

Gasoline handling - safety precautions

Today's modern farm operation uses gasoline in a

variety of machines. It is the fuel which powers every-

thing from the tractor to the lawn mower, to the motorboat used for a weekend's fishing. But don't take it for granted, says Hal Wright, Farm Safety Specialist with the Ontario

Department of Agriculture and Food. Using gasoline carelessly can result in a tragic loss of life or property. He offers some safety precautions to minimize the

dangers. Never smoke or allow others to smoke near gasoline containers. Never store or pour gasoline from a container near an open flame, such as a pilot light on a stove or water

heater. The gasoline could ignite. Gasoline should not be stored in barns or workshops. Gasoline drums should be stored in a separate enclosure at least 40 feet from any

other building. They should also be painted red with the word GASOLINE prominent on each drum. Underground storage tanks are more desirable and safer. Keep a por-

table fire extinguisher suitable for putting out flammable liquid fires in a handy space and in working order. Make sure employees and family members know how to use

it. Sand is another safety measure. When flammable liquid is spilled, sand will absorb it and prevent it from spreading. It will also smother small fires. Never use

gasoline as a cleaning fluid. The vapors may form an explosive mixture with air that can be ignited by static electricity or a cigarette. Instead, use a cleaning liquid such as varsol.

Urge second apartment

STOUFFVILLE - Ontario Housing has promised to examine the possibility of a second Senior Citizens' residence for Whitchurch-Stouffville. A letter read at the Council meeting July 13, indicated that the Commission would review all applications on file.

Mayor Ken Laushway pointed out that the number of applications so far received is not very realistic.

'I know several people who haven't even bothered to apply, because they know there's no room,' he said.

Council voted to ask Ontario Housing to advertise for applications before reaching a decision. No final date has yet been named.

Fire calls

jam police

communications

YORK REGION - The Regional Police Department is not an empire, it's a public service, said Richmond Hill Councillor Don Plaxton. Mr. Plaxton made this statement at York Regional Council June 15, at the time Council received a letter from the Police Commission.

In their letter the Commissioners claim that if the police continue answering fire calls, sounding the alarm and directing firemen, they will need two more full-time dispatchers for their Central Communications Centre. Councillor Plaxton and other Council members took exception to this.

'They're the ones who will have the Communications Centre,' said Plaxton, 'They should be able to handle the calls.'

Commission member Ray Twinney strongly denied the 'empire' allusion, and assured Council that the police would not refuse to accept fire calls. This request, he said, was in the interest of providing better service.

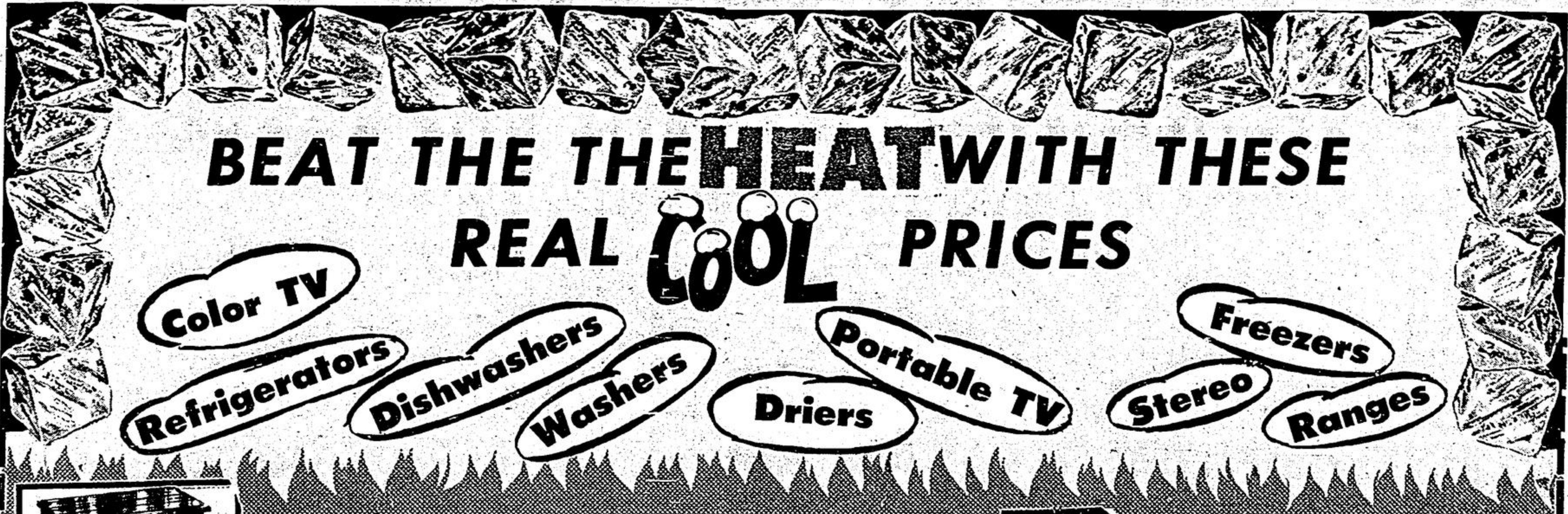
East Gwillimbury Mayor Gladys Rolling suggested the Commission request be sent to the Region's Engineering Committee for study before consultation with the municipalities concerned. Her suggestion was adopted by Council.

\$3 million in building

STOUFFVILLE - Whitchurch-Stouffville is a growing concern, according to a report received by Council Tuesday evening.

During the first six months of this year, 149 building permits were issued. Value of buildings constructed in this period was slightly over \$3,000,000.

Included in this figure are 74 new single-family dwellings, 51 apartment units, and a number of additions to existing structures.



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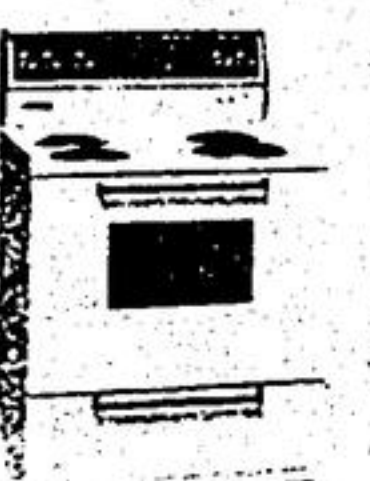
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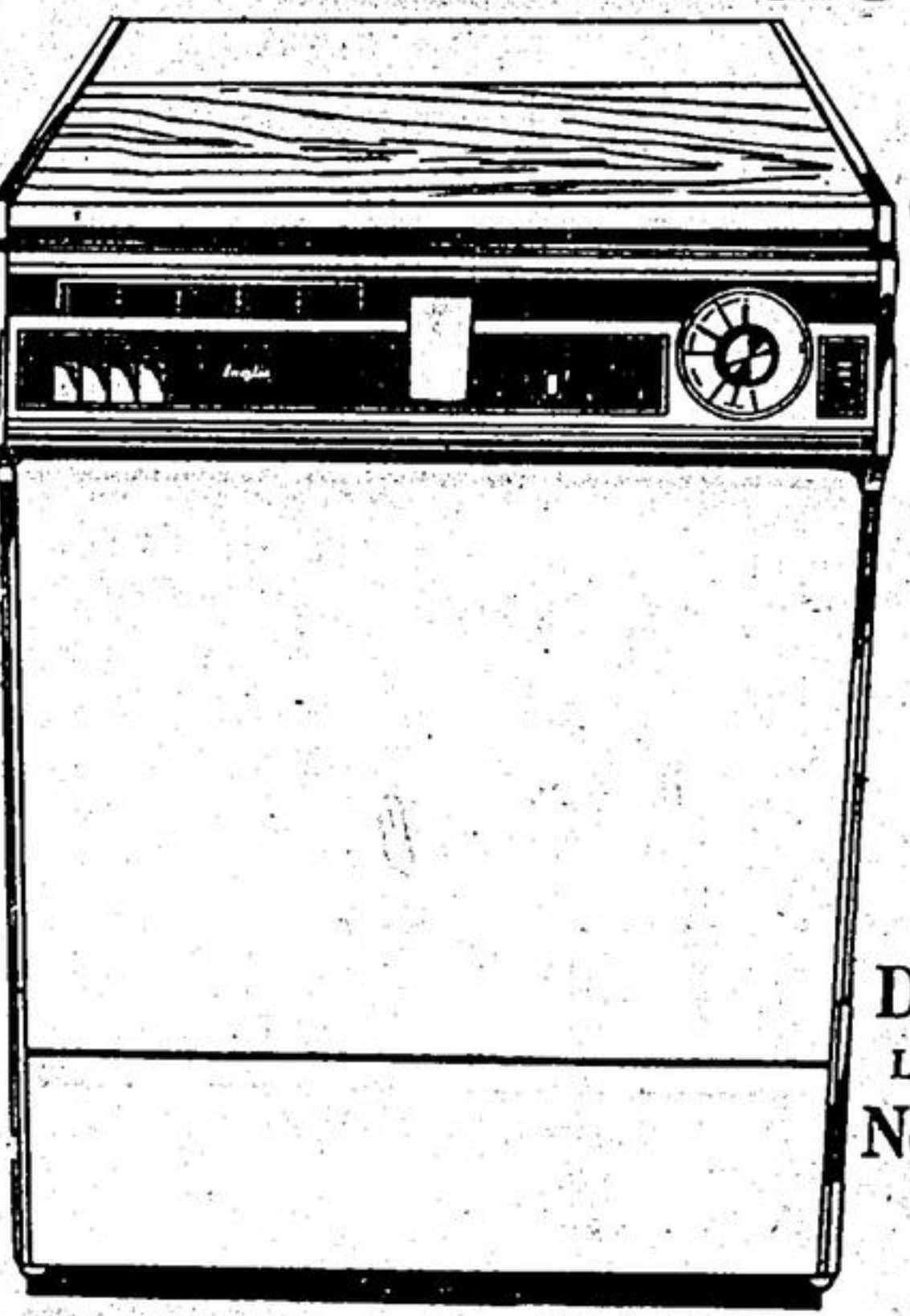


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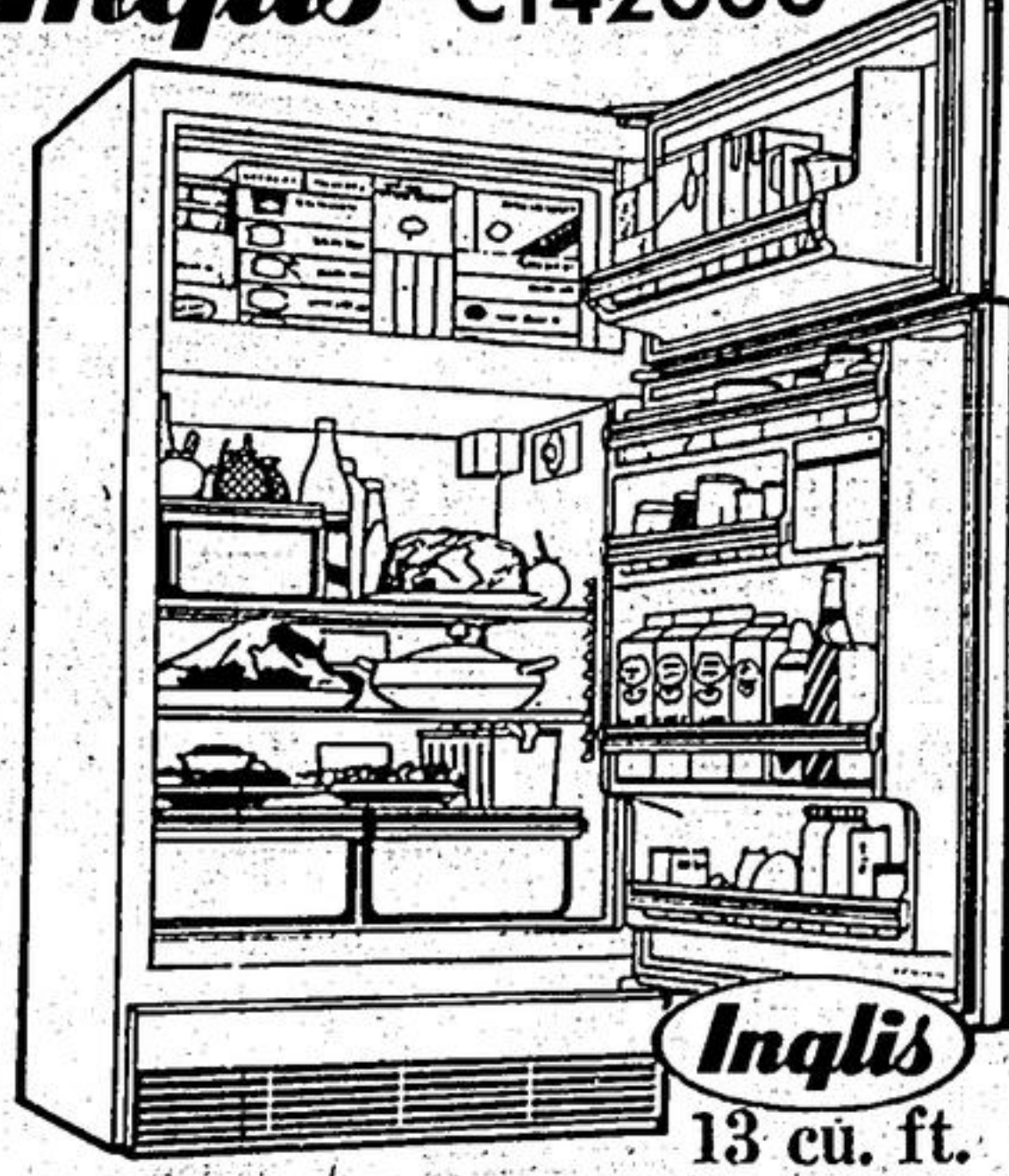


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