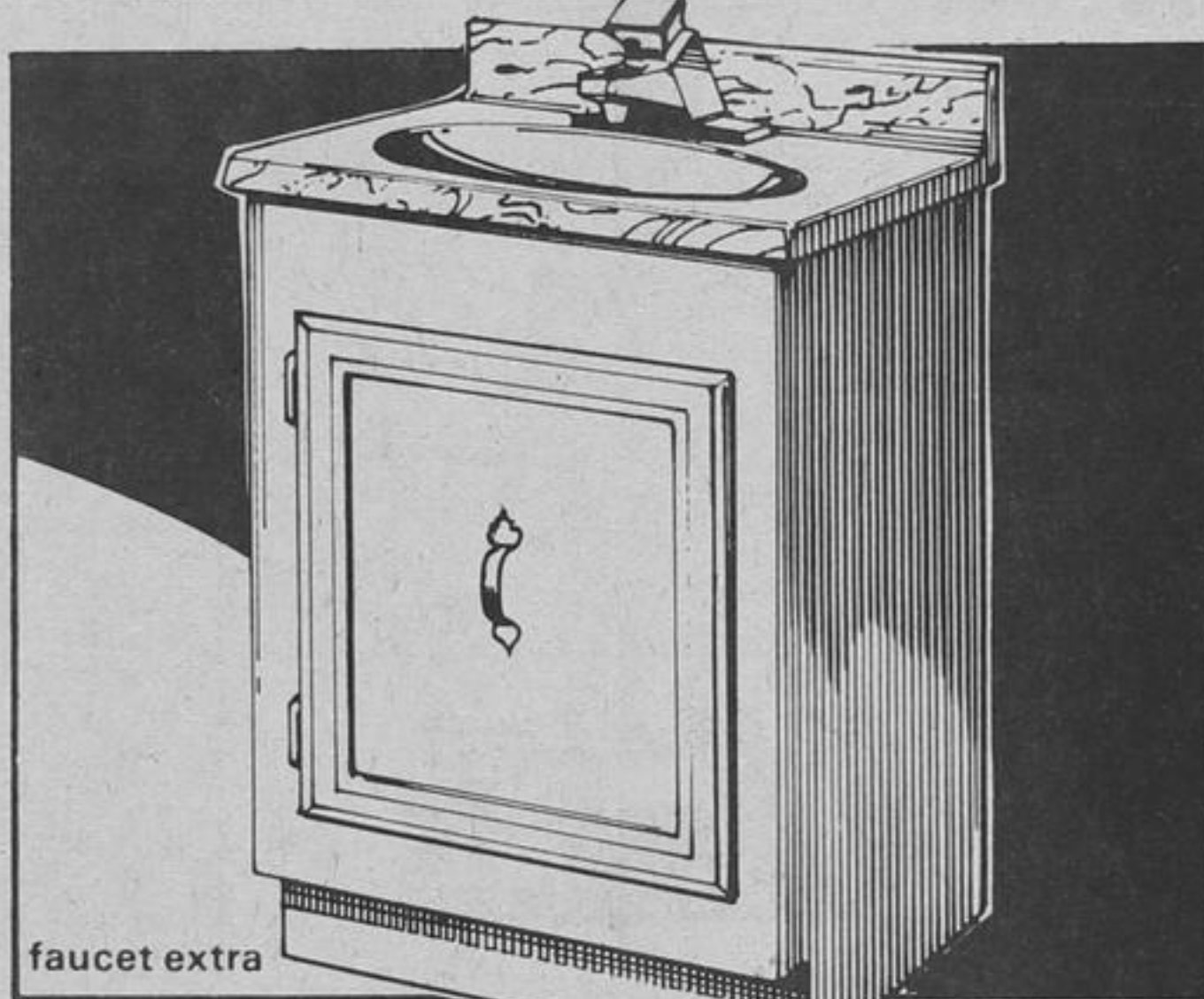
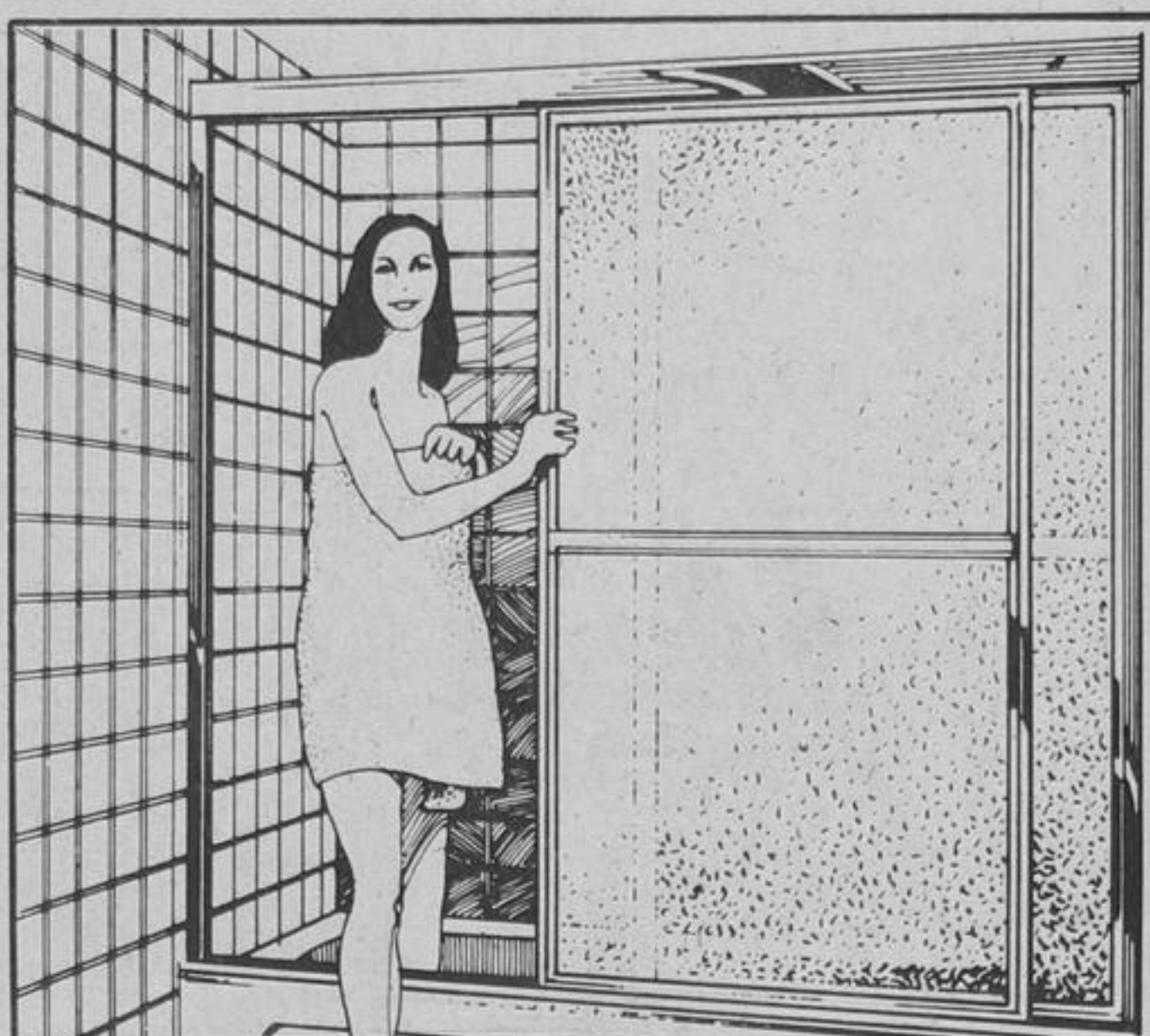
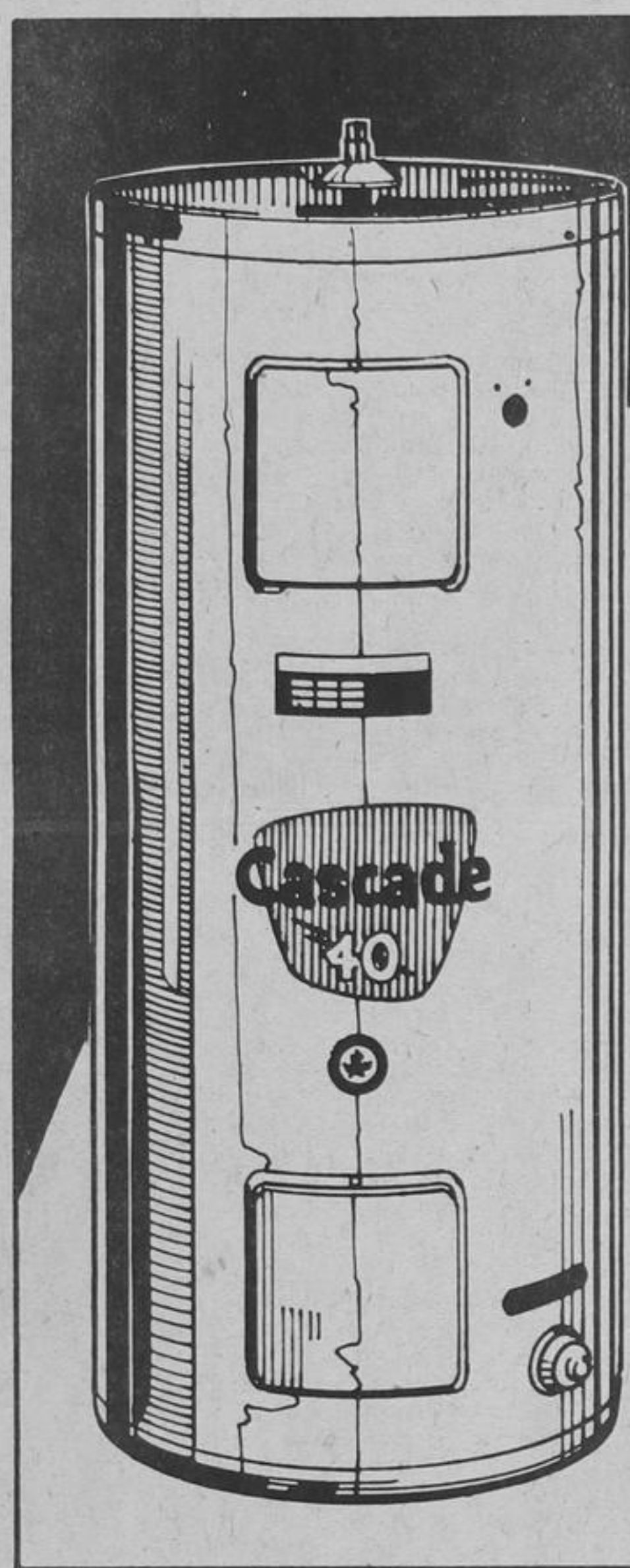
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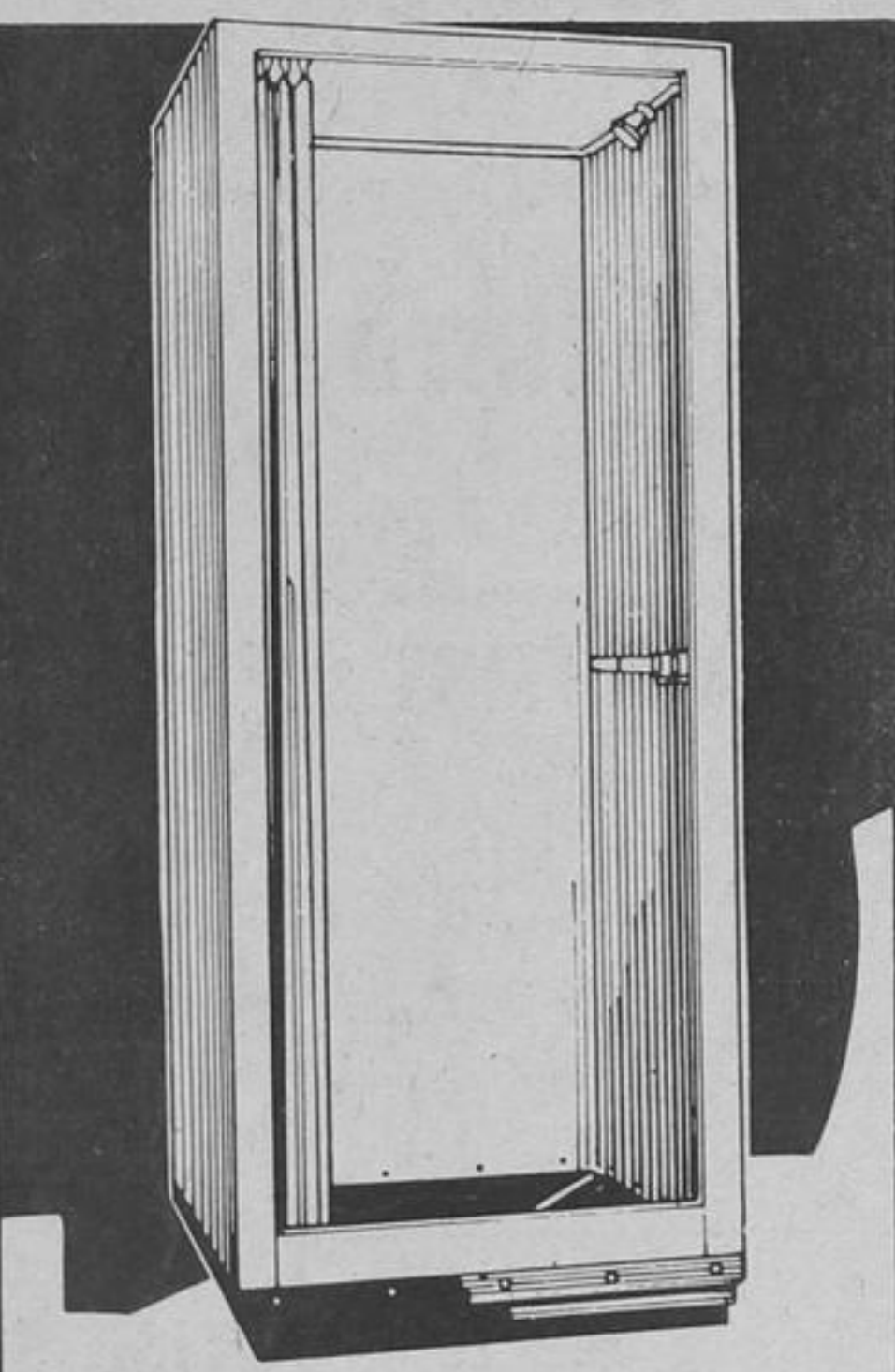
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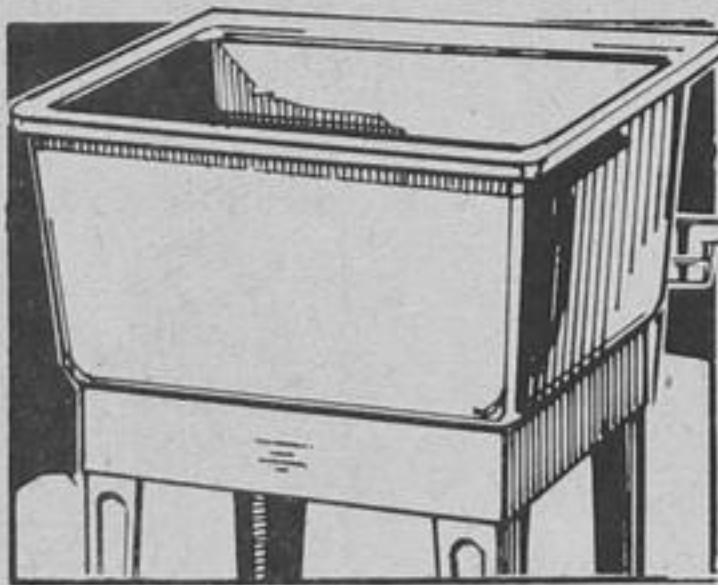
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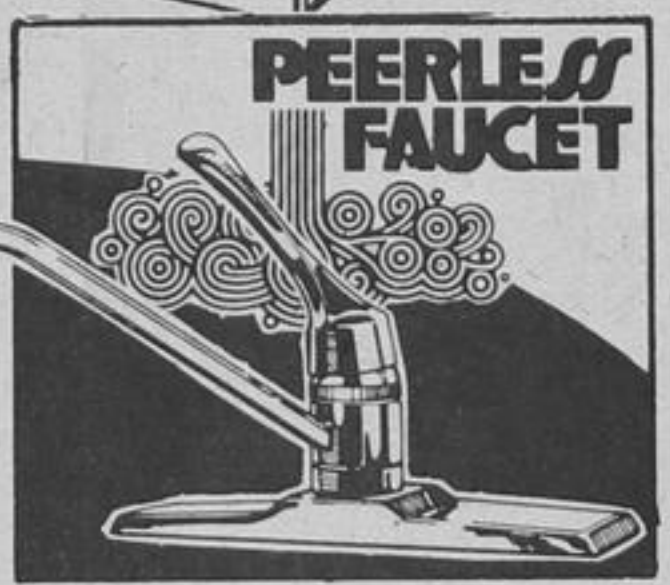
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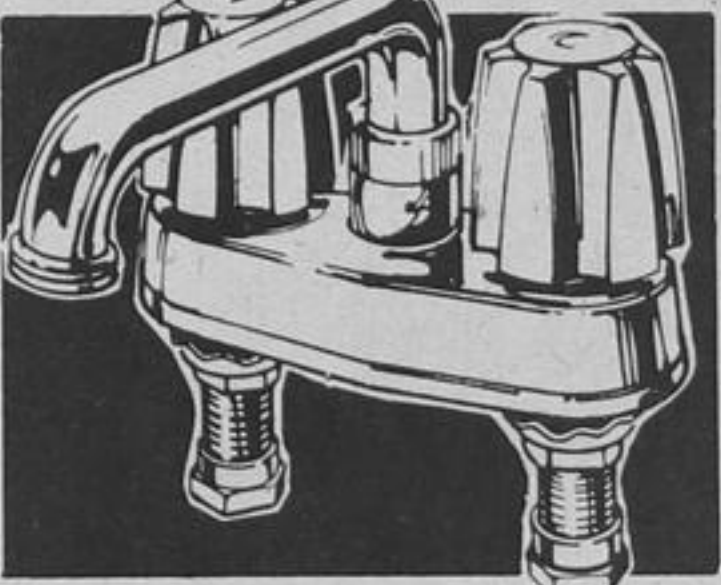
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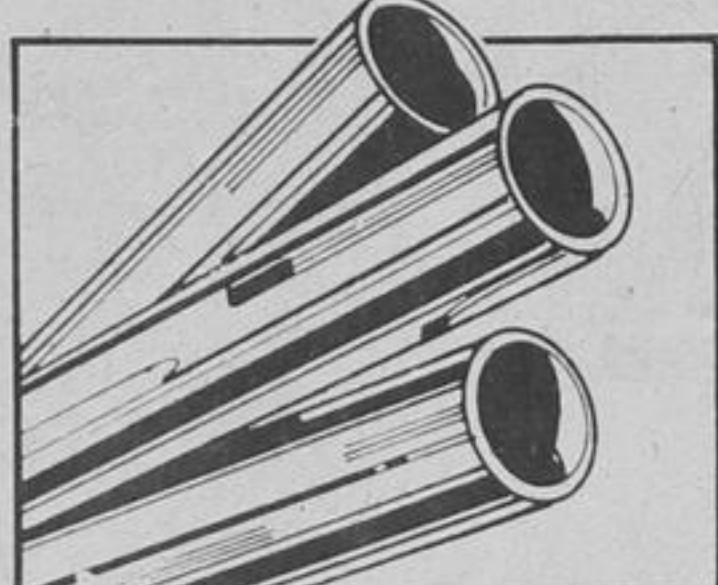
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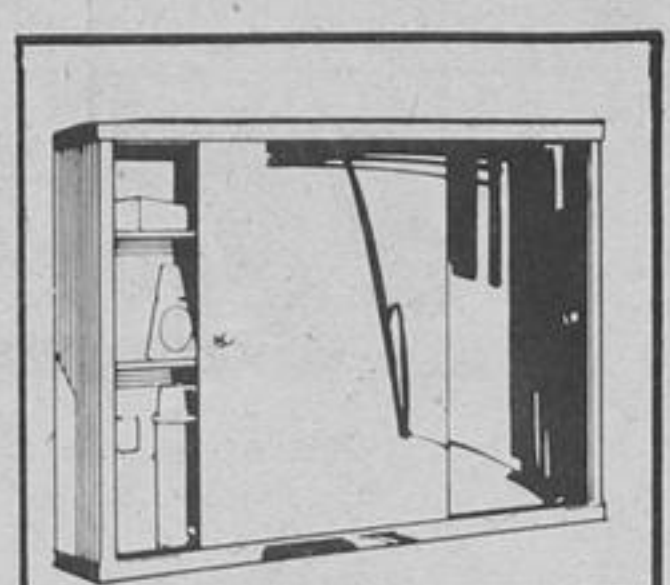
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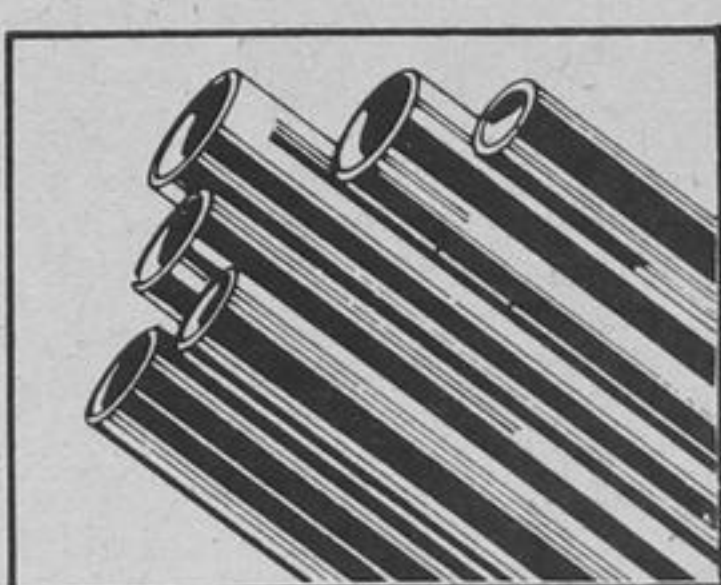
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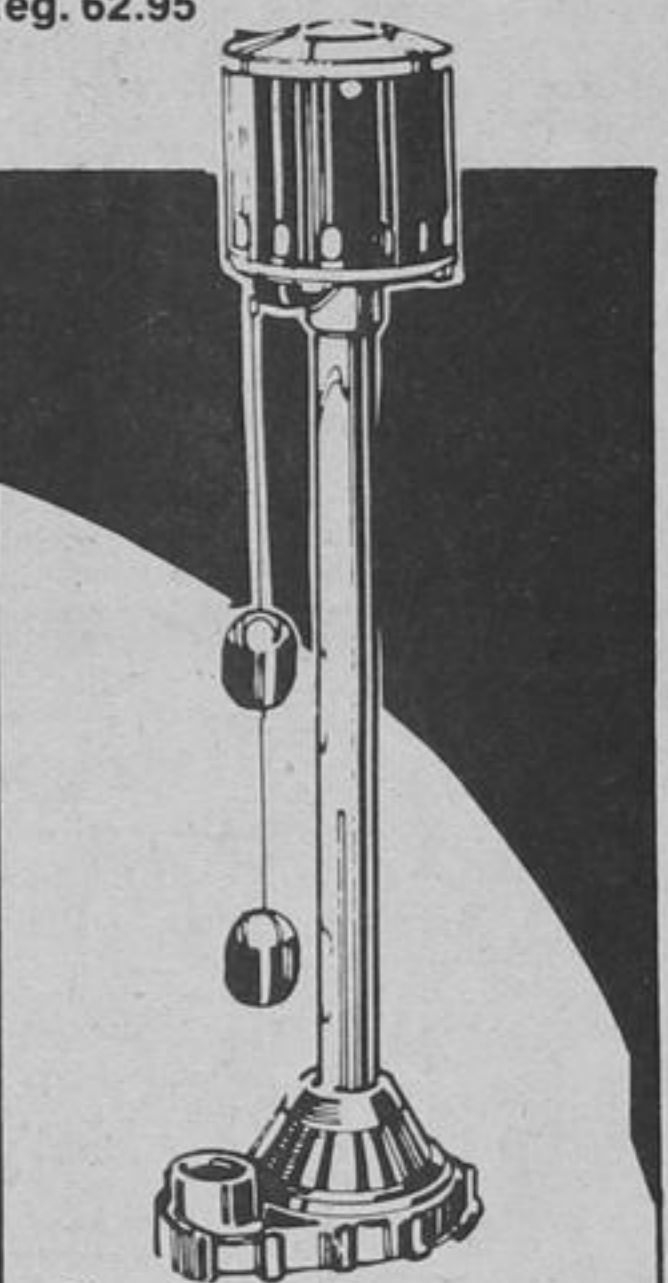
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