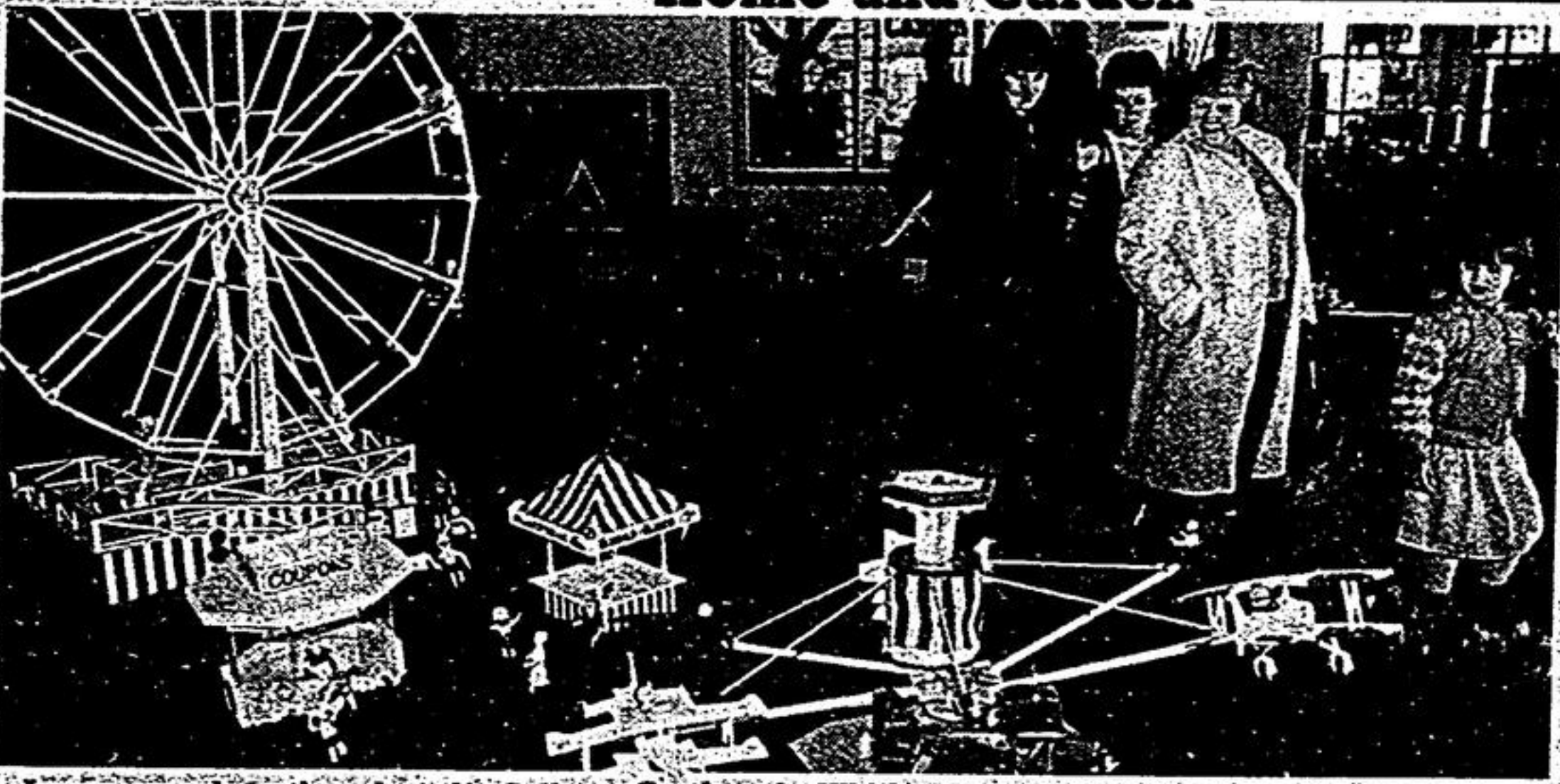


Home and Garden



Large crowds gathered at the Cullen Country Barns during the recent Spring Flower Festival to admire some of the miniatures imported from the Cullen Gardens in Whitby. Here (left to right) Judith Peterson, Lorraine Jarvie, Joan Strudwick and Amanda Peterson view a miniature midway.

Pool clean-ups made easier

Spring returns and once again pool owners begin getting ready for another season of fun. What they find when they roll back the winter cover may not be what they want to see.

Dull, stagnant, lifeless water. Wintertime lack of use may mean leaves or other debris in the pool bottom. Dark stains and streaks may show on pool sides and at the waterline.

What may be worse yet is algae, not apparent to the eye in its early stages, but just waiting to spread as the water gets warmer.

But there is a solution to the wintertime pool blues.

Smart pool owners begin by taking a sample of their pool water, as it is, to their pool chemical store (dealer) for a complete water analysis and prescription for year round care.

There, the water is computer analyzed while they wait, free of charge. The personal computerized water analysis system out-

lines a schedule what chemicals are needed to get the water back into proper balance.

Pool owners are told what to do to bring total alkalinity, PH and calcium hardness of the water into the proper range. The computer analysis also performs many tests that home test kits can't measure like total dissolved solids, copper/iron content and stabilizer level.

A customized plan. Since every pool has different needs, owners determine proper amounts of chlorine for bacteria control and algicides for algae control from the printout. The customized plan also spells out the possible need for stain controllers, scale prevention agents or water clarifiers.

It all begins with that water sample. To take it, immerse a clean closed plastic container about 18 inches below the surface of the pool and away from the pool return inlets.

Open the container and collect

about a quart of water. The test will prescribe just the chemicals needed, no more.

The plan is easy to read and easy to follow. The result is safe, sparkling blue water to enjoy all summer long.

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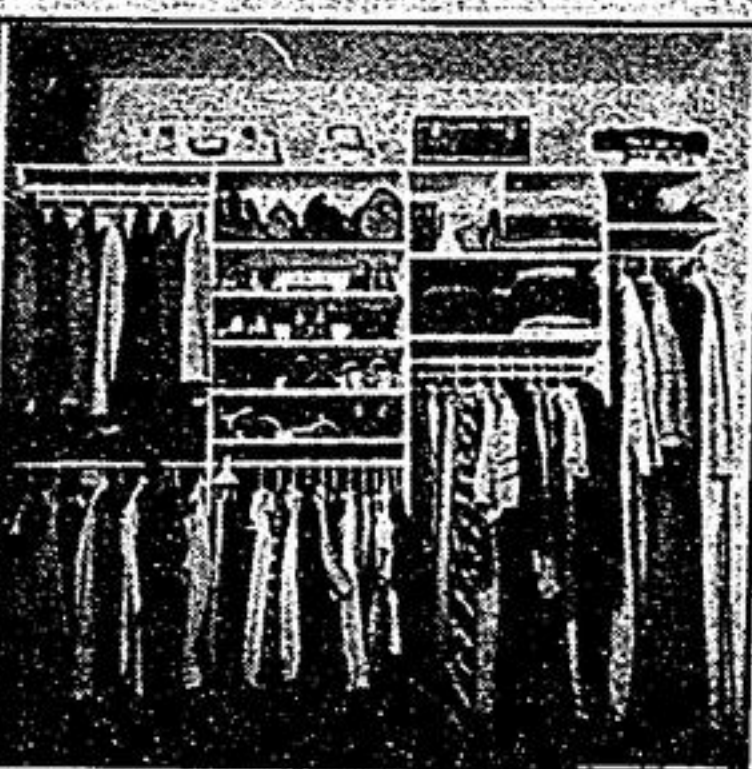
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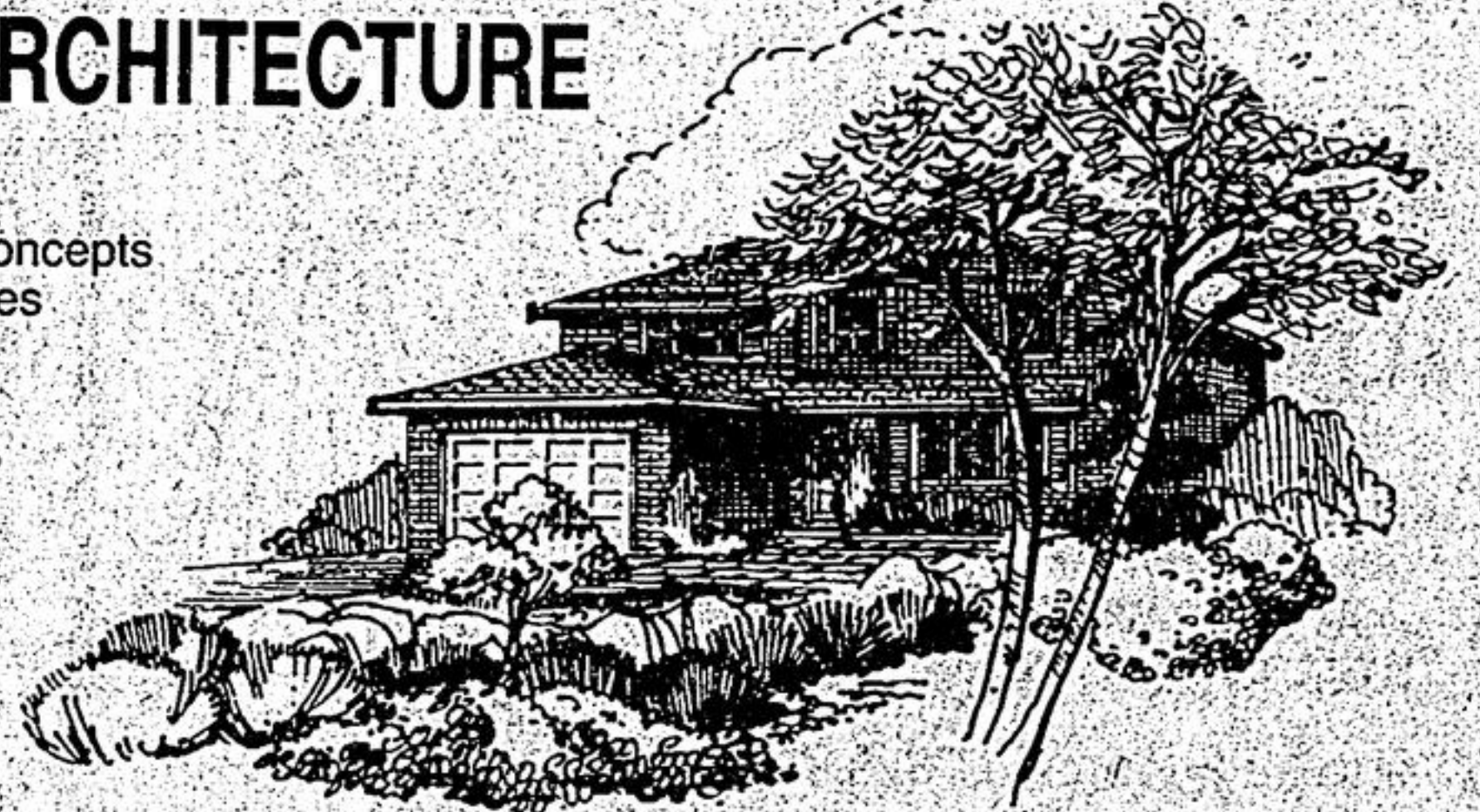
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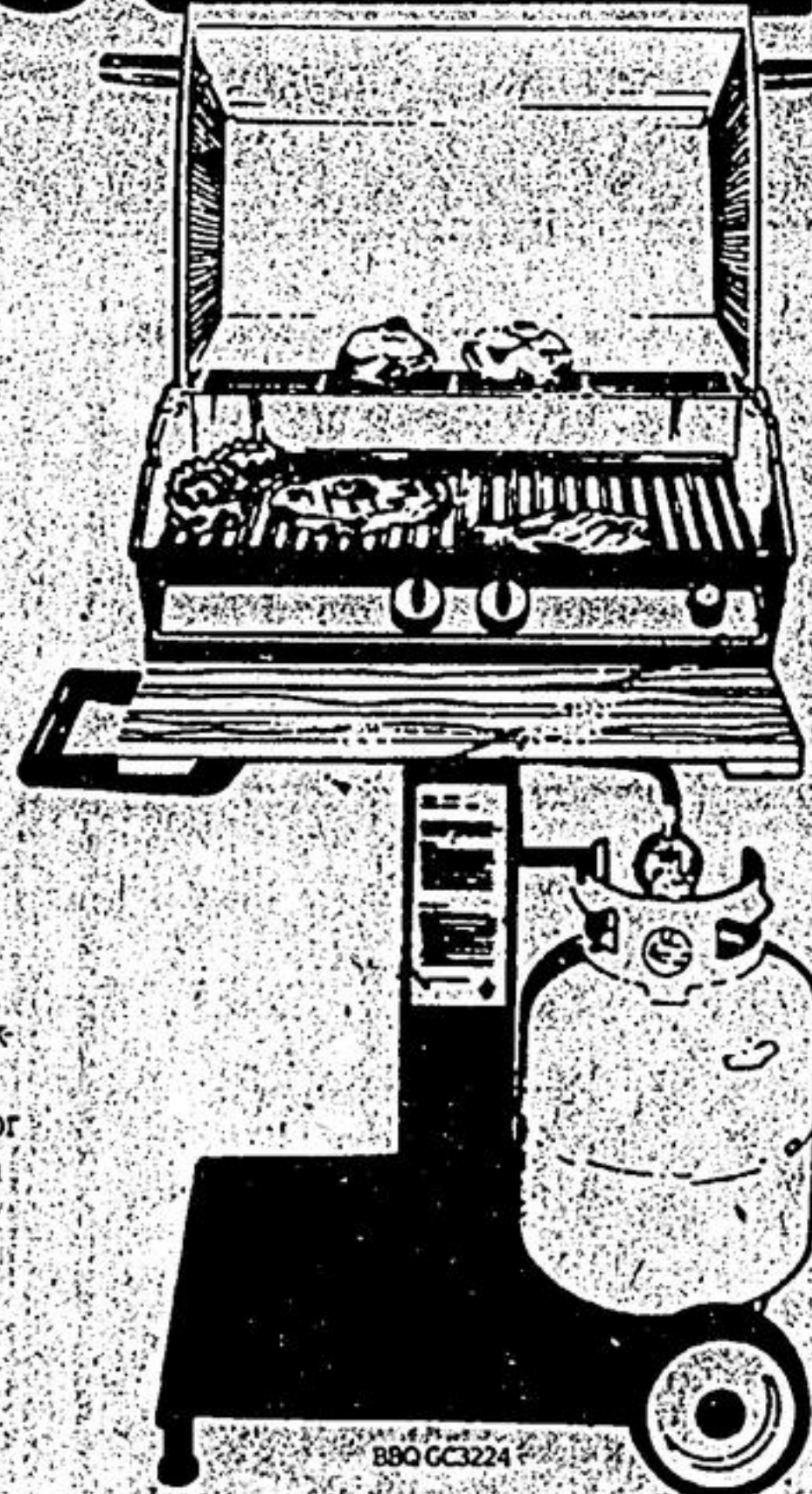


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