

Mechano creations draw crowd



This mechano model of a giant luffing crane is demonstrated by SDSS geography teacher Bill Kingsley who built the machine and designed the 10 movement control panel he is holding in his hands. Behind him can

STOUFFVILLE — High School geography teacher Bill Kingsley bought his son a mechano set eight years ago and it has been his favorite hobby ever since — Mr. Kingsley's that is.

His mechano creations proved quite an attraction Saturday when they were displayed in the window of Card's Hardware on Main St.

Mr. Kingsley was on hand to explain and demonstrate his astronomical clock, model of a giant level luffing crane, that stands about eight feet high, traction engine, revolving carnival ride (satellite) and a self-winding clock.

They are made almost entirely of mechano parts except for a few things like the wiring.

His astronomical clock shows the minutes, hours and seconds anywhere in the world by aligning hours with longitudes, the phase of the moon, and the tides for any given ports but this isn't functioning as it requires a set of nautical tables to set it.

The crane has a control panel with 10 switches, designed by Mr. Kingsley, and the machine is fully functional. The boom comes out with a double arm so it can be raised or lowered without the bucket moving backward or forward.

The traction engine features a steering mechanism and life like expanding brakes while the satellite not only revolves but tilts up and down.

Everything is made from plans but according to Mr. Kingsley they can be intriguingly vague in places and he often in-

corporates his own designs.

He says he has no idea how many hours he has put into building his models.

"If you're going to get frustrated," he advises, "forget it and find something else to do."

He had a mechano set as a child but his interest was renewed when he purchased a set for his son. The son was too young to use it and consequently Mr. Kingsley got interested.

Although his models have absorbed many hours to construct it is his intention to eventually tear them apart and build other things.

He wants to build a double ferris wheel that can be programmed to go around any number of times and then will move forward one seat at a time, with a gate opening for each seat, just like the real thing loading and discharging passengers.

Unfortunately, plans for this contraption are no longer available, but Mr. Kingsley hopes to circumvent this problem by joining a mechano club in England. He is confident he will be able to trade plans with other members.

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Books

Author avoids emotional excess

By WAYNE MOORE
FLY AWAY PAUL.
By Peter Davies,
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"A boy comes here because he has been judged worthless by the adults he's associated with."

There is an argument that goes something like this: If you can only provide shelter, reasonable diet, educational opportunity, health facilities and discipline, then society has met its obligation to those unfortunate enough to have become wards of the State at an early age. This sounds reasonable to most people, but some of

the worst examples of man's cruelty and indifference occur under the roofs of our institutions. This short book presents a particular view of childhood that we do much to consciously avoid.

Paul is a teenager whose parents were unwilling to accept responsibility for raising him, and for three years he has been a virtual prisoner of Dalton House, similar to a Montreal "home," where Peter Davies, the author of the book, worked.

The daily routine of the home is recreated with such detail and the

dialogue rings so convincingly true that Davies can handle death, sex, violence and love and not sink into sentimentality or the emotional excess that is so often found in books that portray a coming of age.

Adventure story hooks reviewer

By WAYNE MOORE
THE DEEP
Doubleday \$8.95

Fast on the successful tail of JAWS comes a new novel by Peter Benchley and all the ingredients for a best seller seem included in its 300 pages.

A young couple, on a honeymoon trip to Bermuda, are avid divers,

and off a reef near St. David's, discover what turns out to be a pair of wrecks that contain enough treasure and trouble to send all but the most daring or foolish newbies heading for the mainland.

To be honest, I found myself hooked after the first few pages, and the compulsion to keep turning pages was so intense I finished the book

between Walter Cronkite and the National news at eleven.

The story moves quickly and the dialogue is razor sharp, but thin. One gets the impression that little has to be altered to screen write the book for the movie; it will ultimately become

Light summer reading, which JAWS could never be.



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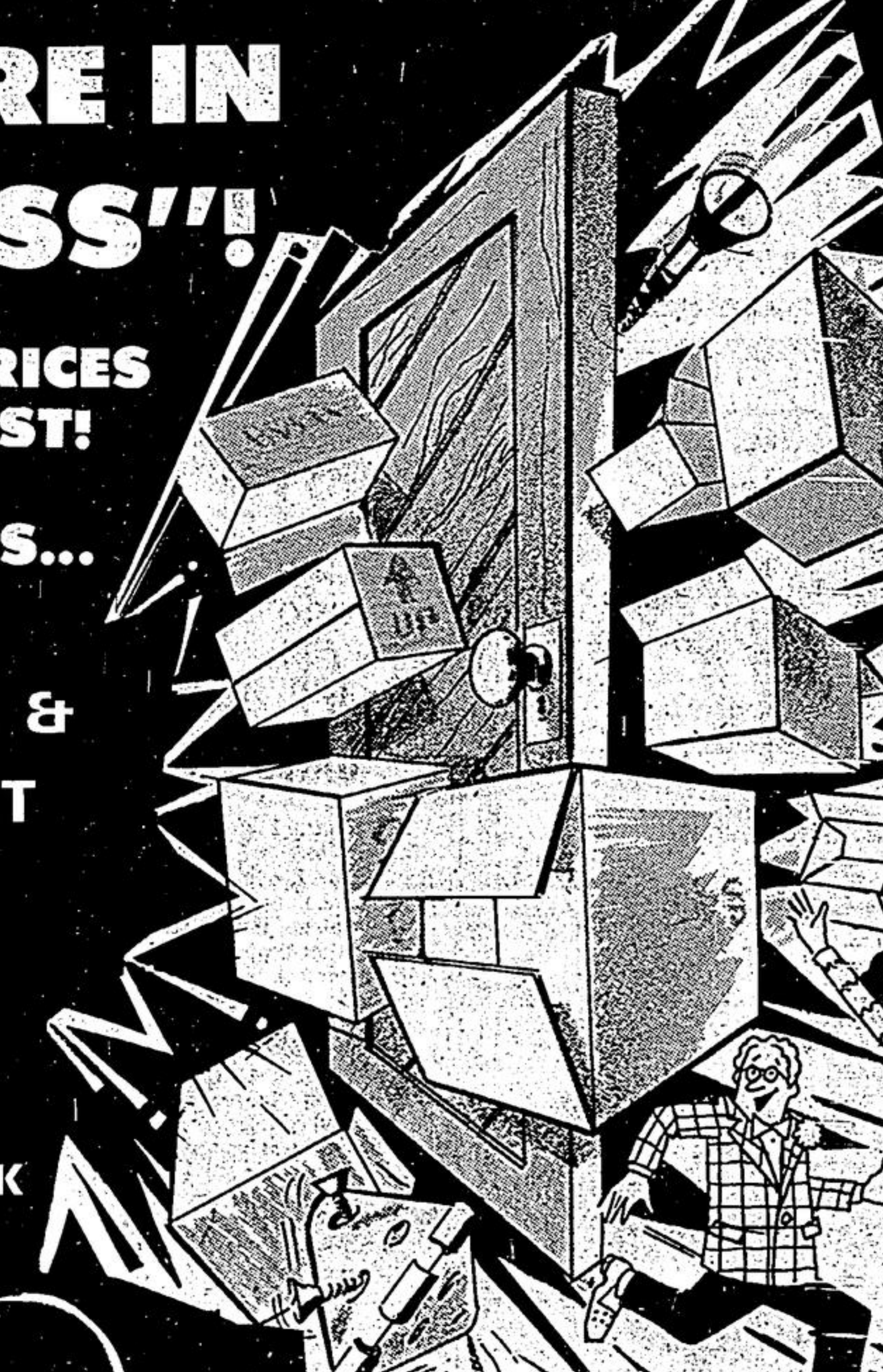
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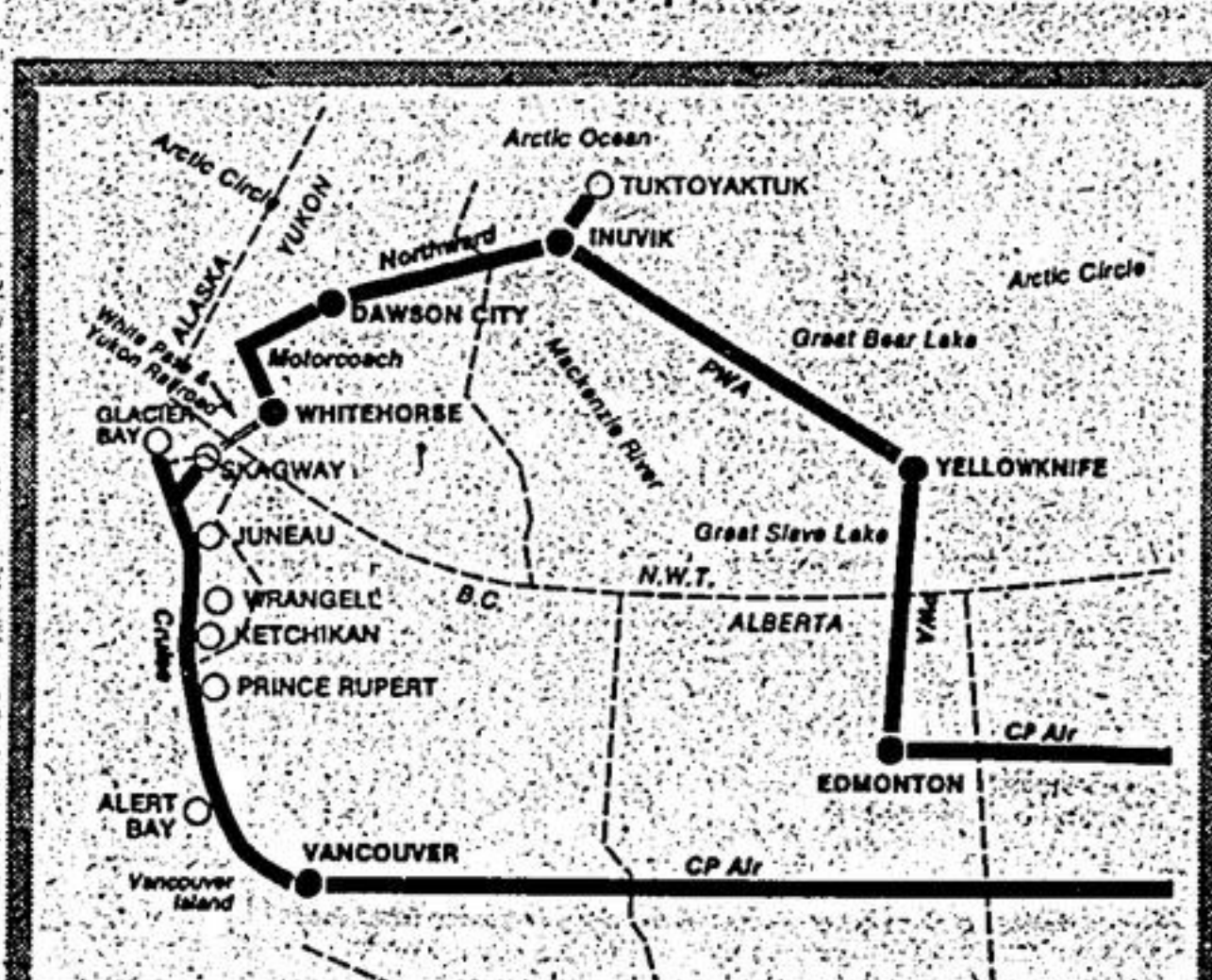
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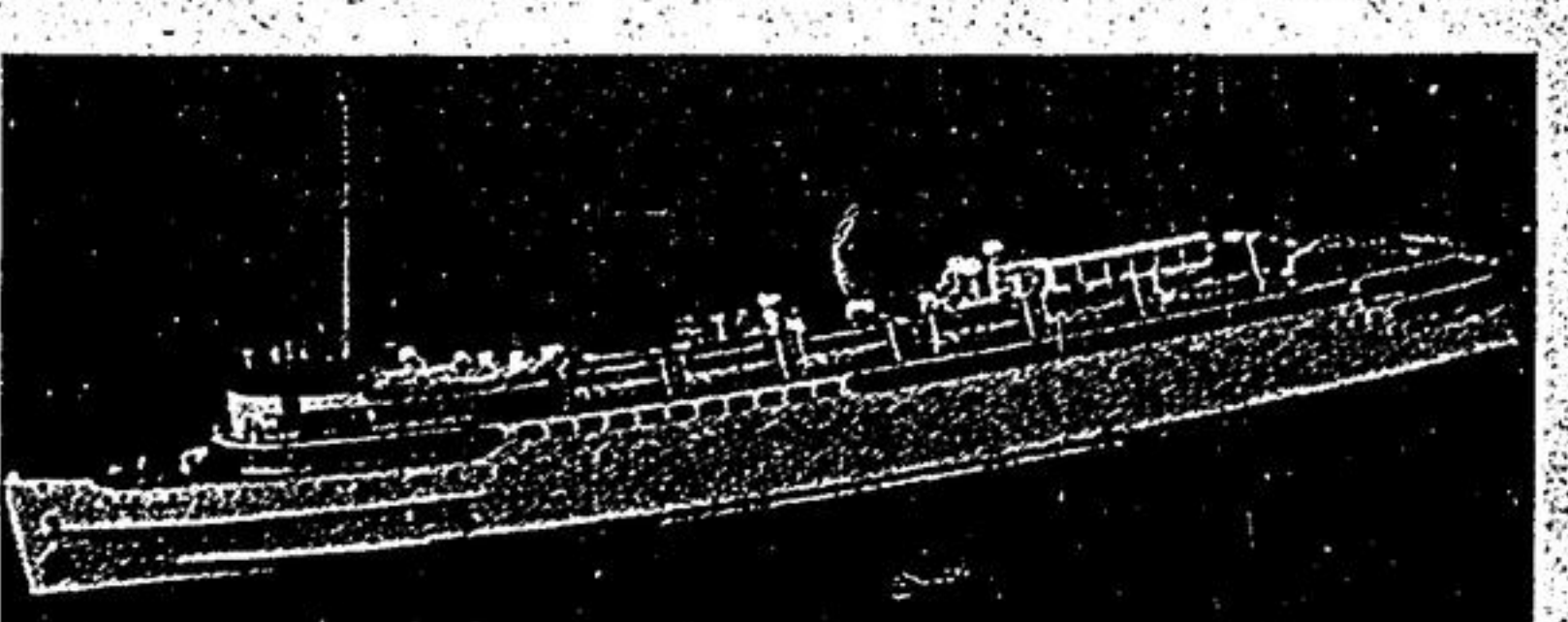
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