

**Official Sees
Survival Hope
For Lake Erie**

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — "If Lake Erie ever dies it's gone forever," a federal water pollution control official says.

"We know of no way to revive a lake once it dies," warned Murray Stein, chief of the enforcement branch of the division of water supply and pollution control for the U.S. public health service.

But he added at an interstate conference on water pollution meeting here Wednesday that recent hearings are beginning to get action aimed at cleaning up Lake Erie.

The Lake Erie hearings grew out of concern by conservationists that the Great Lakes are dying, victims of raw sewage dumped into them.

Out of the hearings came a recommendation that no municipality should construct combination storm and sanitary sewers.

"During a storm the volume of water through a combination sewer will overload a treatment plant, and raw sewage gets dumped into a lake or stream," Stein said.

Another major result of the hearings was passage Oct. 2 of an amendment to the federal Water Pollution Control Act which established a federal water pollution control administration.

**Interest Rates
May Increase**

TORONTO (CP)—The tightening supply of money may result in a small increase in mortgage interest rates above the 7-percent level now being charged on some loans. D. E. Kerlin, president of Montreal Trust Co., said here.

He told a press conference there are too many variables in the economic situation to be able to predict with certainty what the mortgage rate will be over the immediate future.

Mr. Kerlin also said the collapse of British Mortgage and Trust Co. because of its involvement with insolvent Atlantic Acceptance Corp. has had no noticeable effect on public confidence in trusts.

He said major trust companies might have decided to help British Mortgage when it first became apparent it was in financial trouble if they could have determined accurately what the potential loss would be.

Harold Lawson, who took over as British Mortgage president after its troubles started and headed the company until it merged in September with Victoria and Grey Trust Co., has criticized other trusts for refusing to guarantee British Mortgage's deposits.

**Wheat Cargoes
To India Pushed**

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—President Johnson has ordered a speedup in shipment of 1,500,000 tons of wheat to India "to help meet the immediate food crisis" there.

He also authorized a \$50,000,000 loan for Indian purchases of fertilizer.

Johnson decided upon the aid measures after conferences with Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman.

The decisions were announced by White House press secretary, Bill D. Moyer, who said the \$50,000,000 loan for purchases of fertilizer for India's spring rice crop would be matched by the Indian government and \$100,000,000 worth of fertilizer would be bought.

Had Johnson not acted, the 1,500,000 tons of wheat would have been shipped to India over a three-month period ending in February. His action makes the wheat available for immediate shipment.

Moyers added: "The president believes that all nations in a position to do so should join in a special international effort to help India meet the grave food problem it is now confronting."

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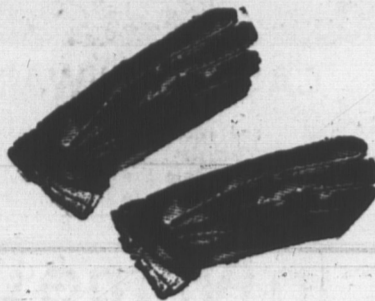
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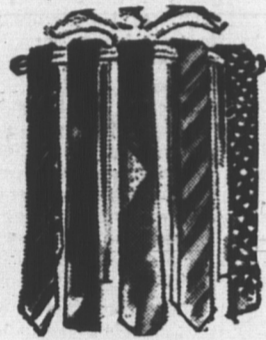
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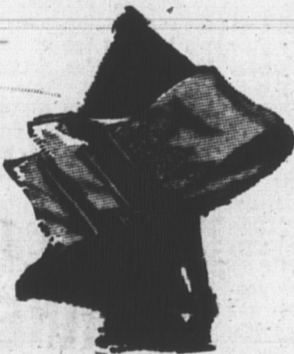
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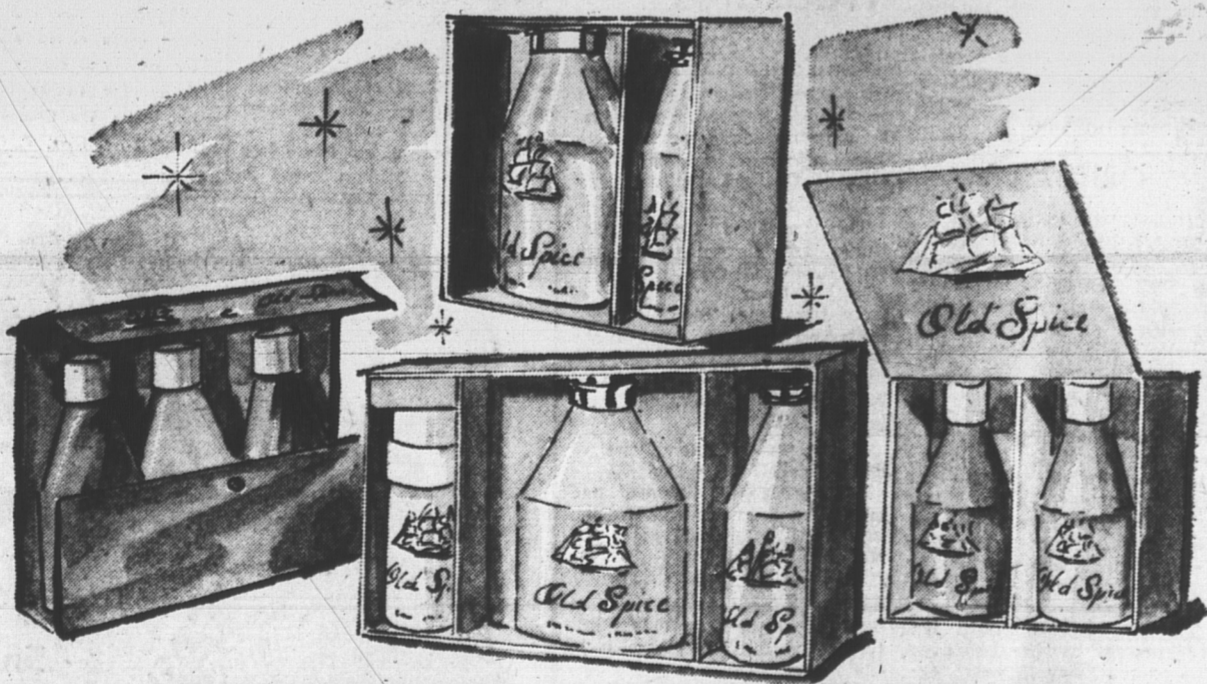
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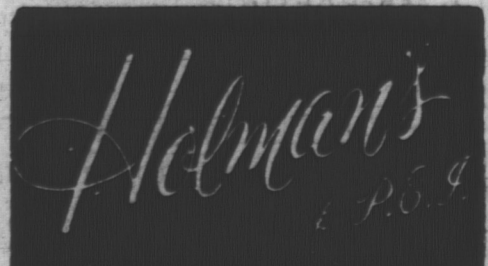
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