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## Bantam Clippers sail along in post season

Dave Brown had a hat trick, to go with a two-goal effort by Matt Prentice, as the Edwards Murphy bantam Clippers defeated Keswick 8-5 on Jan. 28 to take their best-of-three Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff series in two straight games.

Lukas Williams, Justin Heyworth, and Ryan Jones also scored for the winners. Assists went to Jones and Casey Maude (three each), Heyworth and Jeremy Morris (two each), Brent Meyer, Peter Smit, Prentice and Williams.

The Clippers opened their best-of-five, six-point third round series against Markham at the Rec Centre Friday, with Matt Sullivan scoring the game's only goal to back up the outstanding goal-keeping of Graham Smith in a 1-0 Clippers win.

A 10-minute overtime period failed to produce a winner in game two the following night at the Mount Joy Arena in Markham as the teams tied 3-3 in another goalkeepers' duel.

George Papazoglou made numerous key saves in the Stouffville net.

The Clippers outshot Markham 10-4 in the extra period but couldn't crack the Markham goalie.

Dave Brown netted a pair for the Clippers. Williams added the third marker. Assists went to Peter Smit, Mike Vandervoort, Maude, Morris and Jones.

The series continues Sunday at 5 p.m. on the Rec Centre's Pad A. The winner of the series advances to the OMHA quarter finals.

### MAJOR ATOMS FALL SHORT

The Stouffville major atom Clippers came up just short in their hard fought, best-of-three first round OMHA playoff series with the Clarington Toros.

The Clippers were edged 2-1 at home in game one as Len Spiteri scored the lone Stouffville goal from Josh Spang.

The Clippers bounced back in Clarington in game two as Gabe Barnett, Justin Lyons and Todd Nesbitt scored in a 3-0 win. Barnett, Jon Wonch and Richard Little assisted.

The Clippers were edged 1-0 at home in game three, then fell 3-2 in overtime Sunday to bow out of the series.

Lyons and Cam MacKenzie had the Clippers goals from Spang (two) and Scott Robinson.

Leading up to the playoffs, the Clippers put together two strong performances as they blanked Pickering 3-0 and downed Markham 3-1.

Goals came from Brandon Wild

and Spang (two goals each), Todd Nesbitt (one goal, one assist), and MacKenzie.

Other assists went to Brad Steckley (two), Spiteri, Luke Dawson and Robinson.

### MINOR ATOMS ELIMINATED

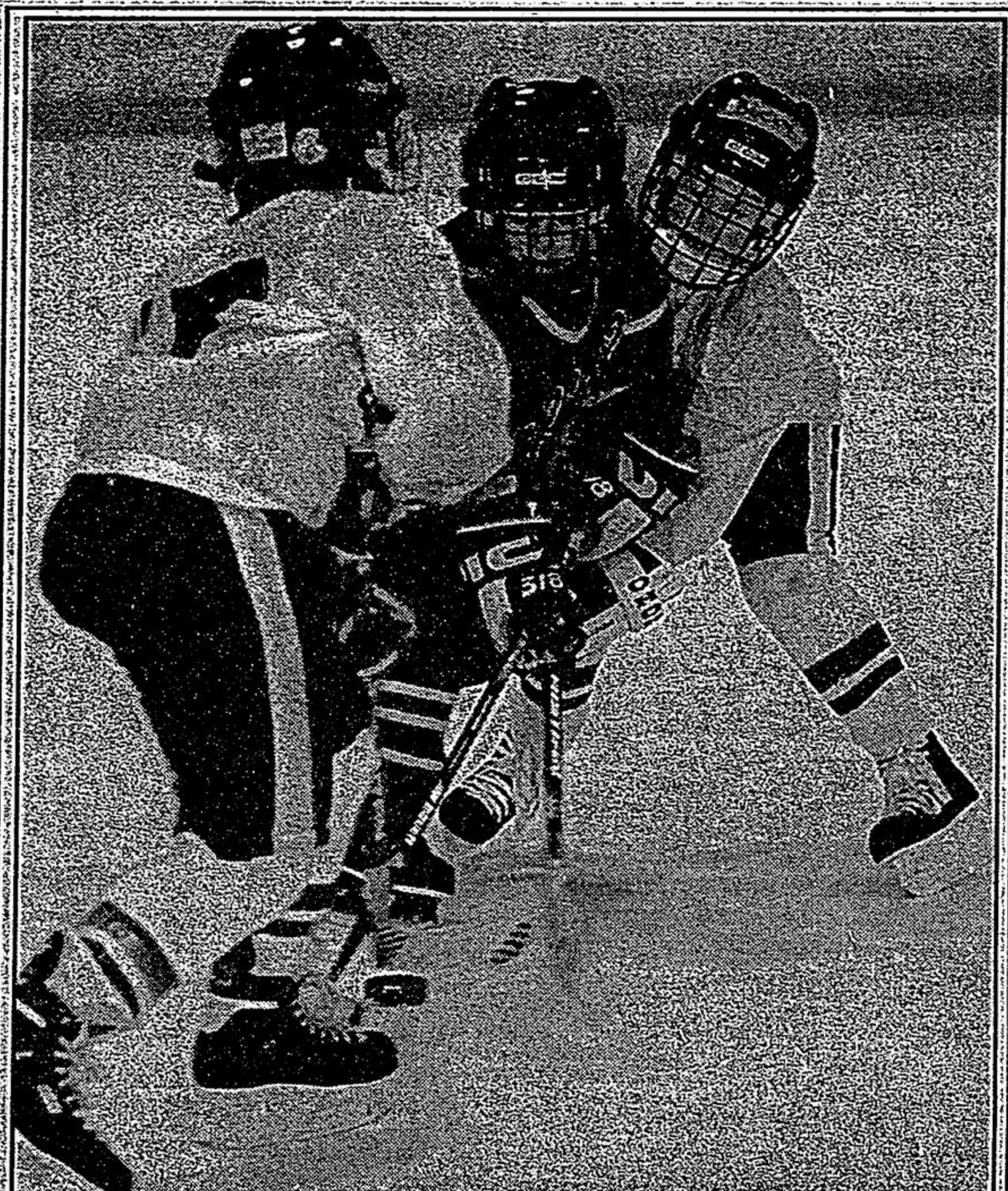
The State Farm-Legrow Agency/Cobequid Life Sciences minor atom Clippers are hoping for a few more breaks as they head into their York Simcoe League playoffs.

The Clippers were eliminated from the opening round of the OMHA playoffs in a closely contested five game set with Lindsay that saw each team score eight total goals.

The Clippers rebounded from a series-opening 2-1 home ice loss by bouncing Lindsay 4-1 on the road to even the set.

Game three ended in a 1-1 overtime tie, with Lindsay prevailing 3-2 at home in game four. Lindsay clinched it with a narrow 1-0 overtime win in game five.

Scoring for the Clippers were Cameron Allan (three goals, two assists), Zach Popper (two goals, two assists), Alex Bruno, Trevor Greenham and Brendon Laing (one goal each), Landon Wideman and Kevin Rambow (two assists each), Matthew Mulder and David Del Zotto (one assist each).



**AT TIGHT SQUEEZE:** Stanton Electro's James Potter (left) and Bucky Pelosse (far right) attempt to squeeze out Tim Horton's Patrick Salvagna from going past them during this Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association tyke house league contest at the Rec Centre on Saturday. The two clubs battled to a 3-3 tie.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

## A Spirited effort by tykes and novices

The tyke Spirit and novice select teams both bolted the doors to the net shut in recent action.

The Spirit tyke selects blanked Uxbridge 2-0, then hung a 7-0 white-wash job on Ajax in recent league action, moving them up into a third place tie in the 16-team York-Simcoe loop.

Meanwhile, the novice selects responded to a 2-2 tie with Richmond Hill to blank Bradford 5-0 for their

first league win of the season.

The Spirit tyke squad received goals from Jamie Gregory and Malcolm Forbes in the victory over Uxbridge.

Christopher Lombardo registered the hat trick, with Justin Hulshof and Forbes each scoring twice, in the triumph over Ajax.

Assists for the two games went to Patrick Salvagna, Michael Stanton, Hulshof, Brad Maxwell, Dennis O'Shaughnessy, Gregory and Michael Sooley.

The shutouts were shared by Matthew Ragusco and Gregory Ostram-Kuzma.

Ben Sampson delivered both novice selects goals in the tie with Richmond Hill.

Mikhael Metauro and Jeremy Schell each scored twice, and Justin Lawrence added a solo, in the breakthrough win against Bradford.

Assists in the two games went to Wesley Davis (two), Fletcher Muir and Schell.

Kirk Paterson and Chris Raymer shared the shutout.

Justin Lougheed, Kurt Brillinger and Derek Conlon were strong on defence. Andrew Stewart, Salvo Andolina, Matthew Mauro and Corey Thomson also contributed on offence.

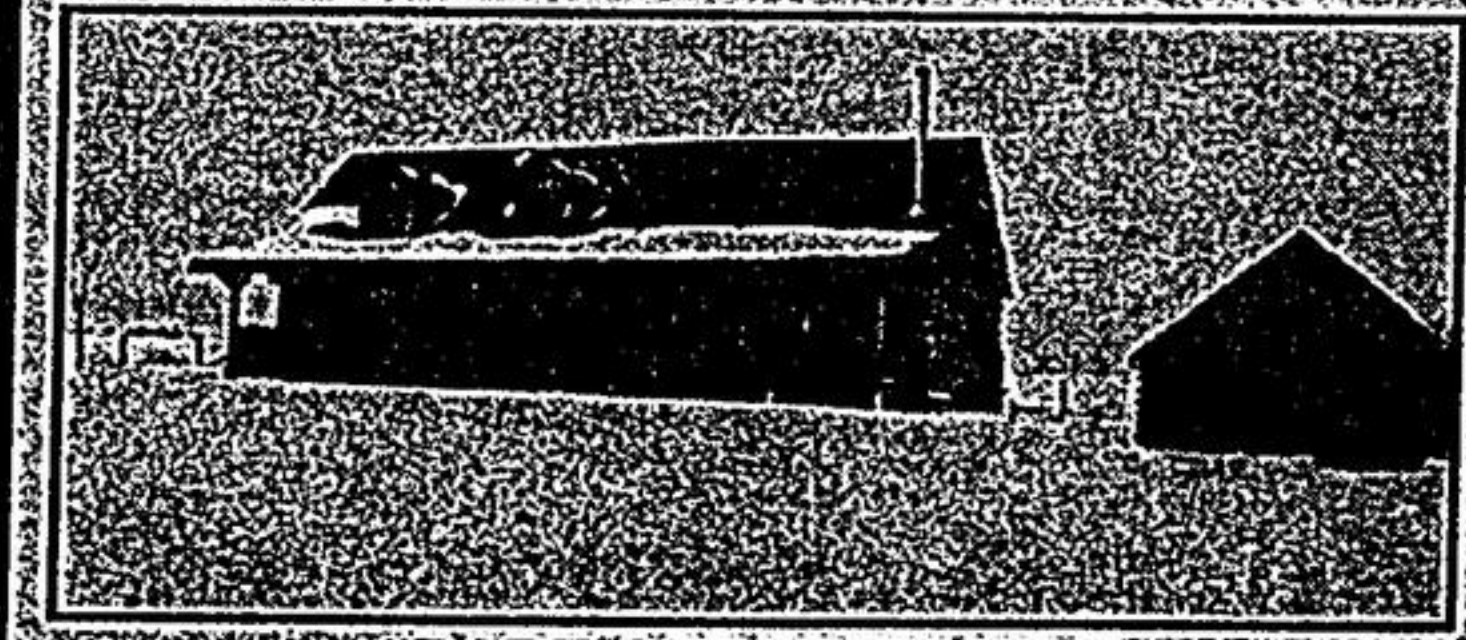
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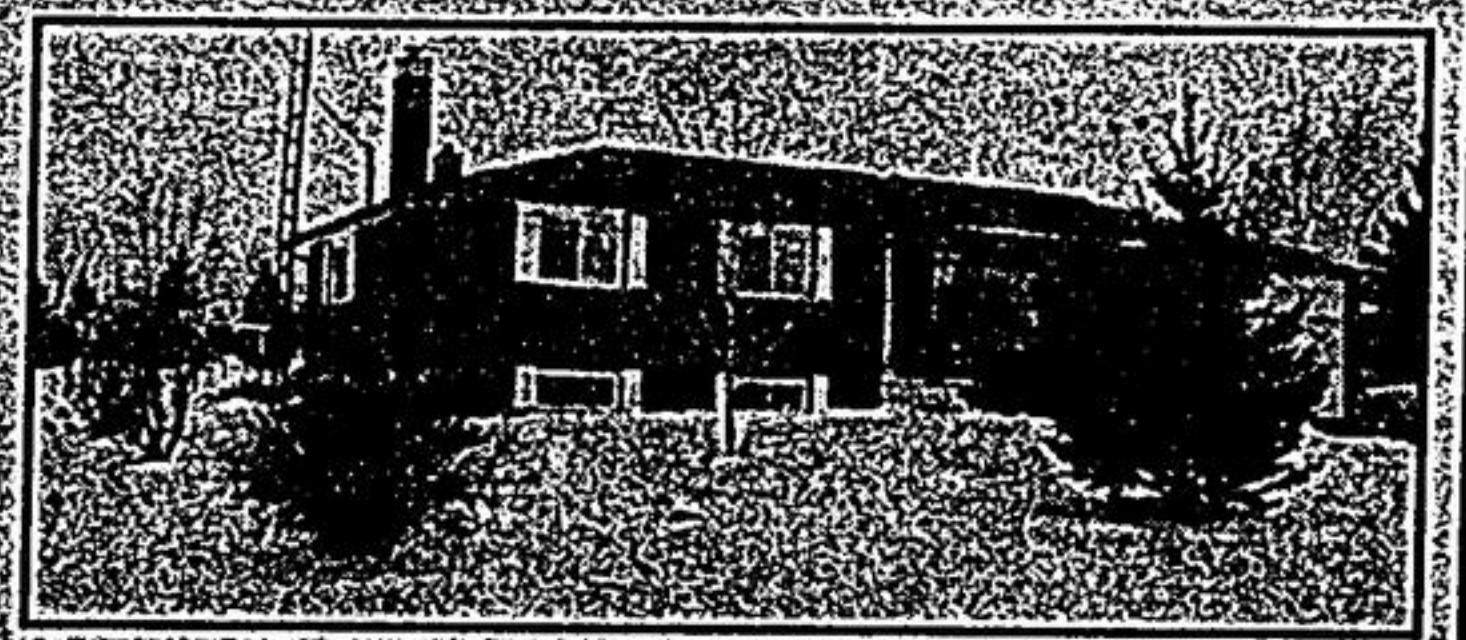
**MICHAEL DEL ZOTTO**  
Michael scored yet another 4 goals to lead his Richmond Hill AAA Stars to another two victories over Jan. 24 weekend. The Stars record now sits at 18-4-2.

**Great shootin', Michael!**  
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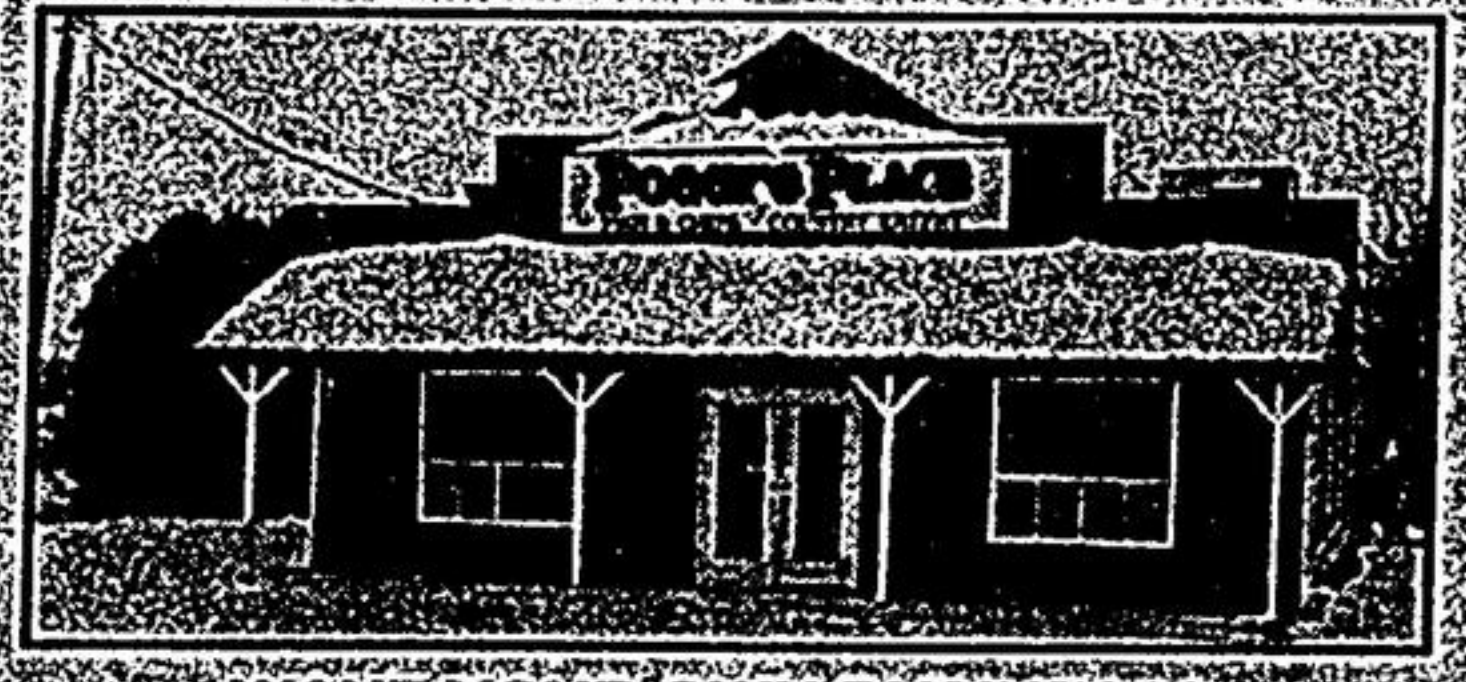
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