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Fences play many roles

Fences don't come cheaply, so when someone decides to install one, it is usually for a very good reason. While a fence can make a beautiful addition to your property's exterior, it is primarily for practical uses that most people invest in one.

Often people put up a fence to divide their property from that of their neighbour. Depending on the type installed, a fence can also greatly increase your privacy, a rare commodity in many neighbourhoods nowadays. A fence can also be a great way to prevent young children and pets from wandering off.

For homeowners who have a pool in their backyard, a fence can also be an invaluable safety measure that can prevent children from jumping into your pool without your knowledge.

In fact, many municipalities have adopted bylaws requiring homeowners with swimming pools to install fences around their property. In general, these fences must be at least four feet tall and have bars or links close enough so that a four-inch rounded object cannot fit between them (such as a child's head).

They should also be made so that even the most determined children cannot climb over them.

While some towns will accept hedges as a fence, you should first check with your local planning authority. In fact, you should do this before installing any fence to make sure it conforms to local bylaws.

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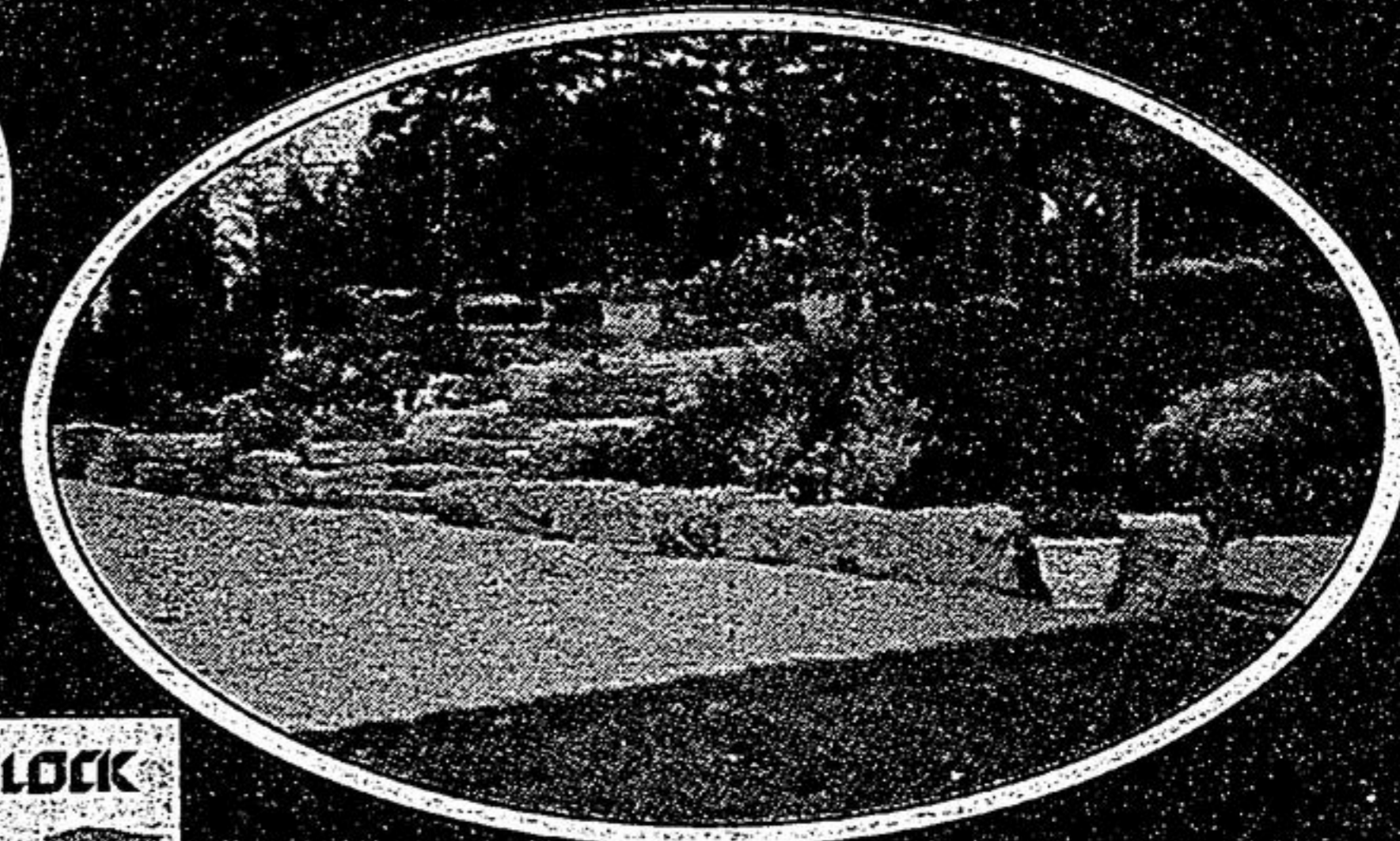


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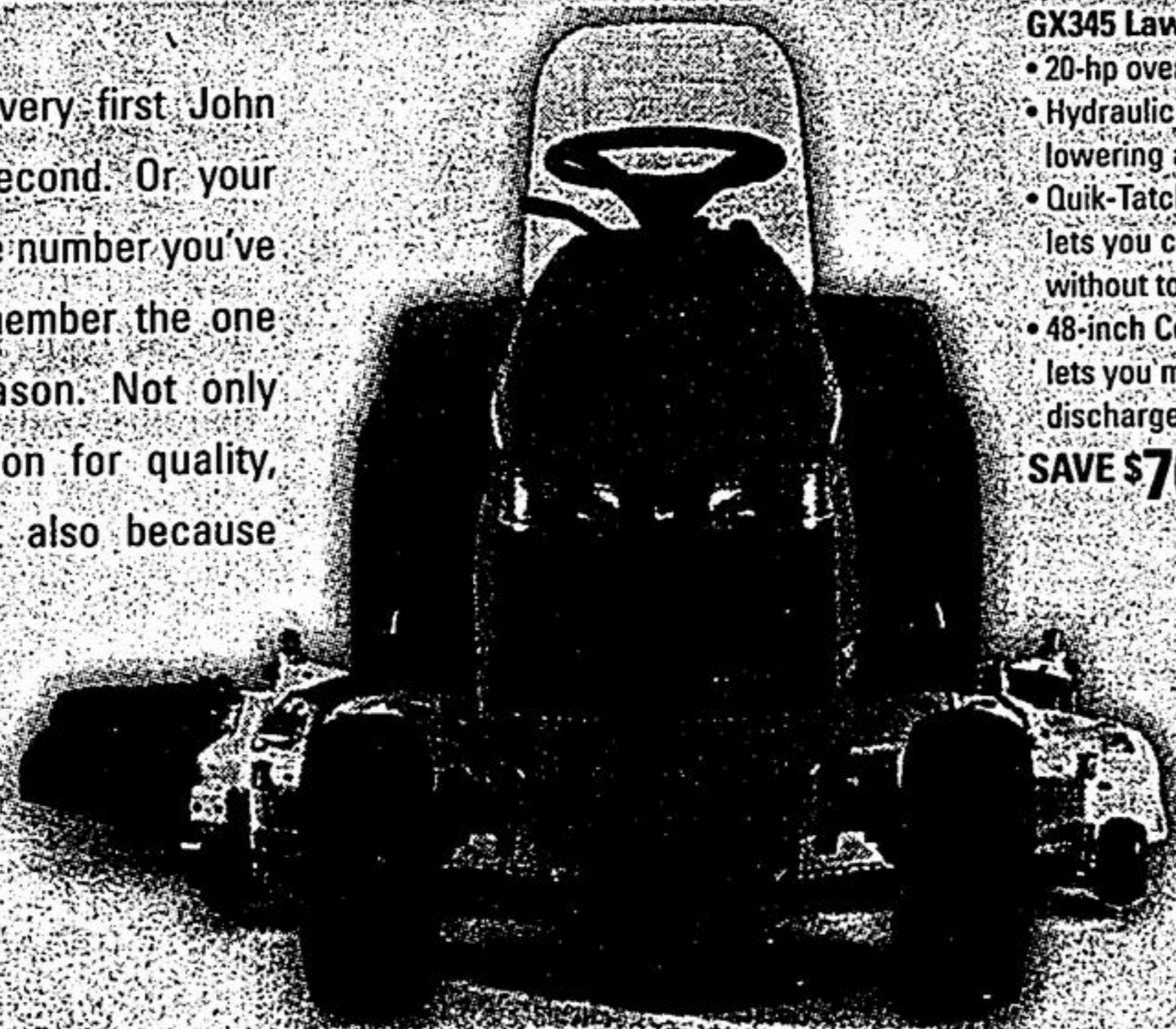
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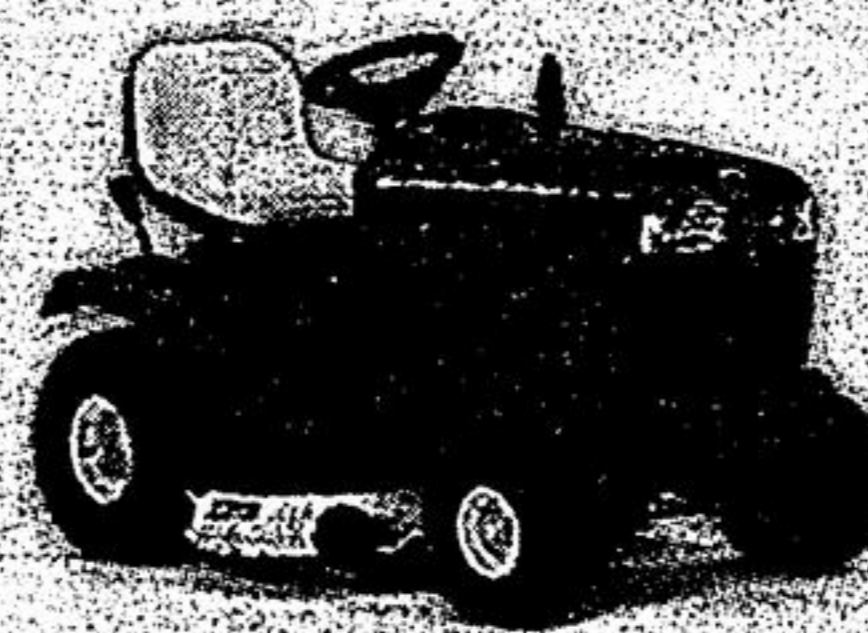
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