

ENERGY

WE CAN'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED ANYMORE

Recent events in the Middle East have underlined just how essential a dependable supply of energy is to the way we live. Present indications are that supplies of imported crude oil in Eastern Canada are barely sufficient to meet demand. If we can't maintain imports, real shortages of gasoline and heating oil could occur here in Ontario. But uncertain import supply isn't our only concern. Canada's own oil and gas supplies are being depleted, and cannot be renewed.

To make sure we have enough energy for the future, and to give us time to develop alternative energy sources, we must make the best use of the sources we have now.

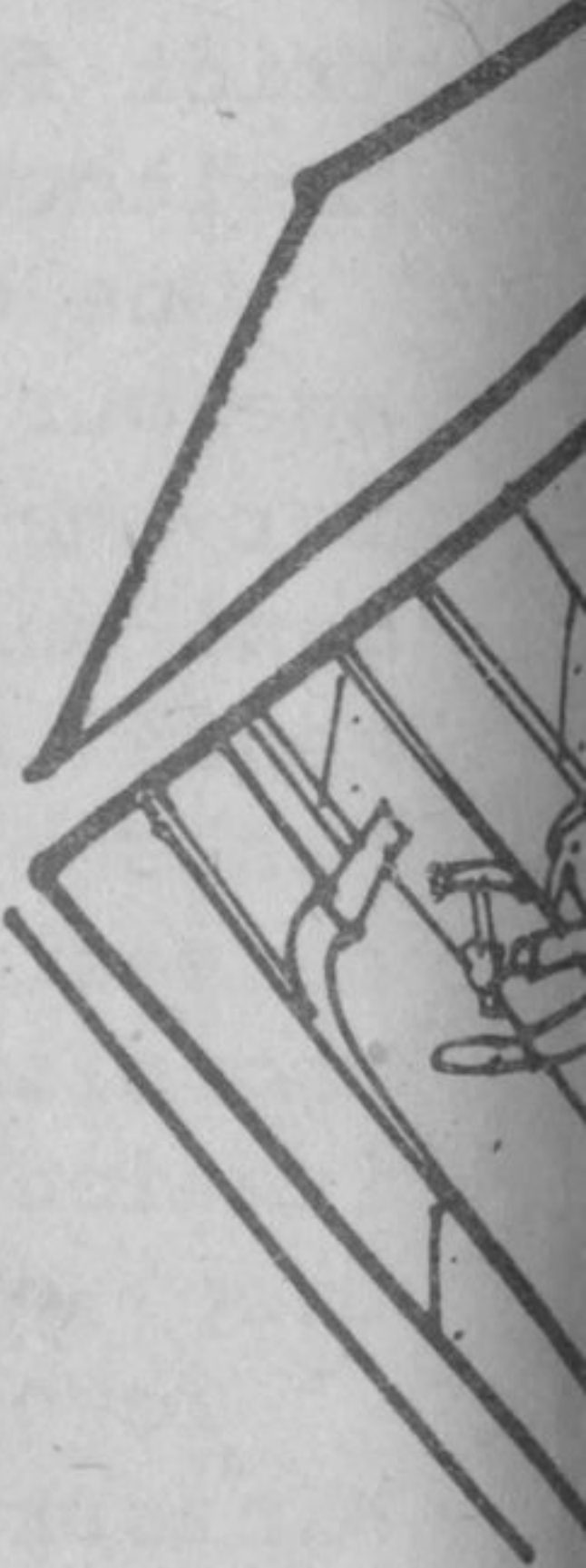
Nobody has the right to waste fuel, or any other form of energy. The time has come to take a good, hard look at the way we use energy, and to use it wisely.

Good energy habits learned now, especially by our children, will bring us comfortably through the winter, and pay off in years to come. Let's get to work.

47 things you can do to conserve energy

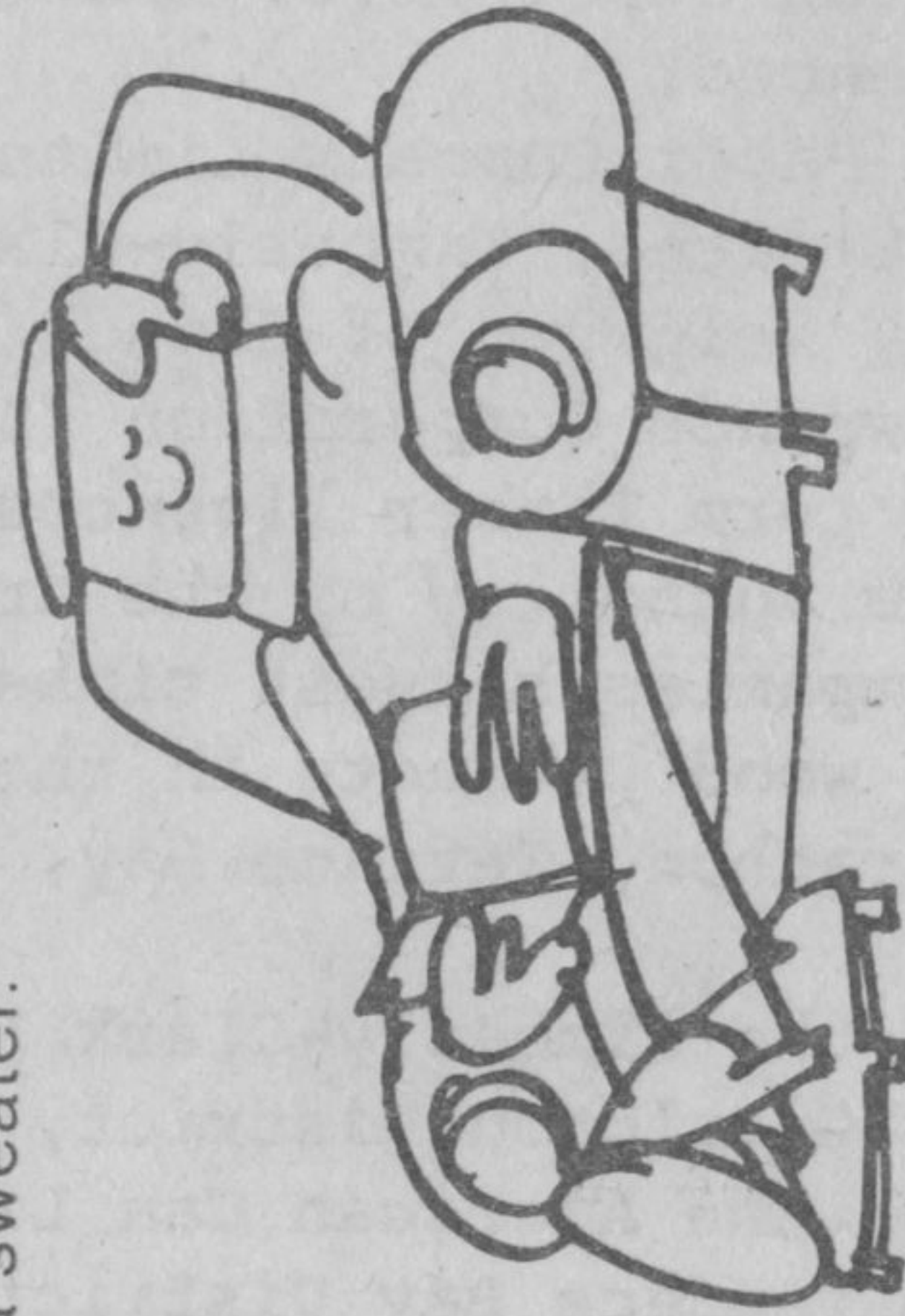
1-7 Your heating system.

- Clean forced-air filters once a month
- Bleed air from hot water radiators, fix leaks
- Empty the flue clean-out
- Have the system checked by an expert
- Insulate ducts and pipes in areas that don't need heat
- Glossy white radiators heat best
- A gravity air system with a single return works best with interior doors open.



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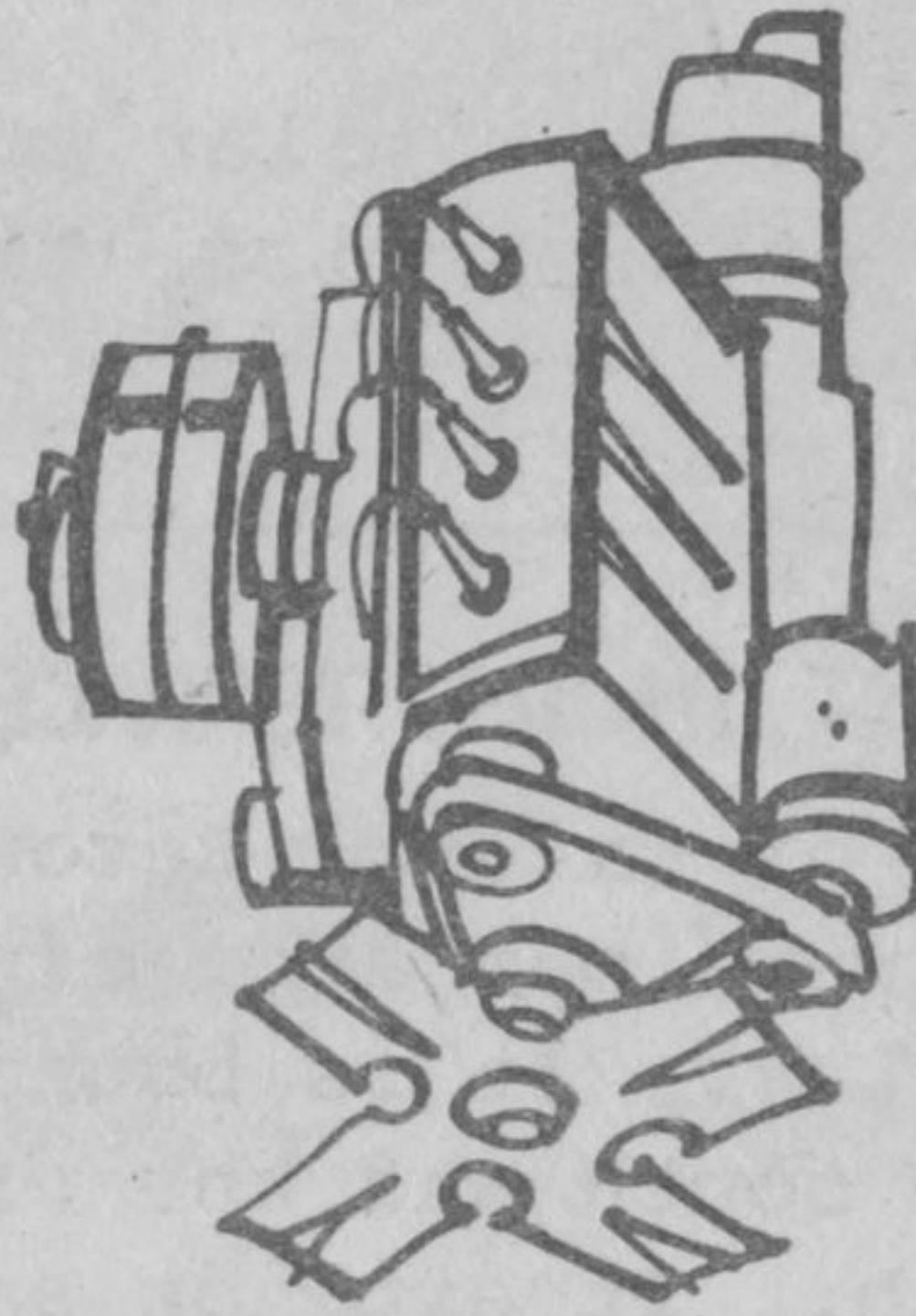
- If you use a humidifier, you'll stay comfortable with less heat
- If there's a Shivery Sam in the family, suggest he wears a sweater.



18-22 Hot water.

- Insulate exposed hot water pipes
- If your water heater has a dial, try setting it lower
- A dripping tap wastes up to 175 gallons of hot water a month
- Don't use dishwashers till they're full
- Generally, a shower

- Prolonged idling wastes gas
- Can you use the bus? Or ride with someone else?
- Does your size of car really fit your needs?
- Over 50 mph, economy decreases
- Jack-rabbit starts waste gas



40-44 Around the farm.

- A well-tuned tractor burns 10% less fuel
- Underground or pressurized storage tanks reduce vapourization loss
- Reduce tractor wheel slip and you save fuel
- Prolonged idling of engines wastes gas
- Can you turn yard lights off earlier?