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# HOME & GARDEN

## Gardening teaches kids valuable lessons such as environmental awareness and the workings of nature, while offering family fun

Why fight it? Kids love to dig in the dirt. Just substitute soil for dirt and join in the big time, family-oriented trend. Gardening, now ranked as Canada's number one outdoor leisure activity,

continues to grow like a weed. Nursery retailers report that much of the increase is accounted for by families shopping and gardening together. Many parents find gardening with

their kids teaches valuable lessons such as environmental awareness and the workings of nature, while offering a liberal dose of old-fashioned family fun.

job and just frustrate gardeners young or old.

Good choices include:

- ✓ trowel
- ✓ small wheel barrow
- ✓ spade
- ✓ round scissors
- ✓ rake
- ✓ gardening gloves and hat
- ✓ hoe
- ✓ a trug, basket or bucket

### A TREE OF THEIR OWN

Trees are one of nature's more magnificent achievements. Children are fascinated with saplings. Over time, the whole family will come to treasure David's Tree.

And, one day when David ties a rope swing to its branches and tells his children "I was just your age when we planted this tree", the efforts of that long ago autumn day will seem to have been especially worthwhile.

When choosing a young tree

- ✓ Keep the tree's eventual growth

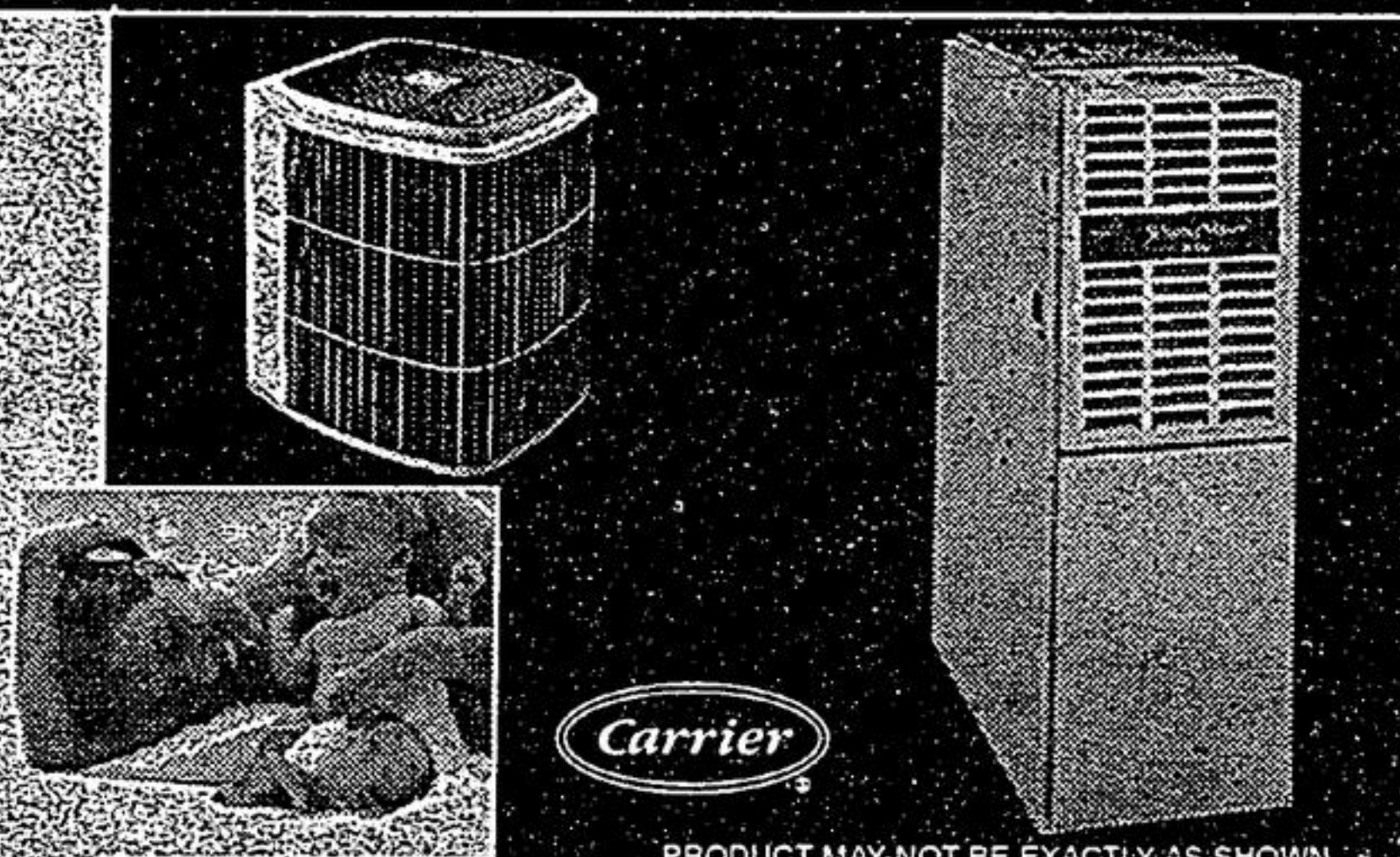
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