

All tracks lead to train station

Members of the Richmond Hill Soccer Club will be "working on the railroad" for the better part of 1980.

Or, rather, the CNR railway station which will be converted to a permanent headquarters for the club after being removed from its original

site last week to its new home at Leslie Street and 18th Avenue.

That was the word from outgoing soccer club president Jane Stel in her farewell speech at the club's recent annual meeting.

"Renovating the

K & M suffers first loss

The Dunkers maintained their hold on first place by downing the Sun Life Raiders 63-49 in "Y" Men's Basketball League action last week.

Team captain Doug Hancey provided the offensive spark with 20 points with fine defensive performances turned in by Rod McDonald and Don Moss. Wayne Nauss scored big for Sun Life.

The second game of the night saw the Tugboats failing to build up sufficient steam to catch the Challengers who finished on top 47-31.

Gani Gregorio was a potent force for the winners scoring 12 points while Greg Peterson had 10 points. Top shooter for the Tugboats was Graham Giffin while Alex Mathews came up with some excellent defensive play.

The third game of the night was also the second upset of the night as the Black Panthers rolled over the Hoopers 51-32. Don Bowden and Paul Glaser got together to score over half of the Panther's points while Robin Brock played an excellent game under the basket.

Trent McCabe hit for 10 points for the Hoopers

Dunkers win 63-49

The Thornhill K & M Steel Minor Midget 1's suffered their first loss of the season against Barrie but bounced back to win their next two games in fine style.

They were downed 5-3 by Barrie but went on to subdue Bolton 8-2 and then Newmarket 5-3.

Mike Grier scored two goals in the losing cause to Barrie with Jim Gourlay getting the other one. Assists went to Don Mayo, Ken Curley, Steve Kinnari, and Grant Davidson.

The Steelers had some excuse for the loss as they were missing four players, two to injuries and two to suspensions.

Greg Wileman was the big triggerman against Bolton with three goals while Paul Thomas had two with singles to Kinnari, Neil Crebbin and Grant Davidson. Grier and Chuck Pitcher had two assists each with singles to Kinnari, Crebbin, Davidson, David Wood and John Lee.

Lee fired in two goals against Newmarket with singles going to Grant Davidson, Paul Thomas, and Kinnari. Wileman and Grier got two assists each with singles to Grant and Kinnari.

The Steelers now have a win-loss-tie record of 10-1-2.

They will be participating next Friday in the big Thornhill Minor Hockey tournament at the Thornhill Community Centre.

Watt leads Pro-Am team to 2nd place

Richmond Hill Summit Golf Club professional Tim Watt led a team of amateurs to a second place finish recently in the Bermuda Goodwill Golf Tournament.

Watt and three amateurs joined forces in the pro-am 72-hole low net tournament and battled 113 other foursomes for second spot with a low net 252 (61-64-63-64) which was 14 strokes off the winning pace set by Reading, Pennsylvania, Country Club.

The annual tournament is played across four of Bermuda's top golf courses with each foursome comprising a pro who plays from scratch and three amateurs who are allowed to use their handicaps. There were 18 Canadian entries in the tournament.

Uplands Golf and Country Club of Thornhill finished with a 240 in fourth place after losing out in a sudden death playoff to break a three-way deadlock for second place.

railway station will be a major project requiring manpower and financial resources," said Stel.

She touched on other major changes in store for next year including the necessity for referee, coach and player programs "to be continued and skill programs to be expanded at the Club League level.

"There are major changes under way concerning the governing of the sport at the Association and Provincial levels and our views will be needed.

Volunteers will also be needed to ensure the continued success of the Club."

Stel also reviewed the year 1979 which she terms a "very busy and demanding one."

She pointed to two major decisions undertaken regarding activities of the Club:

Railway Station
"Firstly was the decision to take over the old railway station and convert it to our headquarters. Secondly was the decision to actively support the for-

mation of the York Royals Soccer Club which was designed to provide the best competitive soccer available for local boys.

"Unfortunately, the concept was not fully supported by others in the Region and I believe Richmond Hill carried more than its fair share of player personnel, administration, coaching and playing facilities."

She added that "speedy decisions are required concerning our involvement with the York Royals."

On Registration:
"Registration of teams and players was down slightly in 1979 but this can be related directly to the formation of the Royals.

Orange Bowl
"Our teams continued to travel extensively with George Barr's Advance Masonry Minor Mosquitos providing the greatest thrill by winning the Orange Bowl.

"We hosted a number of teams from across the United States together with the Wilbraham High

School from Manchester, England. At the Club League level we had excellent competition with teams from Whitchurch-Stouffville and King City in Squirt, Atom and Mosquito divisions.

She noted that the Peewee division was a problem due to lack of players but "we managed to complete the season. We were delighted that the Garry Owen Senior Girls, who are affiliated with our Club, reached the Ontario Cup final before losing in double overtime to London.

"We also continued our commitment to the community we live in by participating in the Santa Claus parade and Winter Carnival, with boys' and girls' teams both winning the coveted Bed Race. Finally, we were charter members of the Richmond Hill Sports Council."

Finally:
"I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those executive members who have tried so hard to make this Town a better place to live.

"They, and they alone, know how much time and effort have been needed; how much personal sacrifice has been necessary, and how much abuse and harassment they have taken; and notwithstanding all of this, how much satisfaction they have enjoyed.

"Also, to our coaches, managers, and sponsors, my deep appreciation for all their efforts to provide healthy competition. Most of all, to the players, I wish you all good health and good soccer."



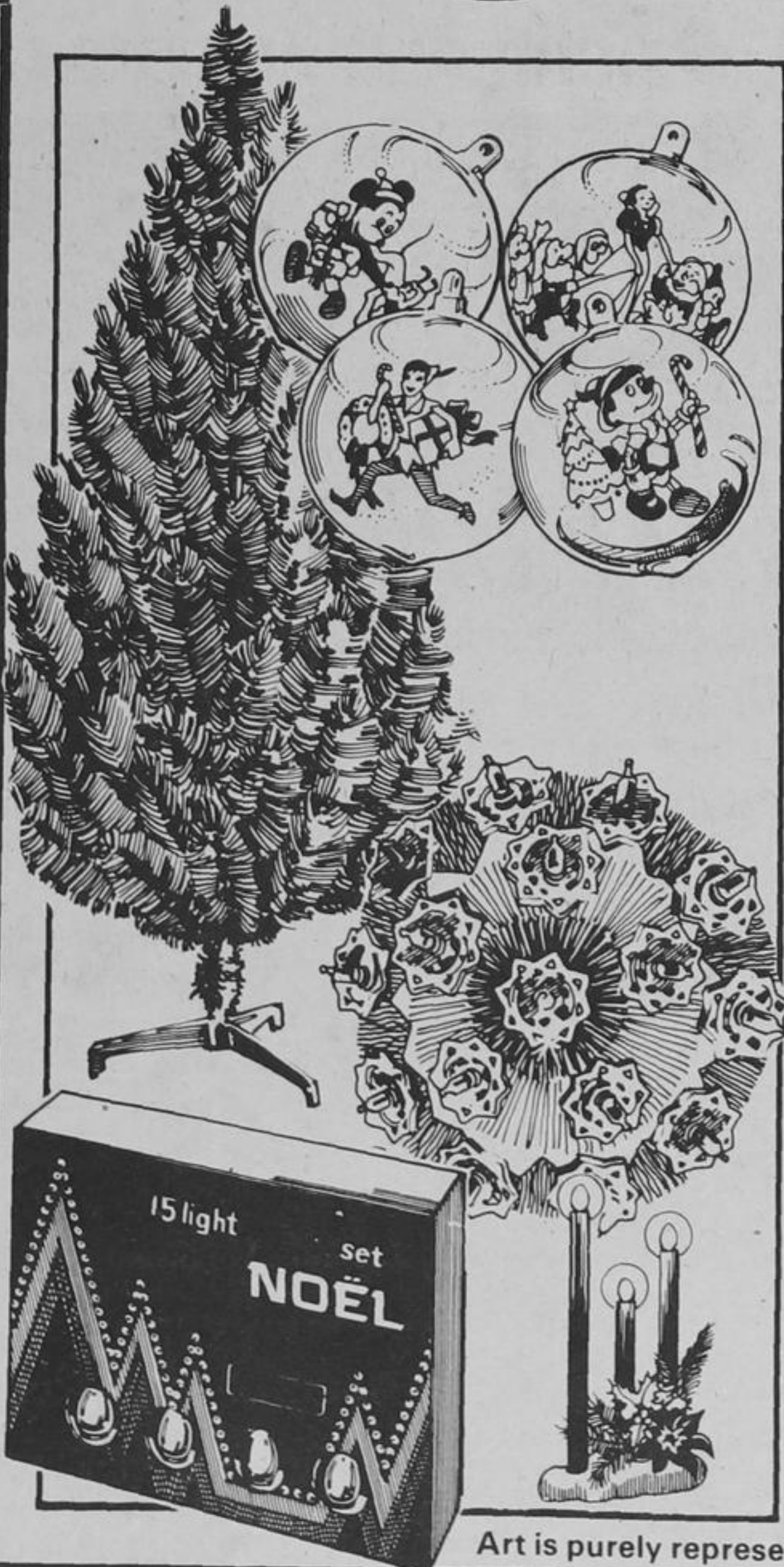
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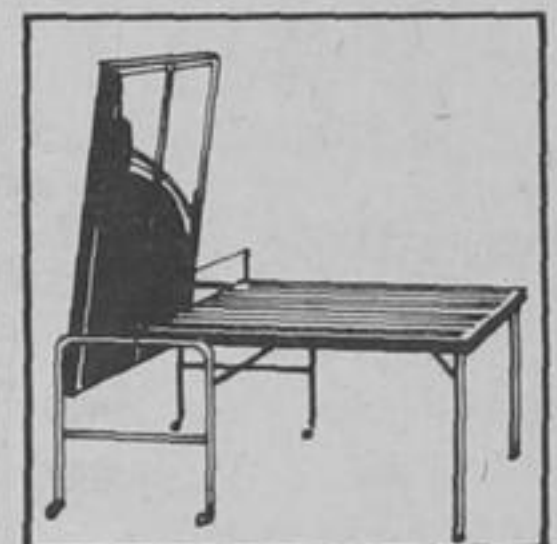
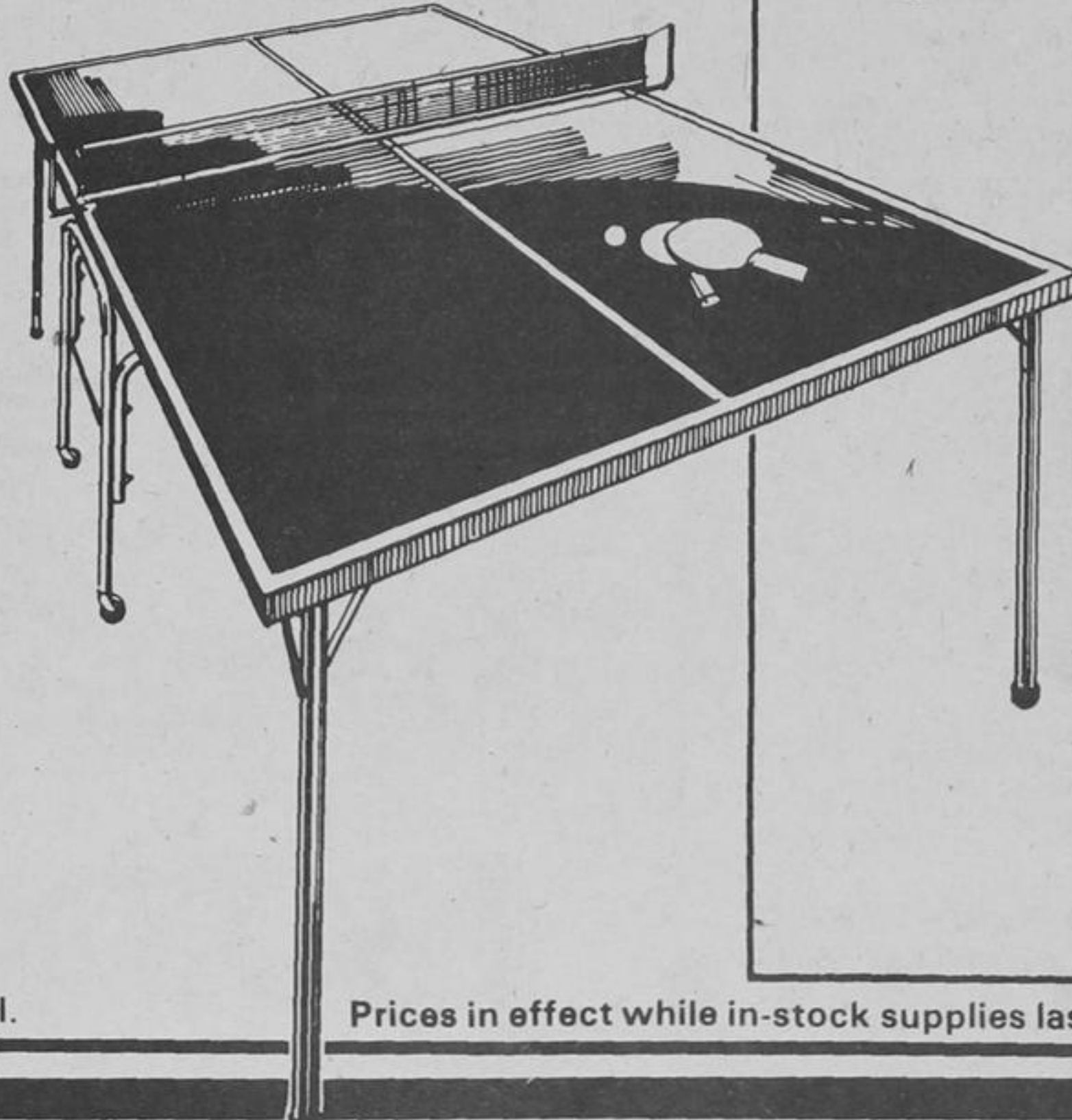
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