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EDITORIAL

December 1983

Firstly, I would like to pay a big thank you to those people who so kindly responded to my appeals for help last month. Robert Parkes and Tony Lloyd have offered to take over Harvey's job of Business Manager for "Out of Reach", and Sue Summers, Dee Tamadge, Freda Lloyd and Sue Dane-Smith have volunteered to do the duplicating work. Sue Dane-Smith has also offered to join the team of typists. It is most heartening when people come forward to help in this way.

Thanks also go to all those who helped to make Bonfire Night such a success. Steve Neeves has put in a piece concerning this elsewhere in the magazine. The Poppy Day House-to-house collection raised £45 36 and the Church Collection £12. Another loss to the village this month was the move of Bob and Emily Smith to Swaffham Prior. They both used to help with compiling the magazine, and Bob was on the Village Hall Committee, I hope they will be happy in their new home, and we are sure to see them often still around Reach.

May I make an appeal this month for used stamps? Apparently Radio Cambridgeshire are collecting used stamps in order to raise money for Cancer Research. As most people receive more mail at this time of year perhaps you could cut out the stamps, leaving about a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch border of envelope around them, and save them to put in a box which will be in the Village Shop for the purpose.

Lastly, I must remind you of our various village Christmas events. On Wednesday 14th December there is the Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner, followed by entertainment. Please try to go along and make worthwhile the efforts of those who kindly cook and serve the food. On Sunday 18th December there is a Carol Service in Reach Parish Church at 3.30, followed by tea and mince pies. All small children are welcome. On the evening of the 18th there will be carol singing around the village, starting at 6.30 outside the Village Centre. Anyone is welcome to join us and the proceeds will go towards village funds.

On Thursday 22nd December there is the Childrens' Christmas Party from 3-5p.m. All village children between the ages of 18 months and 11 years are invited to come along and have a good time. Donations of food for the party (e.g. cakes, sandwiches, biscuits, crisps) will be gratefully accepted at the Village Centre from 2 p.m. onwards. That same evening at 7 p.m. there will be Carols in the Village Centre with Burwell Brass Band providing the music. Mince pies and sausage rolls will be appreciated for this event.

Thank you to Bill Estall for another of his lovely poems - on "Autumn".

Finally, may I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Kay Pote

ST ETHELDREDA

AND

THE HOLY TRINITY REACH

FROM THE VICAR

I find I am one of those for whom autumn is a magical and deeply mysterious time. This may well have something to do with the fact that I went to a school where the feast of Hallowe'en was taken very seriously, and where the annual Shakespeare play occurred about the same time; so that if the play happened to be Hamlet or Macbeth, the sense of ghosts prowling around was very powerful indeed. But for 13 years of my life I also worked in a parish whose quaint Victorian church was dedicated to All Saints, whose feast falls on November 1st. It was a large parish, so

that the day following, All Souls Day, brought a lengthy list of names of names to be remembered before God at the altar. Thus, to the sense of ghosts, and the mystery of the dying year, there was added the sense of being caught up in the ongoing life of what St John the Divine calls 'a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues,' standing before the throne of God, fully enjoying, or beginning very tentatively to enjoy, that presence of God of which they first became mysteriously aware while still on earth.

That of course sounds simply like religious bilge to millions to-day. But the notion of life beyond death holds water, and needs thinking about. Christianity at any rate makes no sense without it. Yet even Christians seem to be losing their hold on it. A very considerable minority of English Christians apparently no longer believe in it at all, though, paradoxically, a growing number outside the churches not only believe it, but believe practically nothing else.

The belief has roughly three roots. First, as it has been said, 'it has been found impossible to make religious sense out of life if that life is bounded by the grave'. 'If God is to carry out his allegedly loving purposes for all mankind, then, to put it crudely, he needs more elbow room than this life alone can offer. If an afterlife is declared out of bounds, it is extremely difficult to go on believing in a loving God, in a world where the vast majority of people end their lives with their potential of spiritual growth largely unrealised'. This seems to me beyond argument, though easily written off as pie in the sky.

But there is a further consideration. Millions of human beings are convinced that, mainly through prayer and conscience, they have actually entered into a relationship with God - and 'his allegedly loving purposes', - and have found this relationship of such a quality that its termination is unthinkable - literally something that cannot be thought; that because God is incorruptible and inexhaustible life, nothing can ultimately destroy it. As John Robinson, the present Dean of Trinity, who recently had to hear the sentence of early death from cancer from his doctor, - as he put it 20 years or so ago, 'death is a mere incident for one who has risen again from the dead in baptism'.

Lastly, there is the great craggy fact of the resurrection of Jesus, which won't go away, and won't be explained away, and is the sole reason for the existence of the Church and Christian experience, and the hope of our own survival. In the light of these things the dead cannot be either written off or shut off in limbo. As Jesus himself put it, 'they all live to God', - whether they like it or not, - and are therefore under even greater and more immediate pressure than we are to go on growing in the art of

knowing and loving, into what St Paul called 'the stature of Christ', and that is an agenda for eternity.

J.K.B.

A week of art and music in St Cyriac's

In addition to the Edwin Muir festival on 12th May next year, may I ask you to put a ring round the 1st - 9th September in your diaries and calendars. Over those dates Renos Loizou hopes to exhibit his paintings. There may also be a display of Georgian furniture in the alcoves. In addition, there will be a series of concerts and public master classes each day from Wednesday 5th till Sunday, 9th Sept: all this through the good offices of Martin Hughes, the Principal Tutor at Surrey university. More details later

FROM THE CHURCHES

Worship in December: St Mary's and Reach

4th ADVENT II

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St Mary's)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)

11th ADVENT III

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

15th 7.15 p.m. School Nativity Play (St Mary's)

18th ADVENT IV

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St Mary's)
11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
3.30 p.m. Carol Service + refreshments (Reach)
6.30 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

21st 7.30 p.m. Village Carol Service (Zion Chapel)

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass (St Mary's)

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
10.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St Mary's)
4.00 p.m. Evensong (St Mary's)

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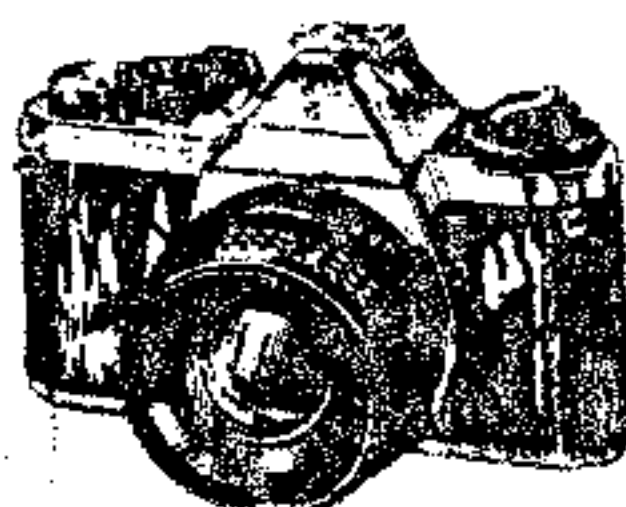
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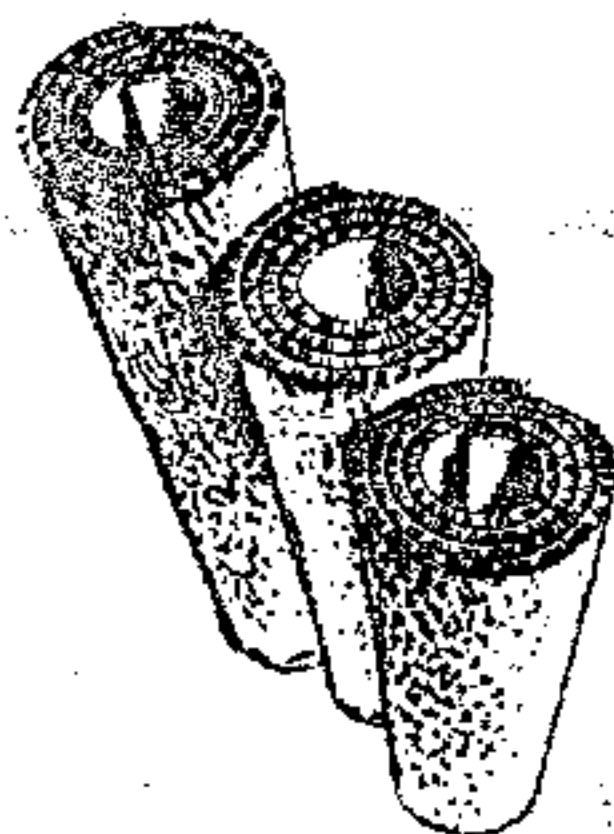
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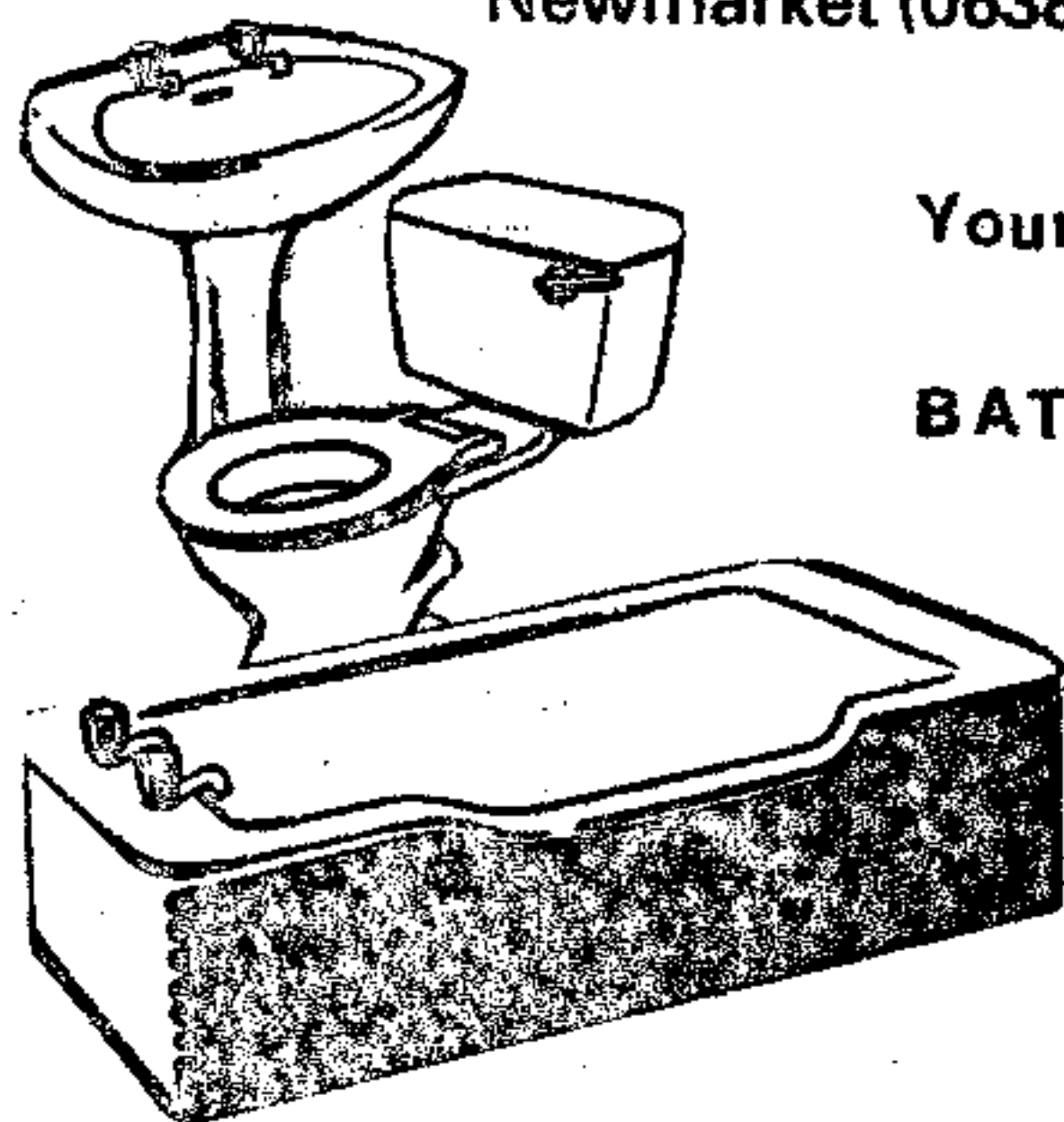
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26th ST. STEPHEN

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)

27th ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (St Mary's)

January 1st As usual

PRIORY Y.C.

Well, naturally, the first and most important item of news concerns the new Y.C. building. As most of you will have seen when passing Town Close, Mr Rayner and his colleagues have done a tremendous job and the building has now been erected!

The rest of the finishing-off now reverts back to us to complete. So if there is anyone with electrical or carpentry skills who could spare us a few hours, or any one else who could supplement our regular band of adult helpers, then we should be most pleased to hear from you.

The Parochial Trustees next receive a mention as the club is extremely grateful to them for their very generous donation of £100, which has come at a time when both the Juniors and Seniors are in need of new items of equipment, and the money will be used for this purpose.

Many thanks to everyone who answered Julie Taylor and Lisa Sheldricks' "Knocks and Rings" on their rounds collecting for the British Heart Foundation Appeal. A grand total of £25.58⁴p was raised. I will add that out of about 14 Youth Clubs approached by the Foundation in the Cambridge area, ours was the only one to respond, and it was the two girls' own idea to do so after seeing the initial letter.

The club now has a hot drinks dispenser, and many thanks to Tony Ellis of 'Cambridge Fountain' for his donation. The club has also recently acquired a second hand

computer, but due to the kind assistance of Mr Cotton we now possess a new one, which has created a new interest at the club.

The Seniors' minibus trip to Rollerbury at Bury St Edmunds at the end of October proved to be a most enjoyable evening and will probably be repeated in the near future.

J. Herring

Junior Section

We have now been running for eight months and average around 30 children a week. After the success of the senior trip to Rollerbury, a trip has been arranged for 14 Juniors to go Roller Skating at Bury St Edmunds and if successful another trip will be arranged later, I hope to tell you more about this in next month's edition.

We are now organising a "Christmas" for Tuesday 13th Dec. Juniors from 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. (Guests between the ages of 7 - 11 years welcome). Seniors from 8 - 11 p.m.

All parents and members please note there will be no Youth Club for Seniors or Juniors on Tuesdays 20th and 27th December.

Carol Taylor

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The bonfire and disco were a great success and many thanks for all the contributions towards the cost of the fireworks.

The next 'event' at the school, the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3rd December at 2.30 p.m. The cake stall will include Christmas cakes and puddings and the playgroup stall will have sweets and biscuits. Could all contributions to these stalls arrive at the school on Friday 2nd or the following day before 2.15p.m. There will be a variety of stalls this year; Crafts, Christmas tree gifts, dressed dolls, computer games, green stall, Christmas paper & cards as well as the raffle & contributions to any of these stalls are welcome in school at any time. There will be 100 club stand and all those wishing to be members will be able to buy their tickets with the added bonus of reduced membership of the library if they wish.

The School Nativity Play will be held in St. Mary's at 7.15 on December 15th and all are welcome. The children's party will be on December 20th from 5 - 8 p.m. and Father Christmas will be including us in his busy itinerary!

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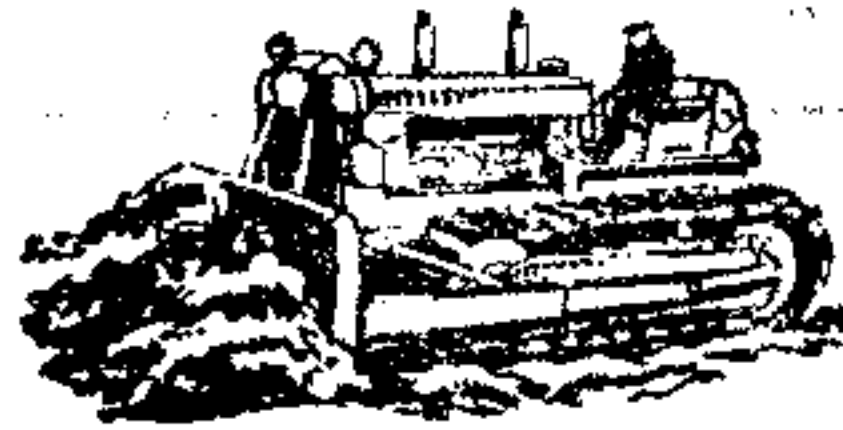
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| 44 | 25 | R. Casey | £10 |
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REACH BONFIRE NIGHT

My sincere thanks to all those people who helped make the 5th December the success it was.

Particularly Tony Jordan and Chris Pote, who once again astounded us all with their skills with the fireworks.

Also to all the ladies preparing and serving the refreshments. My thanks also to the lads who helped collect rubbish for the bonfire and to the bonfire builders who made a monumental job and thanks also to those who gave up their rubbish for the fire.

Congratulations to Dominic Pote and Peter Sergent who came joint 1st in the best guy competition and well done to all those who made guys. (even if they did get burnt before they were judged).

Finally many thanks for all your donations and especially Dick Tammadge for his contribution.

All of which went to make a fantastic evening. Well done!

Steve Neeves

STAINED HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Stained Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7.30 p.m. in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village. The speaker will be Mr Michael Petty of the Cambridgeshire Collection who will be making a welcome return visit.

AUTUMN

With Summer now behind us and autumn takes
its place
The sun shines more coldly and early hides
it's face
Our trees have shed all their leaves and stand
forlorn and bare
Fog and mist surround us and the threat of frost
is there
The flowers have finished blooming and roses
past their best
Giving the trees and bushes a well earned rest
The swallow have now left us to their homes
far away
Across many oceans to return to us one day
The fields lay so damp and cold but new corn
is peeping through
And the bulbs of the hyacinth grows soon th
show its dress of blue
The doormouse is snugly sleeping waiting for
the spring
And the skylark no longer sings when he is high
upon the wing
Jack Frost is round the corner ready to freeze
the ear or toe
And to cover the water like a mirror, so only
the reeds show
The light of day grows shorter with every passing
day
Until the sounds of carols sung rejoicing in
what they say
That Christmas is upon us to fill us full of
cheer
And give us faith and comfort to face the coming
year

W. Estall

REACH MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

We were delighted with the result of our Jumble Sale
in October when we raised enough money to buy a small slide
- which has proved to be very popular with the children - and
also some new puzzles and other small toys. Jenny Johnson
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We now meet every Wednesday from 10 - 12 o'clock and all
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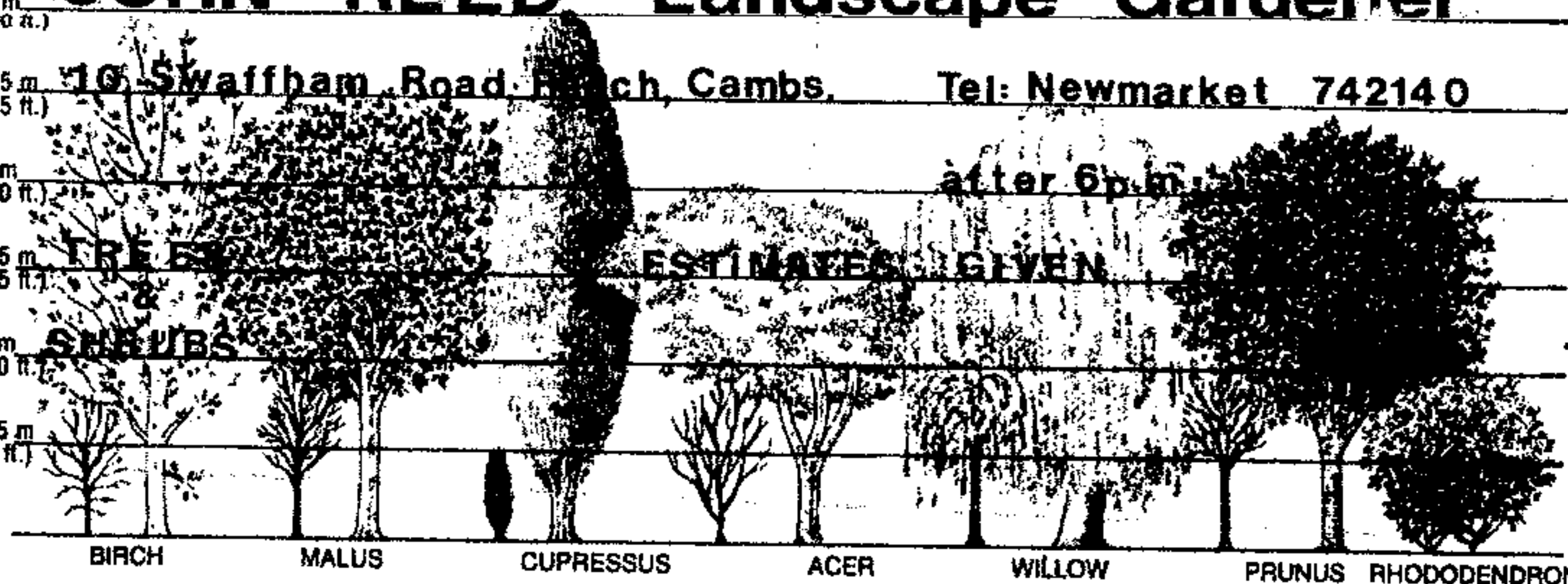
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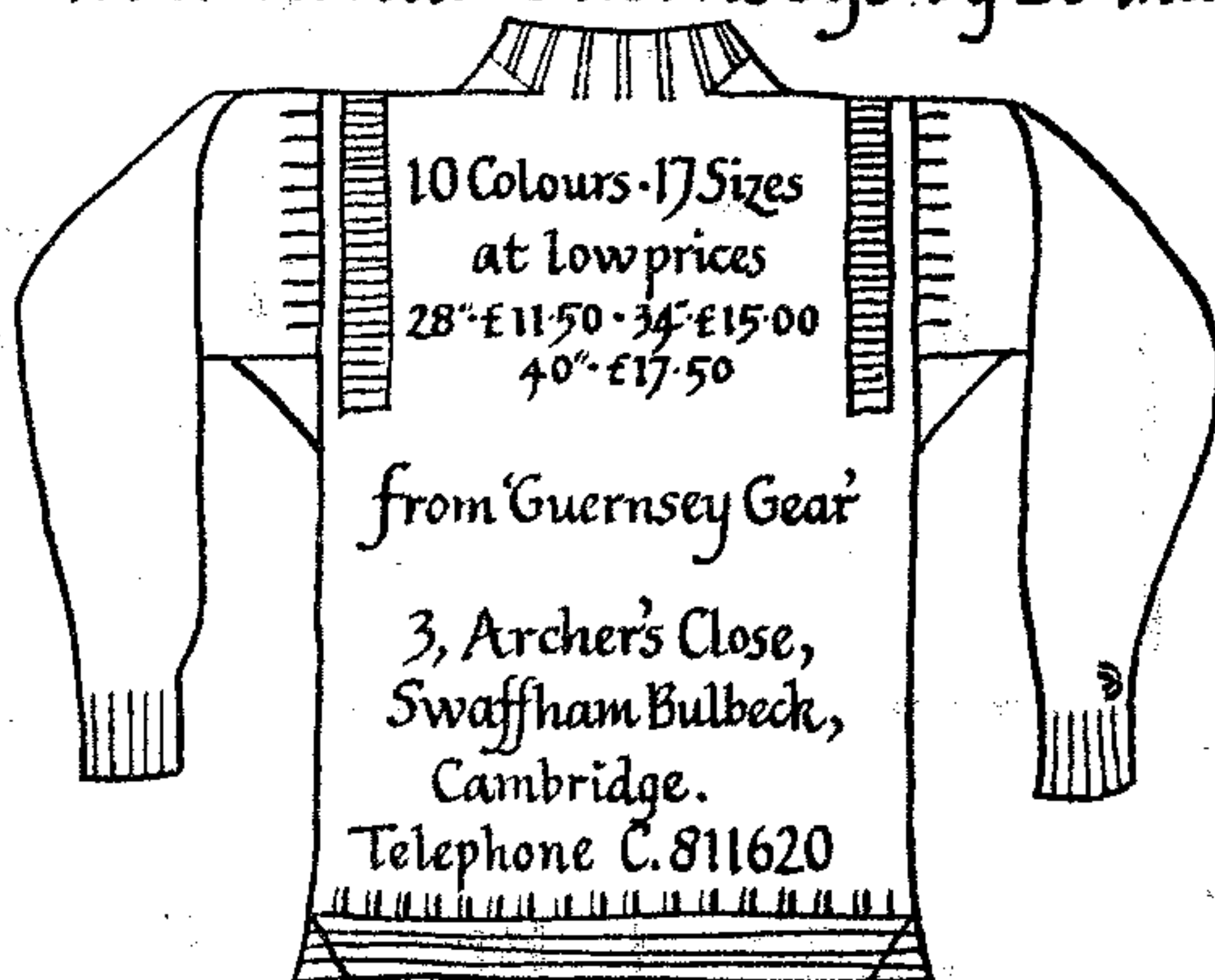


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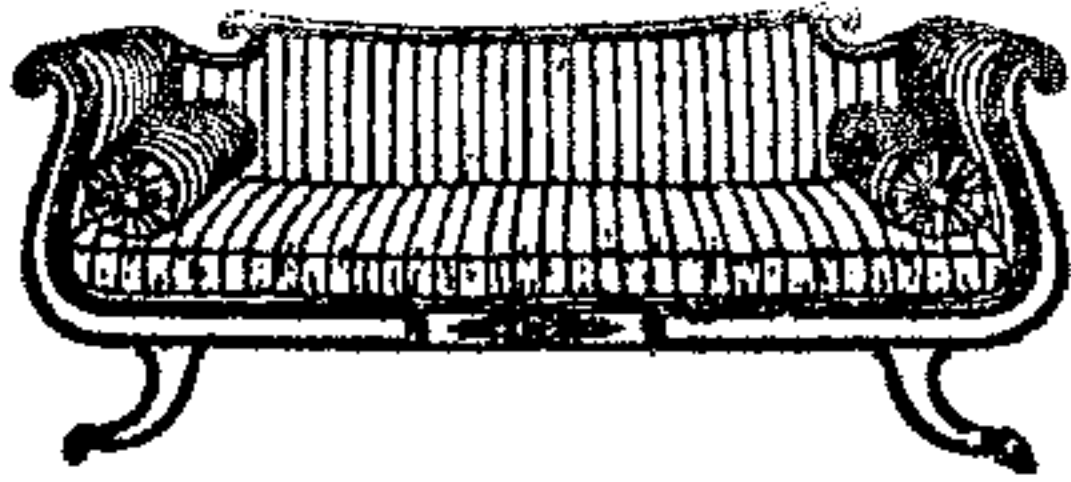
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8 oz. cake or biscuit crumbs
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3 oz. glace cherries (chopped)
2 oz. nuts (chopped)
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3 - 4 tablespoons apricot jam (melted)
1 - 2 tablespoons sherry or brandy
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pint fresh double cream (whipped)
Fresh cream to decorate

Mix all the ingredients together, folding in the whipped cream last. Put into a 1 litre/2 pint basin, lined with cling film or kitchen foil. Freeze until firm. When required steam in usual way and turn onto a serving dish and top with cream



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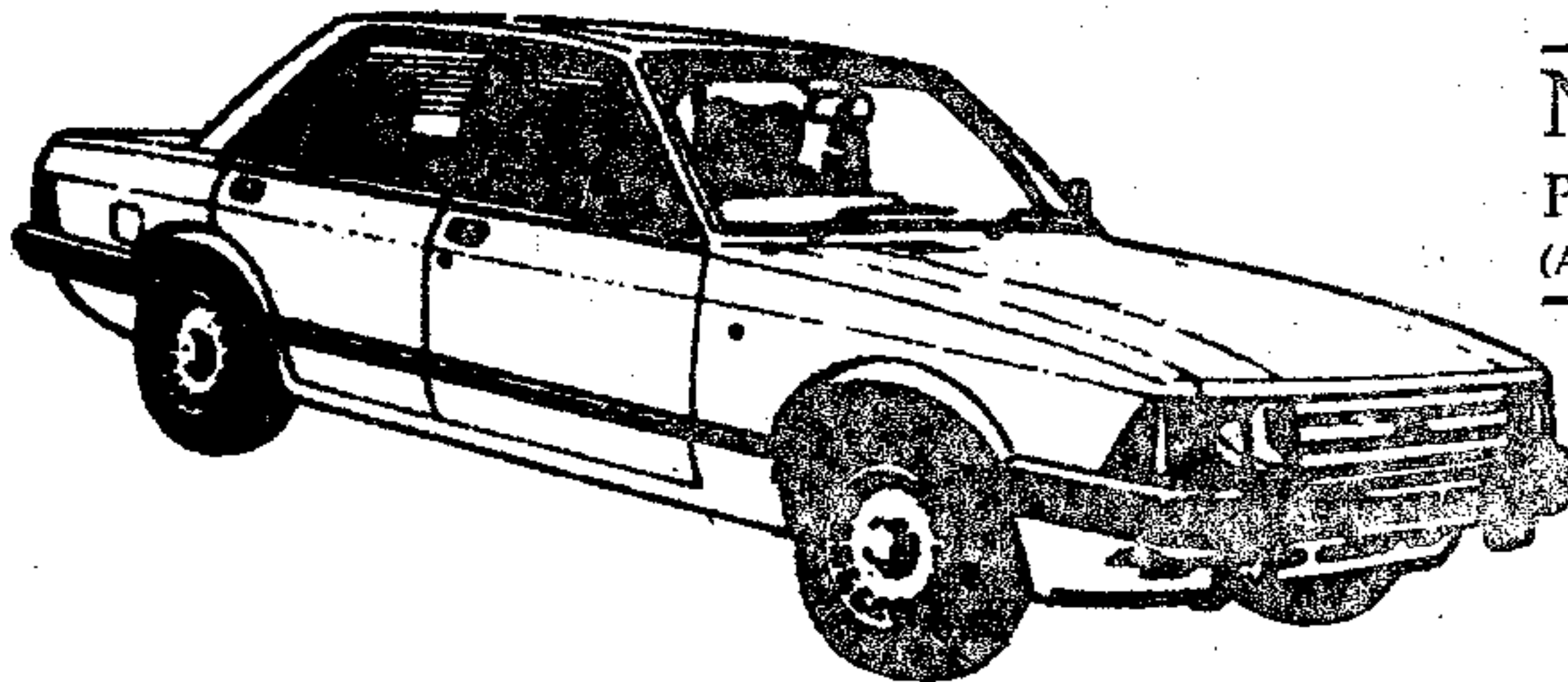
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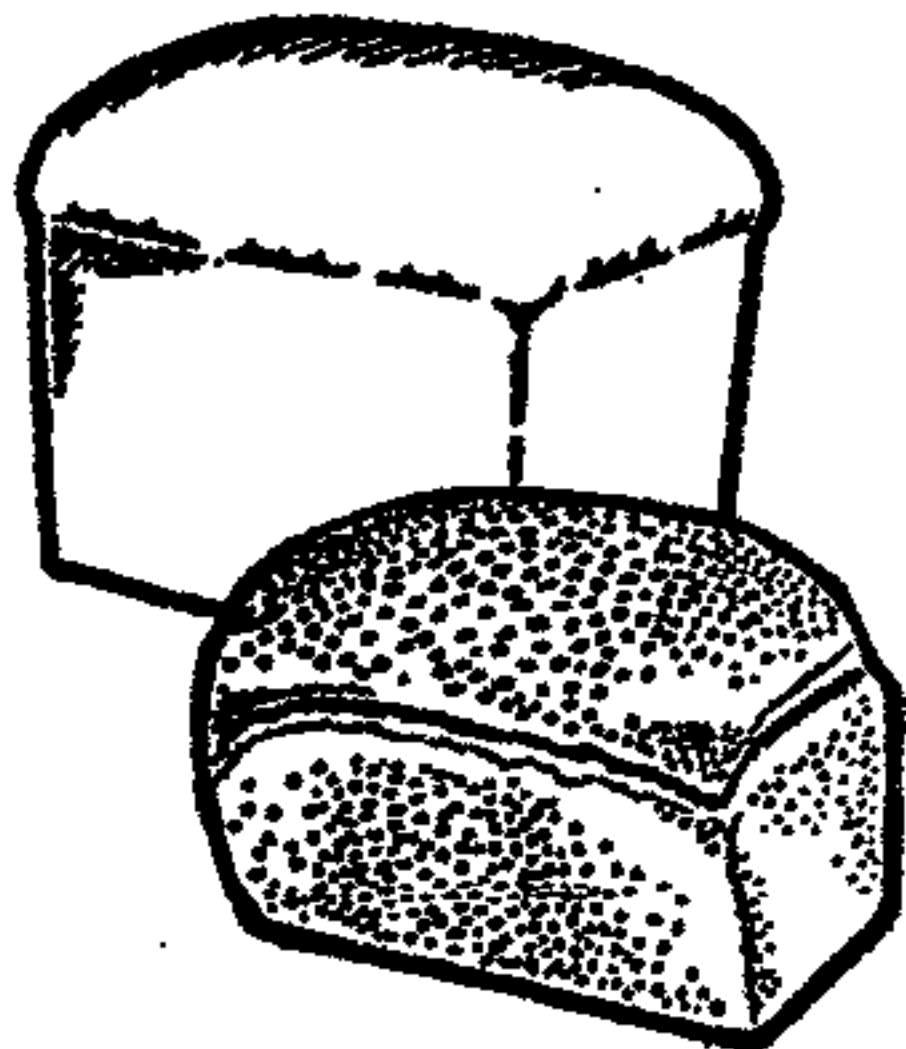
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