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Doctor drop-out debated

By ALF STONG
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There has been heated debate in the Ontario Legislature about the number of doctors who have opted out of the medicare program. The federal Minister of Health has indicated that Ottawa would reassess its contribution to provincial health plans if the principle of universality were being destroyed.

Figures released by the Provincial Minister of Health in the Legislature show that in some eleven counties or municipalities more than 20 percent of the doctors had opted out of OHIP by the end of last month: Peterborough — 47.2 percent; York — 40.7 percent; Perth — 29.3 percent; Halton — 28.9 percent; Wellington — 28.6 percent; Waterloo — 25.5 percent; Simcoe — 25.2 percent; Metro Toronto — 23.6 percent; Lambton — 21.9 percent;

Peel — 21.4 percent; Middlesex — 20.2 percent. He also indicated that some 71 more doctors plan to opt out on April 1.

When federal Health Minister Monique Bégin said Ottawa would reconsider its support of provincial health plans if accessibility and universality were eroded, she specifically expressed concern about the number of doctors opting out in Ontario.

In the Legislature, the Provincial Minister hinted strongly that improvement in government dealings with them would soothe doctors and discourage them from opting out of the medicare system. He said that doctors have complained that OHIP's administrative procedures are unduly bureaucratic and that some of them feel the schedule of benefits is unfair. Both problems are, he said, being studied.

Subsequently, a Provincial Health Ministry official stated that, according to statistics, departure of doctors from the Ontario Health Insurance Plan has been a slow and steady trend. It began months before doctors were freed from federal wage and profit controls. The controls ended January 1st for most of the Province's physicians, but the acceleration in the number of doctors leaving OHIP began as long ago as last May.

Virtually all the anaesthetists at the Toronto Western Hospital have apparently opted out of OHIP. Asking if the Minister of Health were aware of this fact, Liberal Leader Stuart Smith questioned the Minister as to the Government's plans to ensure that people are able to have needed surgery in a public hospital without being forced to pay a surcharge. He also asked if the Minister were prepared to encourage the immediate establishment of capitation

medical groups in communities where patients are unable to obtain medical service at the OHIP rate.

(Capitation system—is a payment scheme whereby doctors are paid a fixed annual amount per patient enrolled in their practice.)

This week, Stuart Smith replied to the Speech from the Throne. He condemned what he referred to as the Government's attempts to avoid responsibility for the over-building that Ontario Hydro has acknowledged has taken place, and charged that the Corporation's over expansion in the past few years is the most serious and costly example of mismanagement in the history of this Province.

Each year, because of Hydro's mistaken estimates of future energy demands, commercial and industrial consumers will pay another \$74 million. The cost to the average residential consumer will be at least 3 cents a day. Former Treasurer Darcy McKeough un-

derstood that Hydro's expansion was unnecessary, said Dr. Smith. He fought Hydro's plans but lost. "He lost because the Premier overruled him, because Hydro policy was Davis policy." The Government is "trying to work both sides of the street on this issue... On the one hand, they say it was a Hydro mistake; on the other hand, they say there was no mistake at all because we need the excess generating capacity for security of supply." He said the Government cannot blame Hydro alone, because the Cabinet has approved each phase of Hydro's building plans.

Dr. Smith also stated that foreign-owned companies in this Province should be required to have a majority of Canadians on their boards of directors and to plough profits back into their Canadian operations. He called in the Legislature for a code of behaviour which would force multi-national firms to "act as Canadian companies should act."

He recommended that foreign-controlled subsidiaries: undertake research and development activities in Ontario in cases where the Canadian market is large enough to justify such operations; be permitted by parent companies to buy component parts and services under the most competitive market conditions rather than being locked into purchasing agreements with parent corporations. Both foreign owned and Canadian corporations "should acknowledge their responsibility to the communities in which they are located and recognize that those communities have a vested interest in... factories and plants, which cannot be moved or shut down with impunity."

Compliance with the code "would be sought first through the use of moral suasion. I hope that most foreign-owned corporations in Ontario have a large enough stake in this province to want to fulfil their role as good corporate citizens."

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Hospital presents its annual awards

York Central Hospital held its annual awards dinner last-Thursday and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, William C. Lazenby, presented pins for five, 10 and 15 years of service to the employees. Five year pins were awarded to: Frances Clarke, Maureen Skinner, Norman Carrington, Joyce Reid, Vince Risi, Richard Phillips, Dale Noble, Pat Smith, Ray Woodend, Leslie Englehart, Lorraine Plumley. Nurses receiving five year pins are: Louise Barton, Bonnie Boyko, Larry Burke, Margaret Clark, Janet Double, Joyce Gamblin, Linda MacDonald, Beatrice Msi (cq), Susan Smiley and Beverley Trotter. Other recipients of five year pins are: Carl Postluns, William Leslie, Michael Kelly and Molly

Cusimano. **TEN YEARS** Pins for ten years of service went to: Vic Aspland (retired), Joan Joslin, Heintje Vollenberg (cq), Maud Fockler, Mabel Percival, Carman McCabe, Suzanne Harvie, Jane Gillespie, Sietz DeJong and Steve Towns. **FIFTEEN YEARS** Something new added this year was 15-year pins. Receiving them are: Gloria Crotin, Doris Norman, Albina Resentera, Norma Spearing, Muriel Van Vugt, Elva Jamieson, Carol Cober, Amy Dunne, Margaret Finch, Olga Lagzdins, Ruth Munro, Muriel Rollings, Gloria Scott, Lena White, Elizabeth Groves, and William Burns. Retirement Awards went to Vic Aspland and Esther Charboneau.

Bridge winners

Following is a list of winners in the Aurora Bridge Club: **Wednesday, March 7 — North-South:** Sherry Vogan and Hank Sharp; Heather Burling and Marg Davis; Grace Saunders and Rose Morrell. **East-West:** Nan MacNeil and Mabel Carter; Jean Goodwin and Marg Melnichuk; Mavis Ball and Lil Thompson. **Friday, March 9 — Swiss Team Winners:** Peter Osborne, Victor Cronshaw, Gerry and Ruth Browning; Phyl Mountjoy, Natalie

Platner, Rose Morrell and Grace Saunders; Bob and Edna Dunn, Bob Manning and Bert Rawlinson. **Monday, March 12 — North-South:** Omar Khamisa and George Newton tied with Peter Osborne and Victor Cronshaw; John Hunter and Fred Dieken. **East-West:** Ann and Hank Jansen; Heather Burling and Marg Melnichuk; Hank Sharp and Gerry Browning. **Monday Night Side Game:** Ellie Zeiger and Jean McKague; John Layton and Eileen Bancroft-Wilson; Andy and Marg Durnford. Every Monday night is a side game.

For information or partners, call Natalie Platner, 884-1689; Ruth Browning, 727-2580; Bev Jones, 833-6334.

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NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEAL BOARD THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1971 (S.O. 1971, c.86, as amended)

IN THE MATTER OF: Sections 39, 77, 78 and 80 of The Environmental Protection Act, 1971, as amended, -and-

IN THE MATTER OF: An appeal dated the 12th day of June, 1978 by Superior Sand, Gravel and Supplies Limited from the refusal of the Director, Ministry of the Environment, dated the 30th day of May, 1978, to issue a Certificate of Approval or a Provisional Certificate of Approval for a waste disposal site (landfilling site) proposed to be located on the area composed of: Parts of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, Concession III, Town of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York,

-and- IN THE MATTER OF: An appeal dated the 14th day of June, 1978 by Crawford Allied Industries Limited from the refusal of the Director, Ministry of the Environment, dated the 30th day of May, 1978, to issue a Certificate of Approval or a Provisional Certificate of Approval for a waste disposal site (landfilling site) proposed to be located on the area composed of: Part of the West Half of Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, Concession III, Town of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York,

-and- IN THE MATTER OF: Hearings commenced by the Environmental Appeal Board on the 20th day of November, 1978.

TAKE NOTICE that with the consent of the parties the Environmental Appeal Board has appointed Monday, the 26th day of March, 1979 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the St. Clair Room, second floor, south side, Macdonald Block, 900 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario, for the resumption of the hearing or these appeals.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the purpose of the hearings is to enable the Board to determine whether it shall confirm, alter or revoke the refusals that are the subject of the hearings.

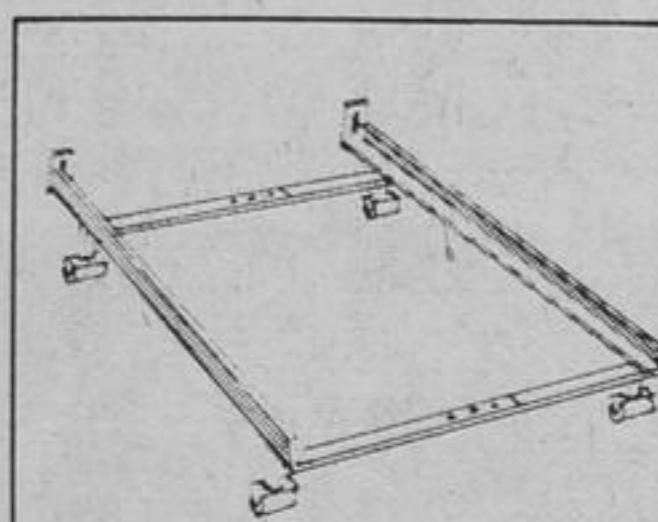
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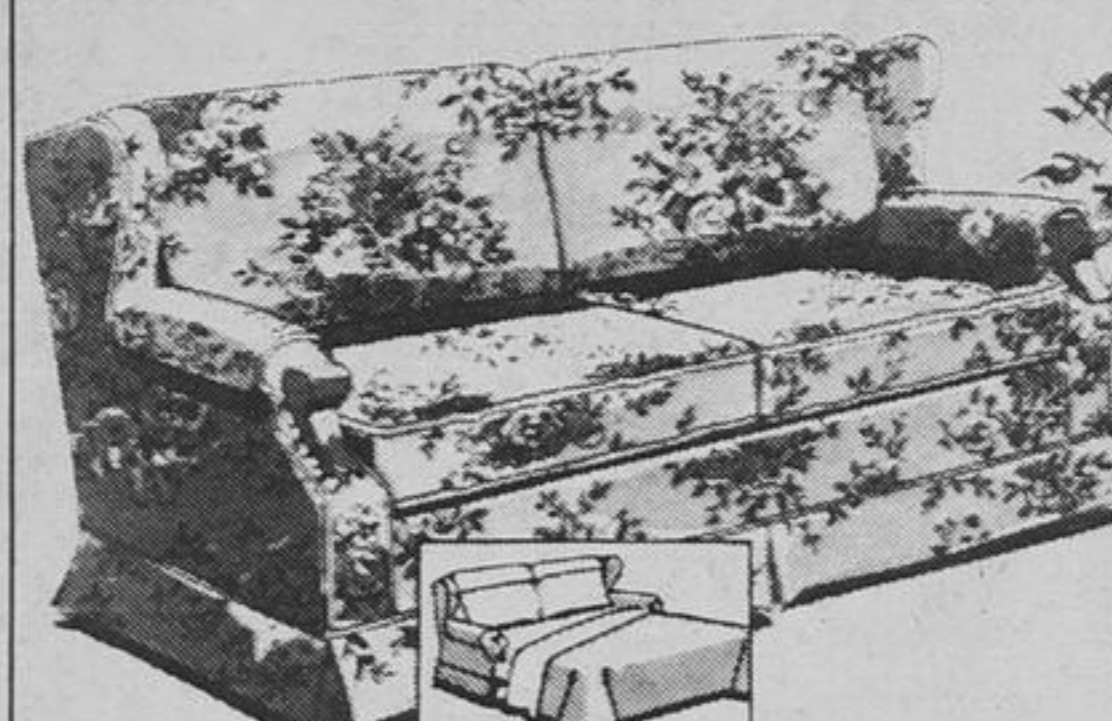
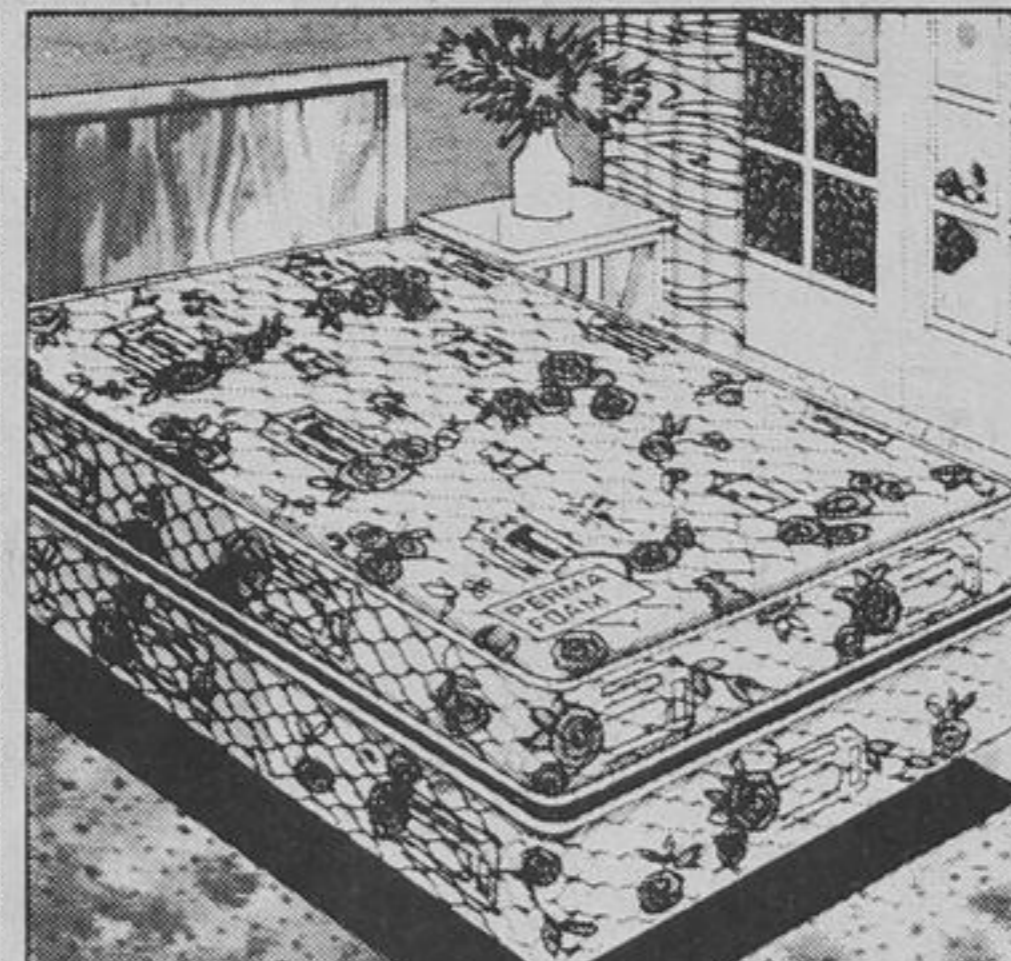
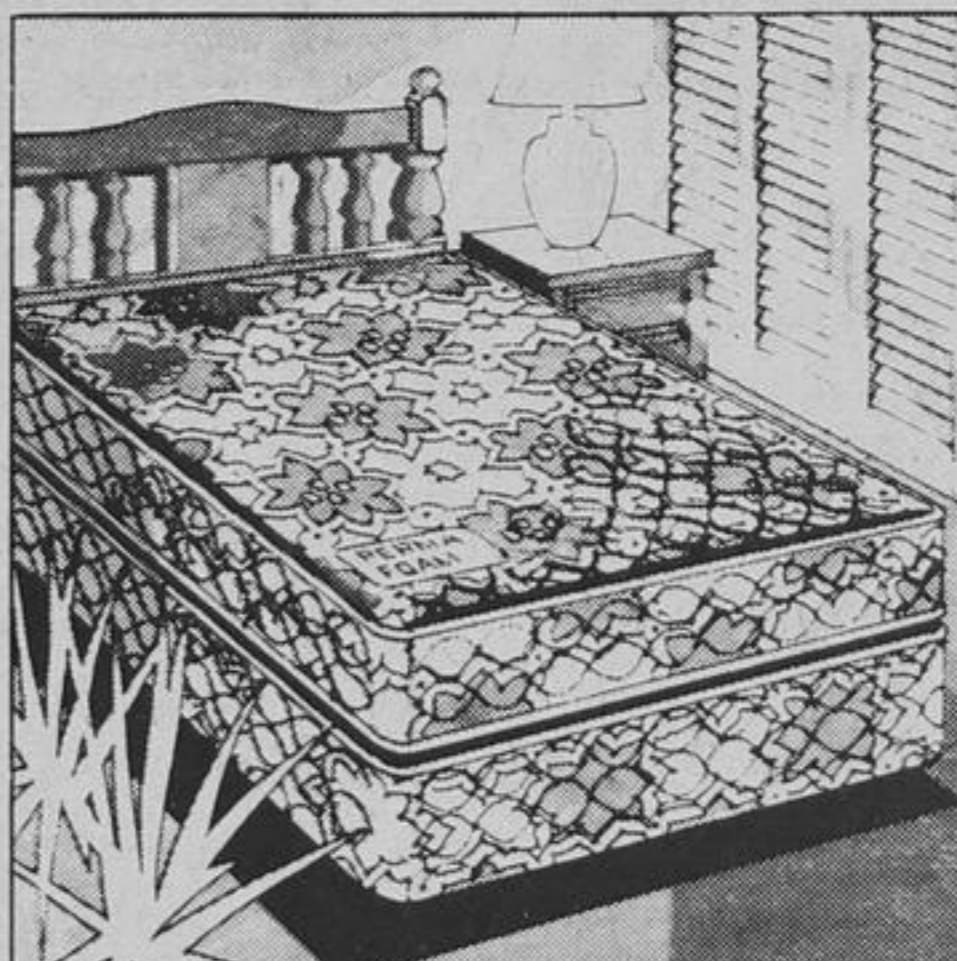
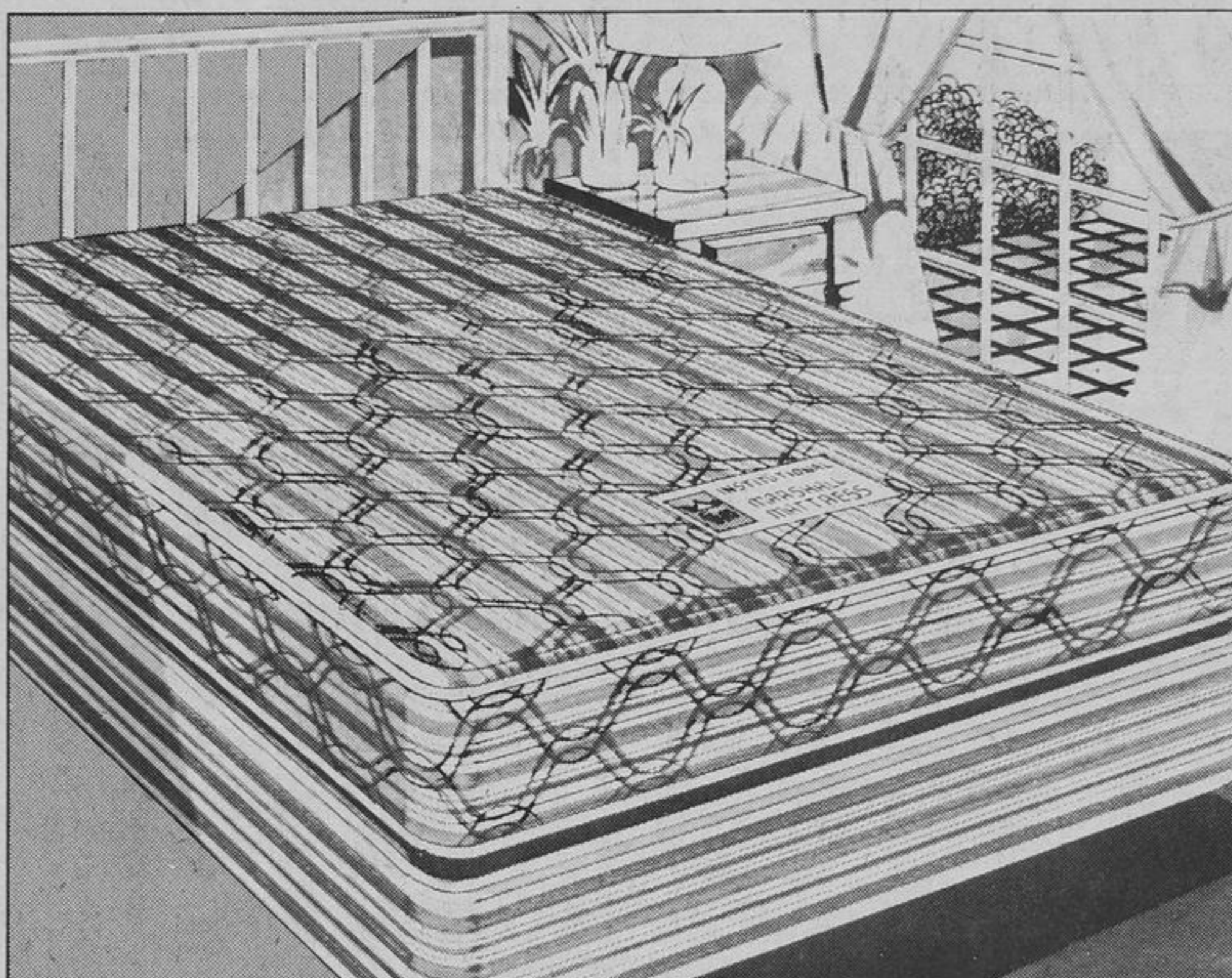
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