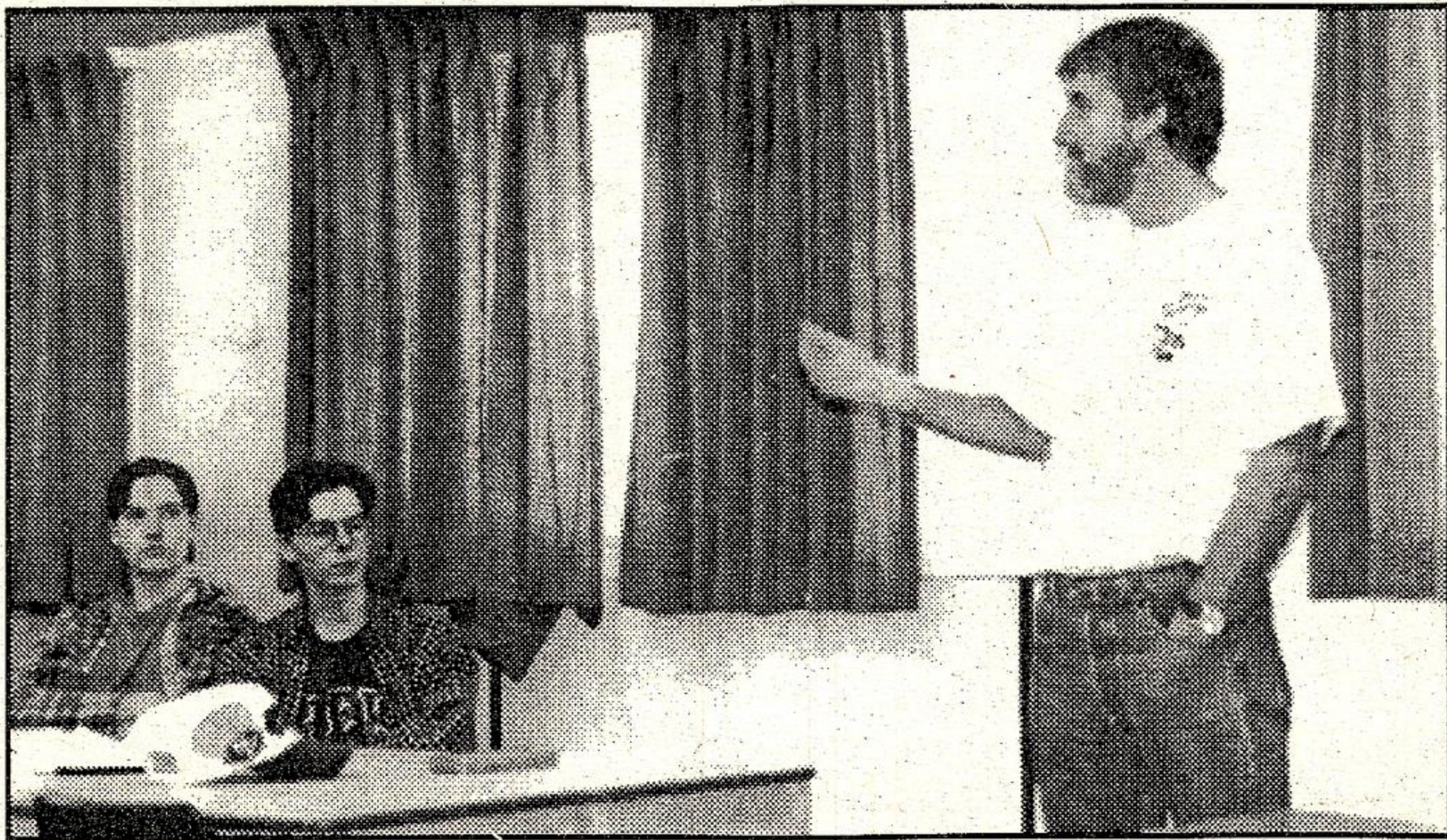


## Guest Speaker At St. Stephen's High School



Mike MacDonald, up from his home in Guernovaca, Mexico, was at St. Stephen's High School last week to visit friends and talk to the students about the hardships found in Mexico.

## St. Stephen's High School News

St. Stephen's High School had a special visitor last week.

Mike MacDonald, an aid worker from Mexico, was in town to visit his friend Father Bill Moloney, a teacher at the school. Bill had Mike speak before two religion classes at the school.

MacDonald has lived and worked in Mexico for the past 14 and a half years. Originally from Nova Scotia and a previous high school teacher in Calgary, Mike decided years ago that he wanted to help out those less fortunate than himself. Presently he works for seven different parish priests in Guernovaca, Mexico, a city of 1 million people.

Mike spoke to the classes about the different encounters that he has had in the poverty stricken areas of Guernovaca. A \$4.00 a day minimum wage, police and political corruption, terrible living conditions (Mike himself lives in a small apartment around 100 feet square)

and the great distance that exists between the rich and the poor in that country are just some of the issues that Mike tried to get the students to understand.

Mike helps out with a variety of things while in Mexico. He helps out in bulk food buying programs, teaching people how to take care of themselves, and with human rights groups. One of his stories was about being kicked out of El Salvador where he had been working undercover as a member of a human rights group (the past seven presidents of this group had been murdered in El Salvador).

Mike sustains himself on the \$50.00 a week that the priest's pay him, as well as making extra money whenever possible as a translator. He also makes a small amount of money from

a Boston university. Once a year he comes up for a few weeks visit to Canada, then heads down to Boston where he lectures at the school. A group of students from the university travel down to Mexico to see what Mike is telling them about.

Doesn't sound like a very attractive life, does it. To Mike it is. "I do it because I like it," said Mike. He also said that he couldn't be happier.

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## Kendal Column

By P. Lowery

We have had our first snow-fall, our first experience with black ice. The sanders have been out on the roads so I presume this means that although it is not officially winter yet, winter is here. I hate the coming of cold weather more and more every year, one of the sure signs of old age, yet when I look out at the front of the deck, the pansies are still in bloom. And the grass and the odd field are so green. The farmers are very busy getting the corn off the fields and the beans harvested, here and there at night you see the lights of the farm machinery still going long after dark. The birds that I feed all summer have departed and the Jays and House finch along with a few starlings are back. Keeps me busy filling the feeders and the antics of the birds keep me amused by the hour.

On Sunday Nov. 3rd. we were pleased to have a guest Minister, Rev. Ted Kersey, with us, as Rev Black was on a weeks holidays. Rev. Kersey is a Voluntary Associate Minister at Northminister Church in Oshawa.

Carole Gardner was at the organ. The Service opened with the Gathering hymns, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, Isn't The Love Of Jesus Something Wonderful? and Kum Ba Yah".

The Christ Candle was lit. Prayers were offered for those who are ill and Happy Birthday was sung to Harvey Thompson who celebrated his Birthday on Sunday.

The hymn, "Praise The Lord Ye Heavens" was sung, the Invitation to Worship given. The children were called to the front, 2 of the children went around and collected quarters. Rev. Kersey asked them if they had seen the snow and did they like the snow, they said, yes. He told them that older people aren't as glad to see snow, they don't like it.

Rev. Kersey told the children about working with our native people and how he found out that so many of them were so talented, especially with their hands, they did beautiful art work, bead work and carvings. He showed them a carving, it was of a small turtle and was beautifully done so detailed. He then showed them a small mark on it, he said that the carver would put this mark, his mark, on his carvings if he was satisfied with it. Rev. Kersey said

that we also put a mark on our lives when we do something that makes us proud.

The children's hymn was "The Church Is Wherever".

The Prayer of Approach was repeated, the hymn "O God Of Mercy, God Of Grace", was sung.

The Prayer of Approach and the Words of Assurance given.

The Scriptures were from 2 Corinthians 4:5-15, 13, 14.

The Sermon was titled "Grace, Love and Fellowship".

A few years ago Rev. Kersey and his wife attended a Summer Fellowship in England, it was held at Canterbury Cathedral. Each day started with Bible study. Not like the discussions we have here at Bible study but a real Lecture they studied Paul, the lecturer, really made it come alive for them. In Paul's letters to the Corinthians, he always ended with a Benediction. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, was the longest. This Benediction has become the Benediction of the Christian Faith.

Paul had been raised to believe in God, first as a Jew and then a Christian. It was by Grace that he became a follower of Jesus. It was Grace that gave Paul the chance to discover who He was. It was Grace that opened the door to a new life for Paul. By Grace, you can be saved, by Grace you can find God. Grace disturbs us, pursues us and it is when we accept God's Grace we can begin a new life.

Love, God's Love was the greatest love Paul experienced, it was with this love that enabled Paul to reach out to his enemies.

Once Paul experienced this Love he knew that nothing or no one could separate him from the Love, the fellowship of God. In this fellowship he met many of Christ's disciples. He knew because of this fellowship, he was not alone, that he could go out into the world among the Gentiles and show the Love of God to all people.

It was Paul who brought this message to the Gentiles for the first time, he brought it to the poor, the rich, he told them about the Grace of God. Grace, enables us to receive God's Blessing.

The hymn, "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" was sung, the Offering received.

The Prayer of Concern and Commitment given.

The closing hymn was, "Creation's Lord".

Don't forget Newtonvilles Ham and Scalloped Potato supper on Sat. Nov. 9th and Fri. Nov. 15th. 6.30 pm Tickets \$10.00 each.

Want to get some Christmas shopping done phone Marlene Stacey or Jean Kimball and find out about the bus trip to Markville Shopping Centre. 786-2507 or 786-2944. Date. Fri. Nov 22/96. Time 8 am.

Next Sunday will be Remembrance Observance in the Churches. On Nov. 11th. there will be a Remembrance Day Worship at the Cenotaph in Newtonville.

This is the time of year when so many things are going on, get yourself a good big calendar and mark the dates plainly and then you won't forget them, this is the only way I can remember where I should be and when, even then I miss the odd event.

Remember.. "If you are going down to the basement to get something always carry something down with you, then if you can't remember what you went down to get, you won't feel so foolish".

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Occupants and property owners are required to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalks in front of, and beside their properties **within 12 hours** after a fall of snow, freezing rain, or hail and to **keep them clear**. These requirements apply whether or not a house or any other building is erected on the property.

If you fail to clear and keep clear the entire surface of sidewalks abutting your property, the Municipality will remove the snow and ice and charge the cost of such removal to the property owner's realty taxes.

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Your co-operation in keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice AT ALL TIMES will be appreciated.

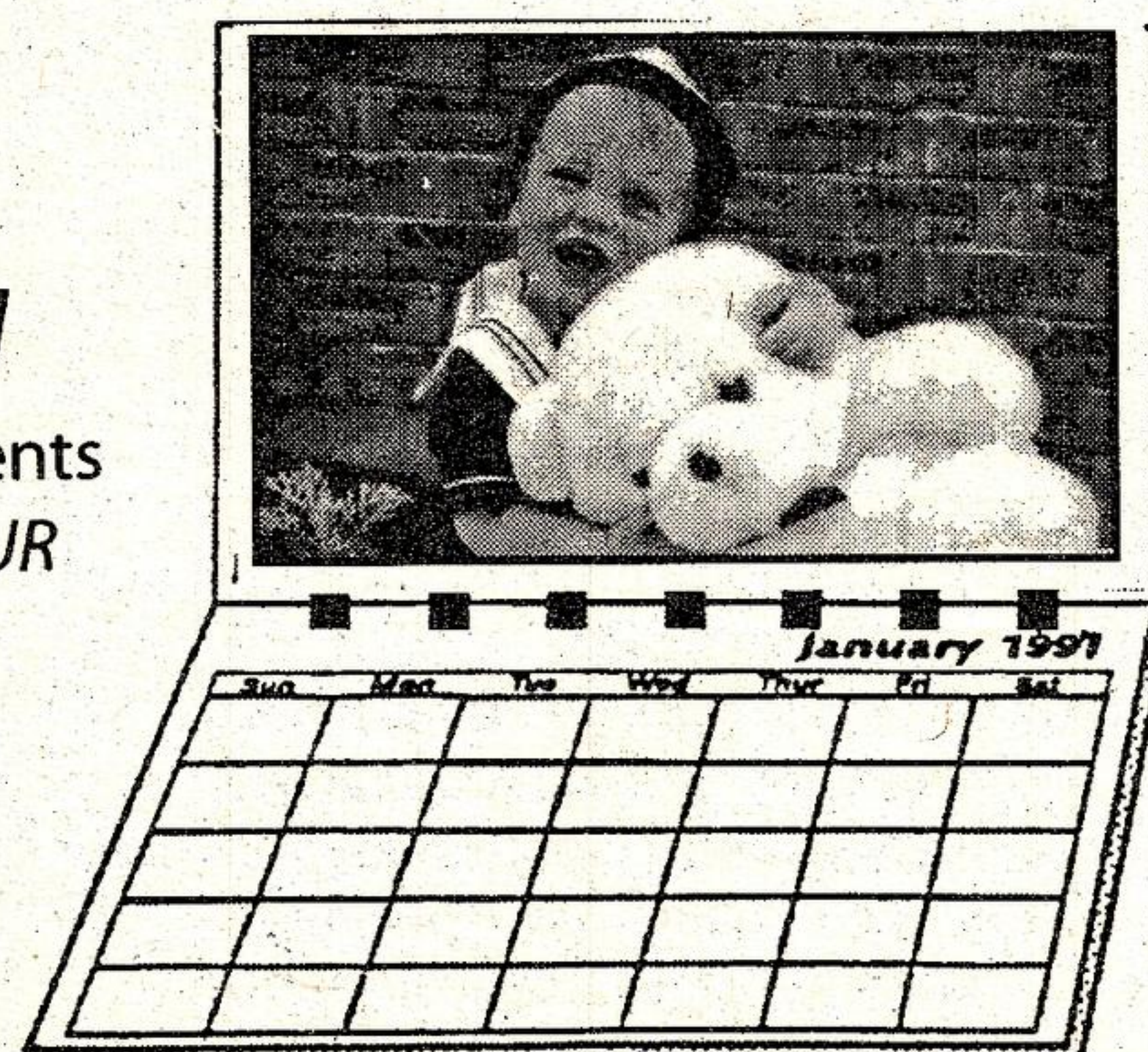
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