

# Parents criticize tutoring program

UXBRIDGE — The possibility of a tutoring program sponsored by the Durham North Association for Children with Learning Disabilities met with strong opposition from some parents, members to the organization.

the proposal.

The program would consist of a trained tutor, who the child would visit twice a week, plus regular reading sessions with the parent. The SRA SRA (Student Reading Aids) concept, would be followed, and progress based on the reward system.

Maye said funds to hire the specialists would be obtained through government grants, but several parents opposed this idea.

"Once you receive a grant for one thing from the government, and then decide to branch off into another area, it's very hard to obtain more money. I think there are other non-profit organizations which could more adequately provide such a service," Jim Mann, of Uxbridge noted.

King said the program has been successful for some time in

Kent County, and in fact, that's where the idea originated.

Another parent was concerned about using "the pay-off system" as a tool for learning.

"What if the reward isn't that much of an incentive to the child? I don't believe in giving material goods to coax pupils to learn," she said.

King pointed out that when the child successfully reads through a program, the reward could be non-material, such as television privileges, a trip to the zoo, or anything else mutually agreed upon.

Asked how effective the program had been, King replied that results from Kent County had shown that a child's reading ability had increased by one grade level every six months.

Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

## At Ballantrae Seniors' workshop

BALLANTRAE — The Ballantrae Opportunity Club has a new workshop, thanks to the co-operation and generosity of the local Lions.

A number of the community's senior citizens were on hand, Thursday, as a \$3,200 portable was established alongside the Centre, east of Hwy. 48.

The interior will be completely remodelled to accommodate persons wishing to do needlework and carpentry. Most of the redecorating will be done by the members. Several thousand dollars worth of equipment is already available and will be installed when the interior is ready.

The structure has a floor of 800 square feet, washroom facilities and electric heating. The Club hopes to use it all year round.

Money for the project was raised through lucky draws, fertilizer sales, bingo's and other means.

There'll be no delay, in fact the Opportunity Club's anxious to get going on their new venture immediately. Hydro and water services will be installed this month.

"It's a wonderful thing for the area," commented Becky Wedley, "everyone's delighted with it."

So as the frame portable will blend in with the Centre's surroundings, a matching wall will be erected.



Stouffville's lawns will be greener this summer

Members of the Stouffville Lions Club were out in force, Saturday, delivering close to twelve tons of fertilizer door-to-door in town. It was the first project of its kind here

and the response was reported as very good. One of the participants was Bob Macklin, Vanzant Court, Stouffville, chairman of the committee. Jim Thomas

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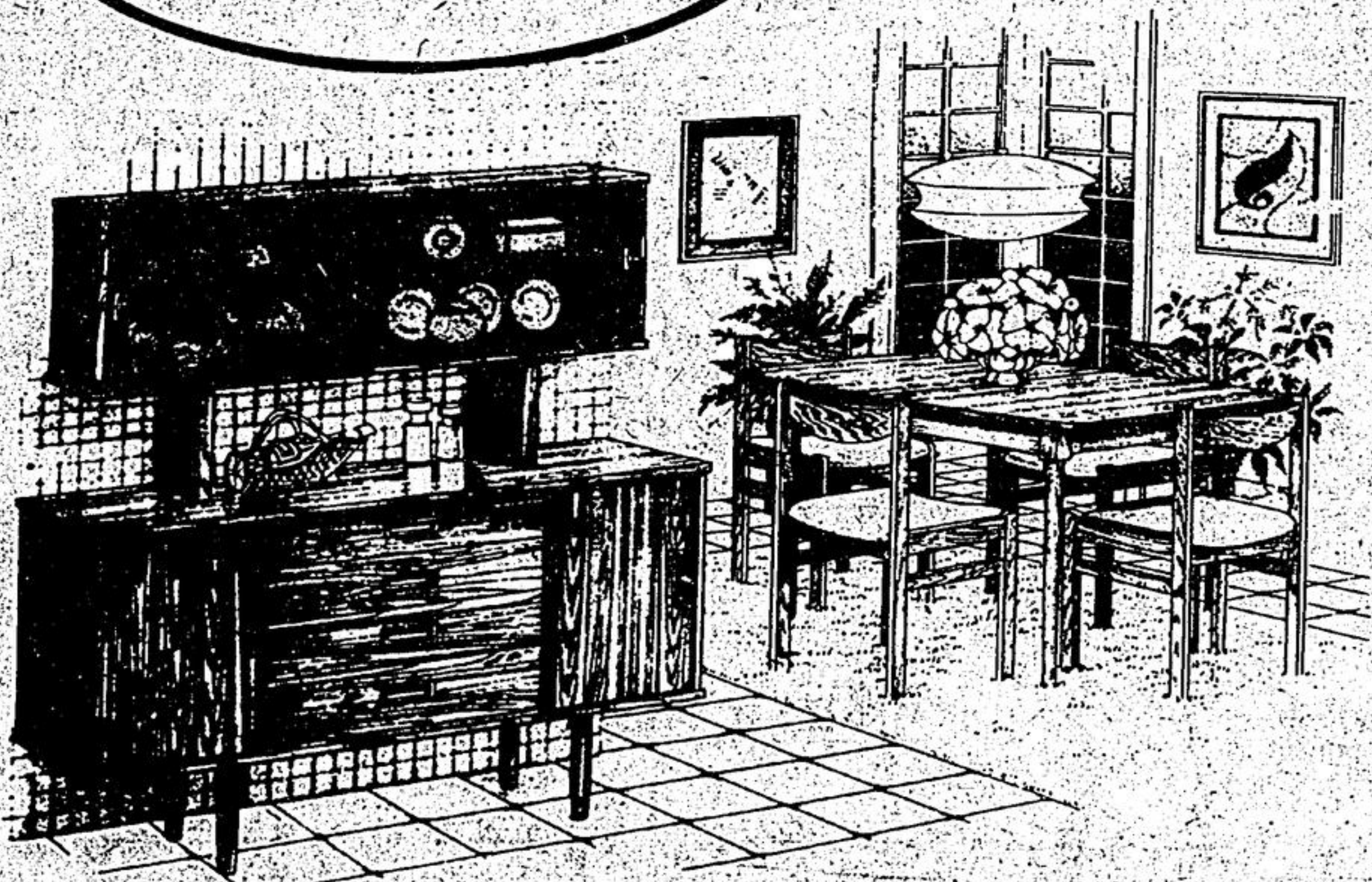
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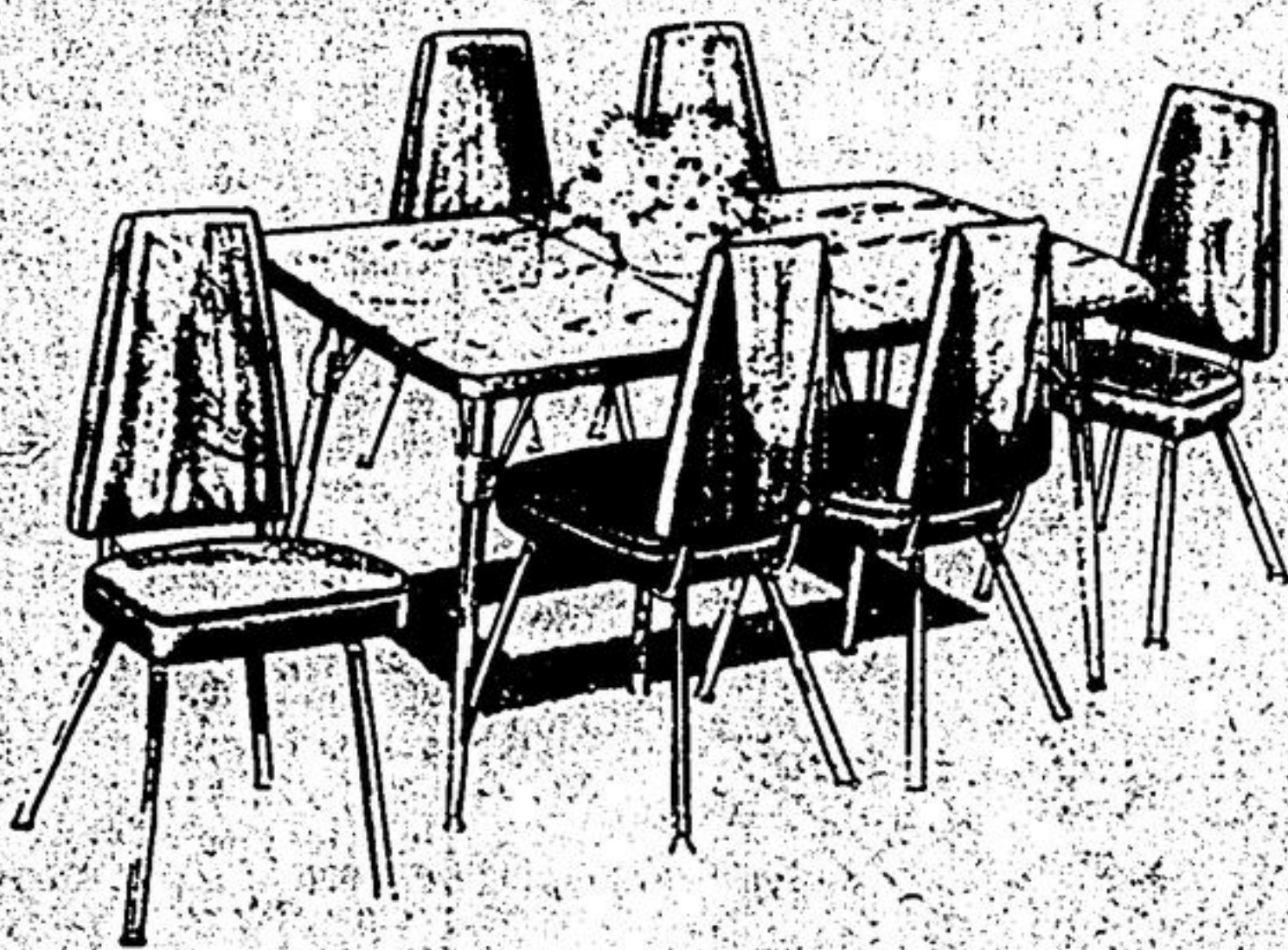
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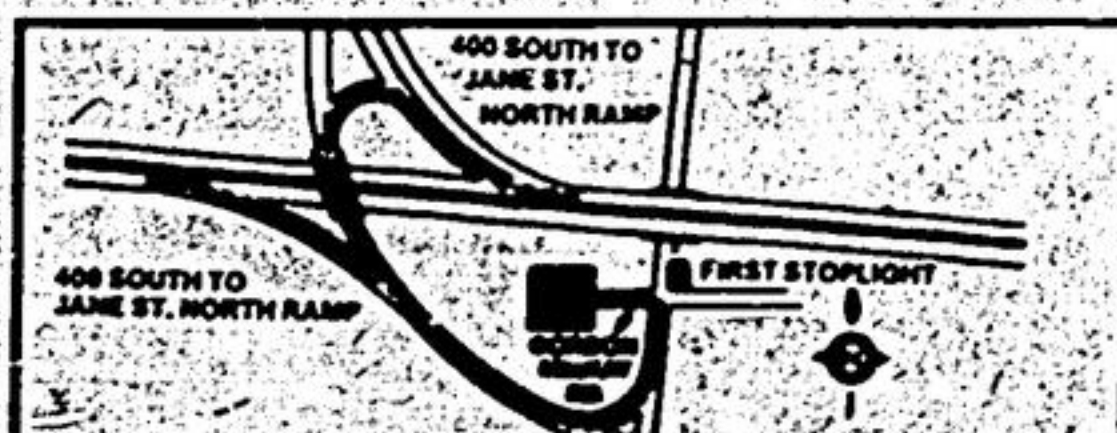


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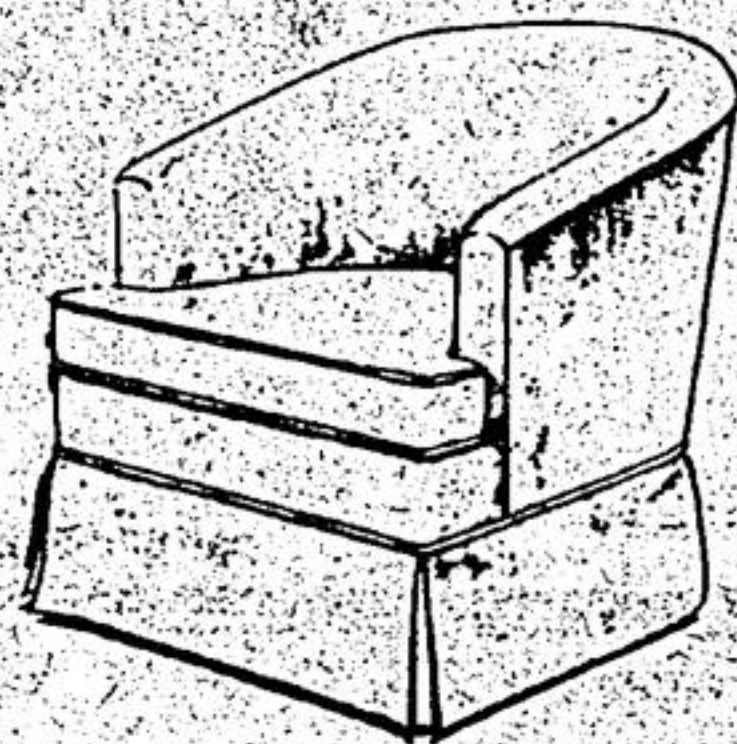
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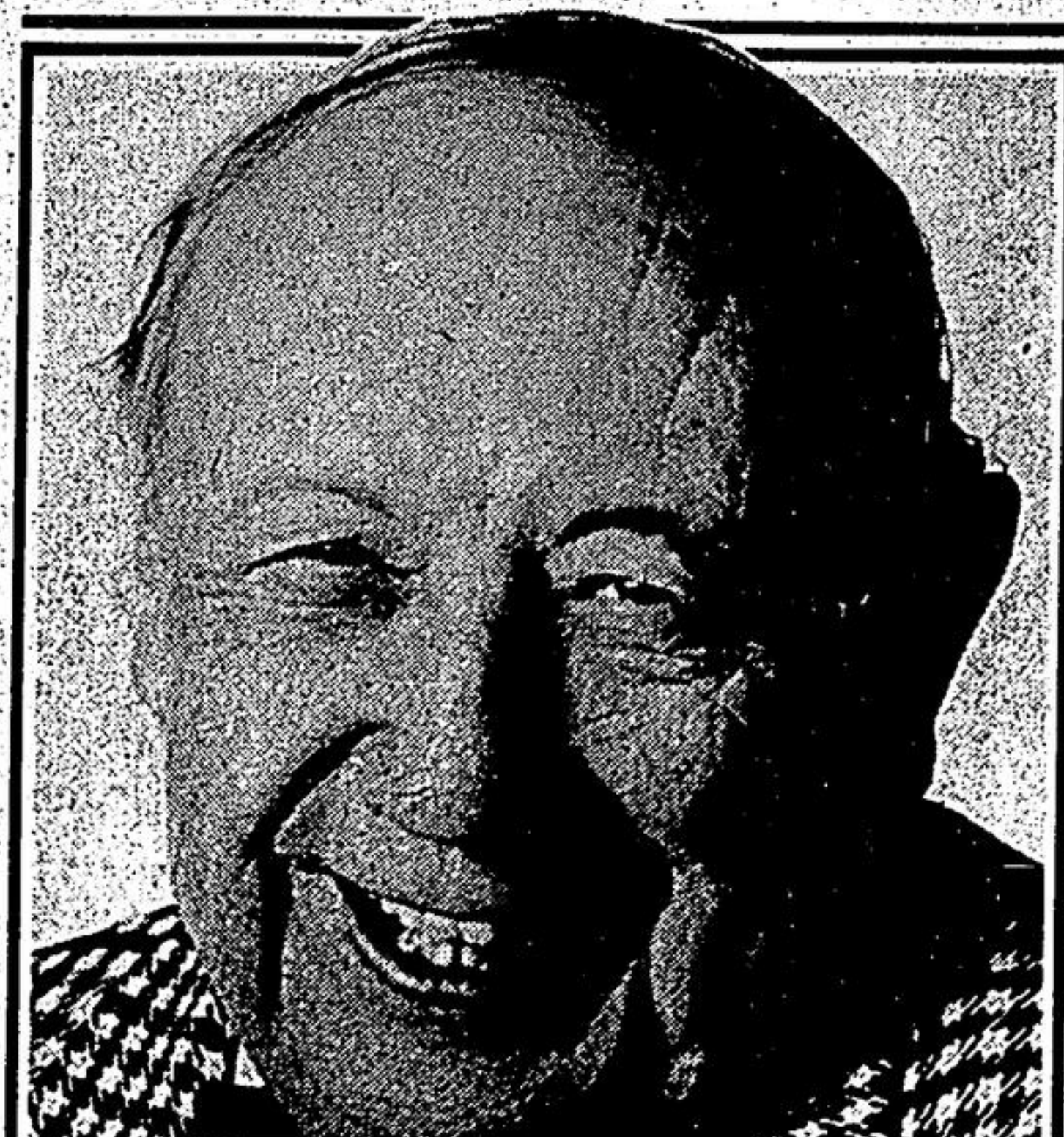
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