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FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN FACETING

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our guild is about to pass another milestone - two hundred members. This is wonderful news. It is interesting how the membership is coming in from all over. More and more people are entering the fascinating area of faceting. I attend the shows all around the country and I see this trend.

Our show is progressing. Whenever I go, different dealers stop me to let me know they have received a contract and want to know more about the show. Now, if everyone pitches in and tells their friends and invites them to the show we will launch a very successful program.

signed - Arizona Rice

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MIDWEST FACETERS GUILD
EDUCATIONAL MEETING
MAY 2, 1981
FLINT, MICHIGAN



AGENDA

9:30 A.M. BUILDING OPENS FOR SET UP.
10:00 - 12 NOON BOARD MEETING
11:00 - 12 NOON COMMITTEE MEETINGS, IF CALLED BY CHR.

IF YOU DESIRE - LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN IN
A.M. FOR DELIVERY TO CENTER. CHOICE OF THREE
SANDWICHES, ETC.

REGISTRATION * BROWSING * TALKING

1:00 P.M. OFFICIAL MEETING FOR MEMBERSHIP
2:30 P.M. PROGRAM BEGINS

- (1) A REVIEW OF JOHN H. CORNWALL'S
"EIGHT STEPS TO FACETING" BY
DR. JAMES THOMPSON
- (2) GRAVES SLIDE PROGRAM
"INTRODUCTION TO FACETING"
NARRATOR - HAL CRANFORD
(IF AVAILABLE)
- (3) BOOK REVIEW - LONG & STEELE'S PUBLICATIONS
LARRY MURRAY

5 P.M. CLOSE AND PACK UP. PLEASE HELP CARRY.

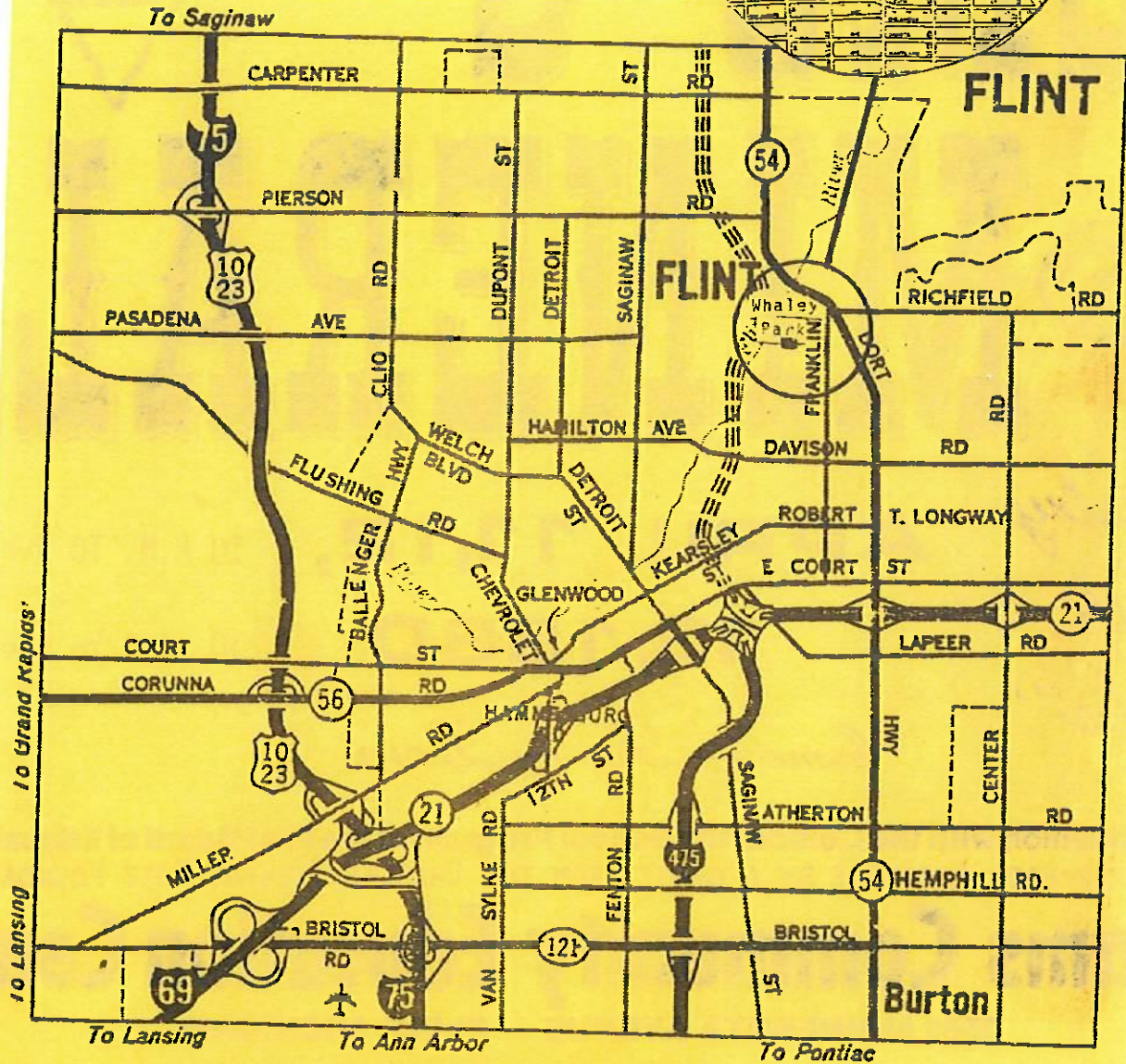
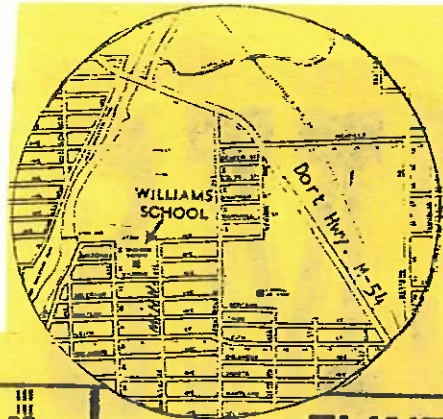
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FUTURE DATES: AUGUST 29, 1981, LANSING, MI., ANNUAL
MEETING, OCT. 3rd, MT. CLEMENS, MI. OUR FACETERS FAIR
WILL BE OCT. 24-25, 1981 AT THE DEARBORN CIVIC CENTER,
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN.

BRING TO FLINT TO DISPLAY AND SHARE WITH OTHERS - A CASE
YOU RECENTLY BUILT - A "BRAGGING STONE" - A FRIEND TO SHARE
THE COMRADESHIP FOUND AT OUR MEETINGS.

MAGAZINES ARE NEEDED FOR OUR LIBRARY FUND TO GROW ! WE TOOK
IN \$29.75 THANKS TO EXTRA HEAVY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELMER HOLT,
GORDON WILTSE, AND HOWARD HEINZEMAN. HOWARD ALSO GAVE 2 BOOKS.

WILLIAMS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER
3501 MINNESOTA AVE., FLINT, MI.



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3501 MINNESOTA AVENUE, FLINT, MICHIGAN

From the north on I-75, US-23 and US-10

- . East on Pierson Road to Dort Highway
- . South on Dort Highway to Franklin Street
- . South on Franklin Street to Utah Avenue
- . West on Utah Avenue one block to the Center

From the South on I-75, I-475, US-10, US-23

- . East on I-69 to Dort Highway
- . North on Dort Highway to Leith Street
- . West on Leith Street 6 blocks to Minnesota Avenue
- . North on Minnesota Avenue 4 blocks to the Center

From the East or West on I-69, M-78 or M-21

- . North on Dort Highway to Leith Street
- . West on Leith Street 6 blocks to Minnesota Avenue
- . North on Minnesota Avenue 4 blocks to the Center

Note: Look for Whaley Recreation Park bounded by Dort Highway, Franklin Street and Utah Avenue. Williams Community Education Center is adjacent to Whaley Park.

NEWS AND VIEWS (cont'd)

Helen Murray has a fine idea. She wants a photo of each of the Guild members at work on his faceting equipment. These will all be mounted on a large board as a part of the Guild display at our big Dearborn show and at South Bend, too, if she gets the pictures in time. So have such a photo taken soon. Sign it on the back and send it to

Helen Murray
1104 Greenwood
Toledo, Ohio 43605

New members keep coming - and we are delighted to welcome each of you to the Guild! We really have members from all over the map. As you might guess, Michigan and Ohio provide most of our members but Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Ontario are well represented. We also reach out into California, Florida, Kentucky, Nebraska, New York, Texas, and Virginia. Not too bad for a fledgling club, eh?

As a final item I want to call your attention to the plans for a display case that are included in this issue. These were drawn up by Dave Miller and a model was at the Jackson meeting. It is a very good practical design. I personally intend to build one over the summer and will make it available to the Guild for the Dearborn show. (As I mentioned before, I expect to be in China at the time of our show.) Larry Murray also has a neatly conceived case and I am sure he will share his plans with you if you require a lightweight case. Contact him at the same address given above for Helen. See you all in Flint on May 2!!!

At the Jackson meeting, Steve Galwich and Virginia Gansen each won a door prize of a box of homemade chocolate candy. Charles Klein won a serving tray and Jan Taylor walked away with a decorative piece made with sea shells.

The 12-issue bundles of magazines that were on sale at the meeting in Jackson were donated to the Guild by Elery Holt, Gordon Wiltze and Howard Heinzman.

THE JACKSON MEETING MARCH 21, 1981

After the usual business details (see the minutes), Helen Murray reported for the Education Committee. The Guild will have a four-table booth at the South Bend show (July 23-26) and will give a three-hour seminar as well. During the seminar Dave Miller will talk about designing and Barbara Frost will discuss selection and orientation of gem rough for faceting. There will also be a presentation of John Cornwall's slide show on the standard brilliant. Our booth will have written materials, tapes to listen to, and demonstrations if permitted. Helen would like suggestions on topics and volunteers to make the tape recordings.

Helen also told us that 1450 raffle tickets were mailed out and urged us to take more. The raffle is planned for the last hour of the Dearborn show and Helen reeled off a partial list of the many prizes. Your reporter was overwhelmed at that moment and only can remember one of them, a blue topaz cut by Dave Miller (which alone is worth buying ten tickets) but there were lots more.

We were pleased to welcome Bob Reagan of St. Clair Shores and Mark Miller of Lansing as our guests for the day.

Kathy Porter, speaking for the show committee, was enthusiastic about the progress being made. We are set to use the Dearborn club electrical setups, the insurance policy, the security arrangements, trophy acquisition, sign production are all either complete or are well in hand. Dorothy Loyd is responsible for our Guild project. It is to be a set of cases displaying birthstones and related material. There could be as many as twelve cases if there is enough donated material. So let's all help Dorothy out!

Kathy also told us that three dealers have already sent in their reservations, that four individual displays have been promised already and that two museums, Cleveland and Cranbrook, are committed to exhibit. Signs are to be made up by Ernie Michaud but you will have to order them from him if you have a special need. Finally, in response to a question, Kathy said that she'd accept an application to exhibit right up to show time! But don't wait that long!

The Educational Meeting concerned exhibiting as an intrinsic part of our hobby. Helen Murray spoke first on the fundamentals and fine points of competitive displays. Here are the main points:

Your work is judged against a fixed standard of excellence. You are not in competition with the case next to yours!

Judges too "picky"? Re-judge your own display later-and really look for the flaws!

Chart your scores stone by stone. Replace those with poor records.

The judges are also bound by the rules - and they are all volunteers! Be aware of their difficult job.

Don't enter a competition at the last minute. Put up an exhibit and live with it a while, changing and improving it, judging it objectively, letting friends criticize it.

Absolute cleanliness is imperative!

Having your own case is best. If you don't, try to know the size of the case you'll be using.

Change the case linings for the next show, alter the mix of stones, come up with a new and better arrangement.

There were many details in addition to the main points and we all profitted from the experienced advice of the Murrays.

There followed a panel dicussion about display cases, the panel being Bill Horton, Alex Marshall, Larry Murray, Peter Riva, Bill Schell and Jim Thompson. Bill Horton spoke first, discussing Dave Miller's case and then his own two. All three were designed for competitive display. It seemed that Bill's first case was not quite good enough and his second was too heavy, too fancy and much too expensive. He did think Dave's case was quite satisfactory. Then Bil Schell presented his case with its revolving stand for stones. Interesting but not for competitive diplay. Larry Murray showed us his case next. It is light in weight and features oval risers. It should interest anyone who wants to build his own case. Finally, we were shown an all-metal case, very expertly made but suffering from some unexpected drawbacks such as being too light. Also the cost was so high that its builder wouldn't divulge it.

All agreed that the meeting was as interesting and informative as any we've had and we broke up at five as scheduled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from Dec. 6, 1980	1466.75
Dues paid on Dec. 6	215.00
Dues paid by mail	320.00
Receipt for pin	1.50
Receipts for badges	13.00
	2016.25

Expenses

Clio Messenger		
stationery (cash)	12.48	
Clio Postmaster	67.95	
stamps	15.00	
stamps	1.68	
badges	13.00	
pin	1.50	
Midwest Federation dues	70.00	
Midwest Federation dues		
(adjustment)	13.00	
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GEM LORE

The April birthstone is diamond and the May birthstone is emerald.

We admire the diamond for its brilliance, its clear transparency and its sparkling fire. In the emerald we admire the depth and the power of its vivid green and the subtle, mysterious, garden-like inclusions that lend added beauty. Many see the emerald as an emblem of hope and as a reminder of fresh spring green in the month of May. The emerald is also supposed to restore peace to troubled hearts and to increase love. ("Precious Stones", by Edward Gubelin)

The largest diamond ever found was the Cullinan. It weighed 3106 carats and was discovered in the Transvaal, South Africa, in 1905. In 1908 the Dutch firm of Asscher cut the huge colorless gem into

105 stones. The largest of these, the Cullinan I, weighs 530.2 carats. It is also called the "Star of Africa" and is a part of the Crown Jewels of England. It is on view in a special vault in the Tower of London except on those rare occasions when it is worn by the Queen.

Minutes of the Board Meeting, March 21

Present were board members Michaud, Murray, Myers, Rice and Taylor, Editor Hocking ex-officio,

Jan Taylor moved, Larry Murray seconded, that the minutes of the last meeting (Dec. 6, 1980) be accepted as published - approved. Ed Myers reported that there are 198 members presently on the rolls and that he has several more to process.

Ed Myers gave the Treasurer's report (see p.8)

Kathy Porter presented a report from the Show committee. They have the floor plan and permission from the Dearborn group. Thirty contracts were sent out to dealers and manufacturers, three have been returned with yes and two returned with no answers. Three competitive entries have been received already. The September issue of Gems and Minerals will be devoted to faceting and they want an article about our show to appear.

Harold Rice reported that the Dearborn club will supply us with their electrical equipment free if we send them a letter waiving their responsibility in its use. Larry Murray moved, Ed Myers supported, that such a letter be sent - approved. John Gansen will learn to set up this electrical wiring.

The future meetings of the Guild were set for May 2 (Flint), August 29 (Lansing), the annual meeting October 3 (Mt. Clemens), October 23, 24, 25 for the show (Dearborn).

Harold Rice moved, Ernie Michaud seconded, that we pay rental on today's meeting hall - approved.

Delinquent notices have been sent out to 72 members.

We have had recent notification of two deaths, Mrs. Theresa Brownlie and Mr. J. Robert Little.

Adjourned 11:55am.

Minutes of the Guild Meeting March 21, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 by President Rice.

The minutes of the Dec. 6, 1980, meeting were approved.

The membership was reported as 197 but only 110 were paid up as of today.

The Treasurer's report was read (see p.8) and accepted.

Editor Hocking asked for all material to be included in the next issue of The Midwest Faceter be given to him today because of the pressure of deadlines.

The Education Committee report was accepted (see p.6)

Guests were introduced. (see p.6)

The report of the show committee was accepted (see p.6)

A letter to the Dearborn club absolving them of responsibility in the use of their electrical equipment was approved.

President Rice, in response to a request, repeated the Guild position on the display of commercial ads at our meetings. This is not to be done even by our own members.

A request for our mailing list form Gems and Minerals magazine was approved. (They will send a copy of the September issue to each non-subscriber in our Guild.)

A list of our deceased members was read.

Kathy Porter spoke about the MGAGS June meetings (see p.2)

A motion to send MGAGS our mailing list was approved.

A motion to suspend publication of the Treasurer's report in the newsletter died for lack of support.

Members were asked to pickup flyers to carry back to their other clubs. Also requested were photos of each member for a bulletin board at the show.

Meeting adjourned 2:15pm.

Topics for future educational meetings

How to buy faceting rough

what to buy, how much to pay, where do you get it.

Trim saws

kinds and sizes of blades, coolants how to use, prices.

Hobby benches

jewelry benches, faceting benches, utility benches, how to build, material to use.

If you have a topic to suggest, either one in which you are an expert and will be the speaker or one in which you are deeply interested, please tell the committee.

Tips on building a display case

A front loading case is by far the most convenient to load, to clean and, most important of all, to view. Judges also have an easier time getting stones out for close inspection.

Make the case high enough so the viewer can see everything in the case without stooping.

Plan detachable risers. They make it easy to re-arrange and to clean your interior.

Use only a front viewing window in either glass or plastic.

Use neutral colors in the interior. Avoid patterned or textured material that detracts from the appearance of the stones.

Incorporate storage space at the bottom of the case and keep your clean-up kit there.

Window size should be about 2 ft by 1 ft.

Use a dolly to move your case around. It beats carrying every time.

Remember that your case is merely a container. It is your stones that the judges will be scrutinizing. Don't let the case detract from the exhibit.

Go to the show prepared. It is better to take too much than to have to try to buy something in a strange city.

W^{FOR} EXHIBITS CASE FOR FACETED STONES - 12 W x 11 L x 20 H INCH

This plan for the exhibits case for faceted stones consists of the following:

- Fig. 1 COMPLETED CASE.
- Fig. 2 RT. & LT. SIDES.
- Fig. 3 FRONT.

- FIG. 4 BACK.
- FIG. 5 WINDOW ASSEMBLY
- FIG. 6 LOCKER PANEL ASSEMBLY
- FIG. 7 SHELF & SHELF SUPPORT
- FIG. 8 MISC. -

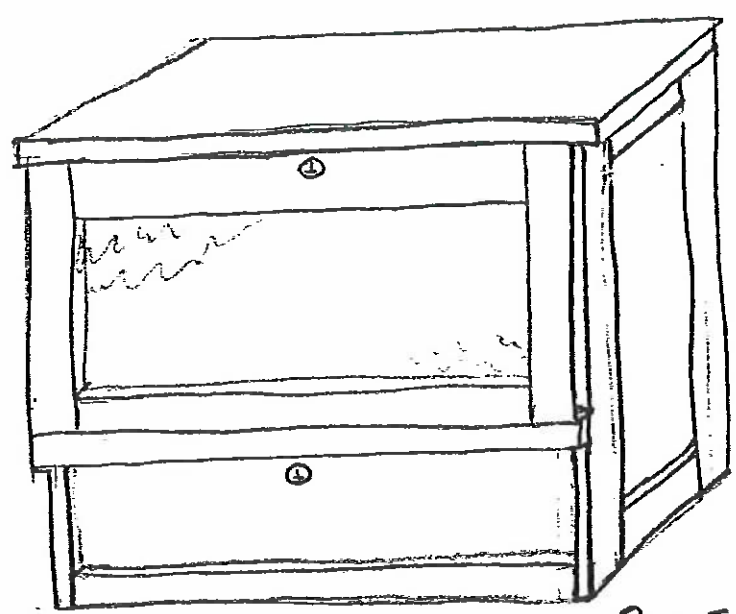
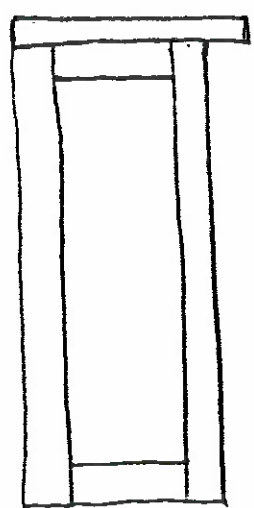
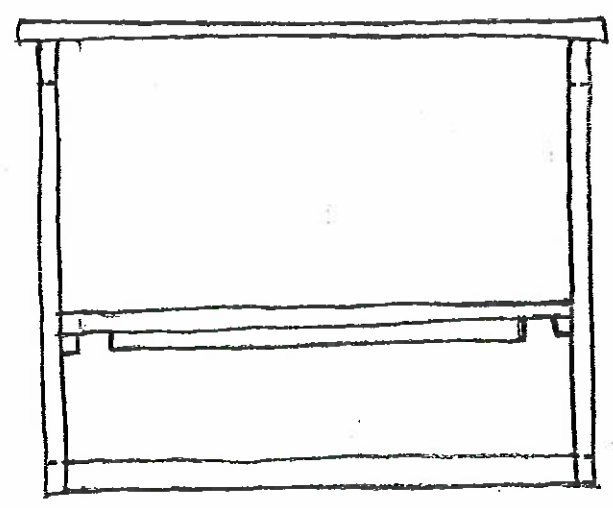


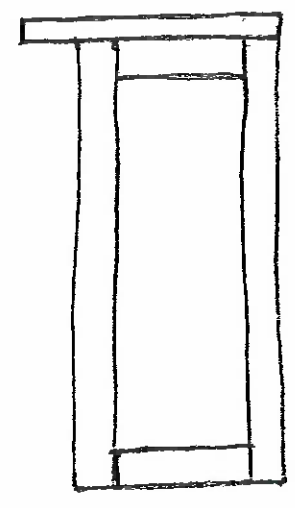
FIG. 1 COMPLETED CASE



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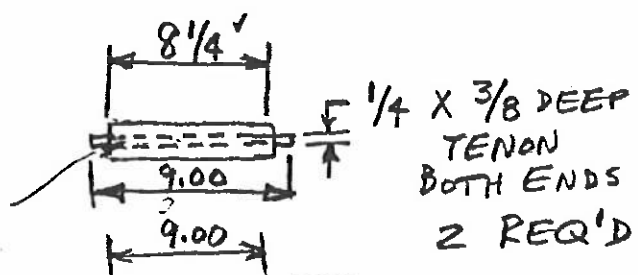
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RT. SIDE

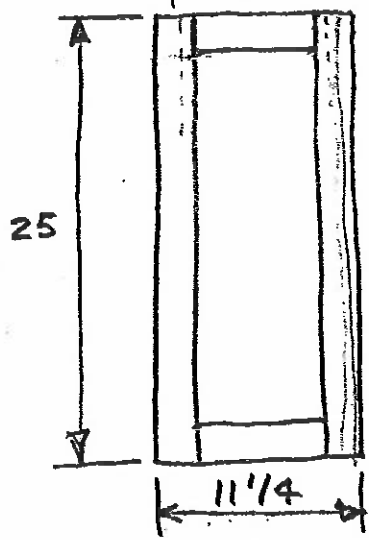
RT. & LT. SIDES

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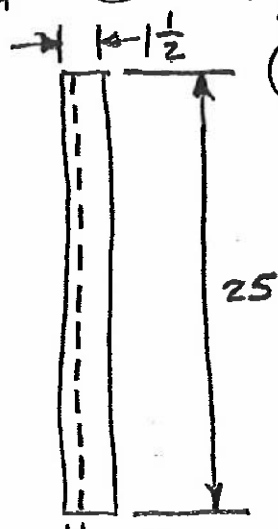
$22\frac{3}{4}$ FIT TO SUIT

SIDE
 $\frac{1}{4}$ PLYWOOD - BIRCH
2 REQ'D



RT. & LT.
SIDES ASSEMBLY
2 REQ'D.

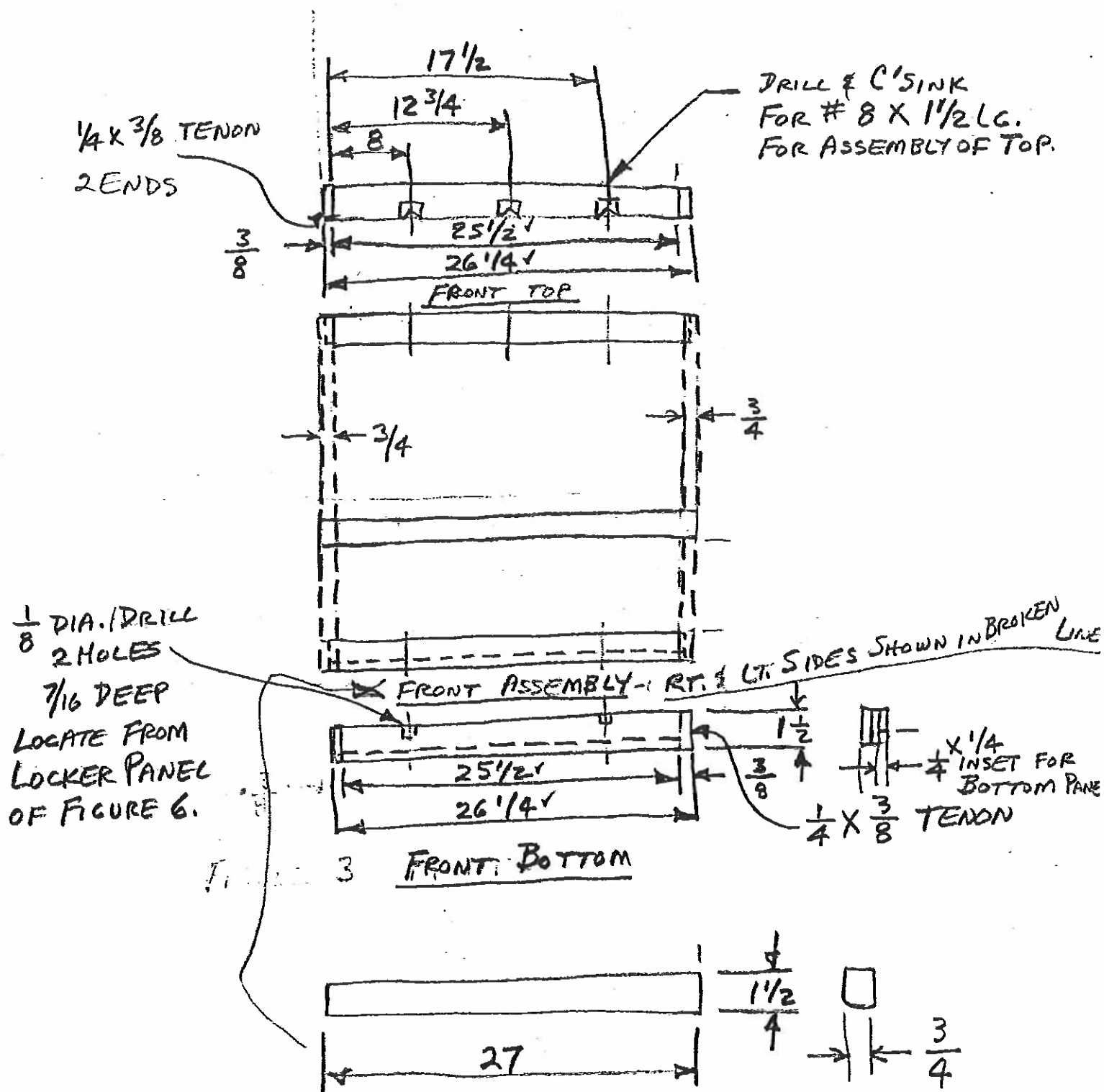
$\frac{1}{4}$ WIDE X $\frac{3}{8}$ DEEP
GROOVE
(LEFT SIDE
SHOWN)



$\frac{1}{4}$ WIDE X
 $\frac{3}{8}$ DEEP GROOVE
 $\frac{3}{4}$ X $1\frac{1}{2}$ BIRCH
2 REQ'D.

FIG. 2 RIGHT & LEFT SIDES

FRONT



WINDOW SUPPORT

FIGURE 3 FRONT

BACK

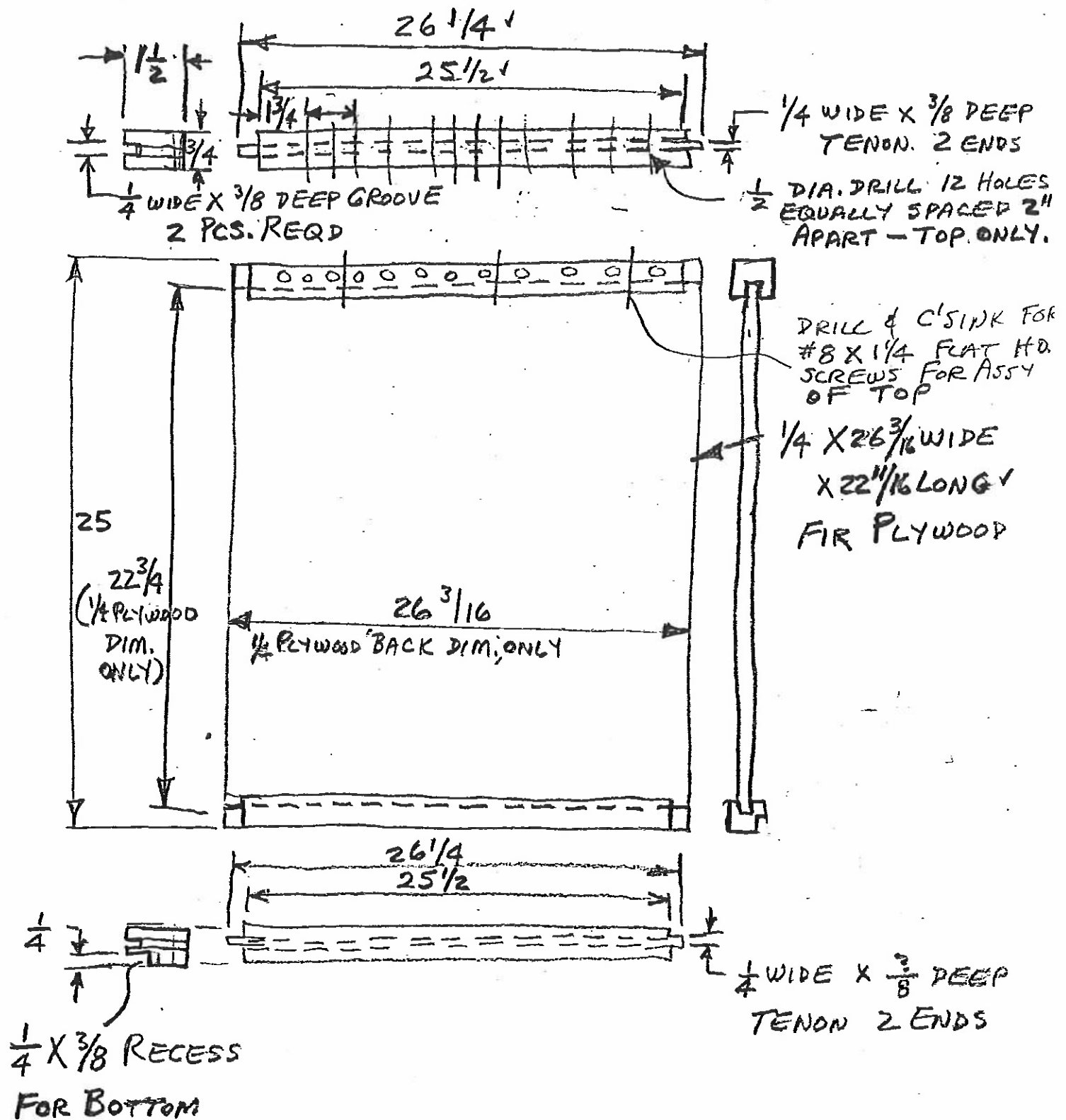


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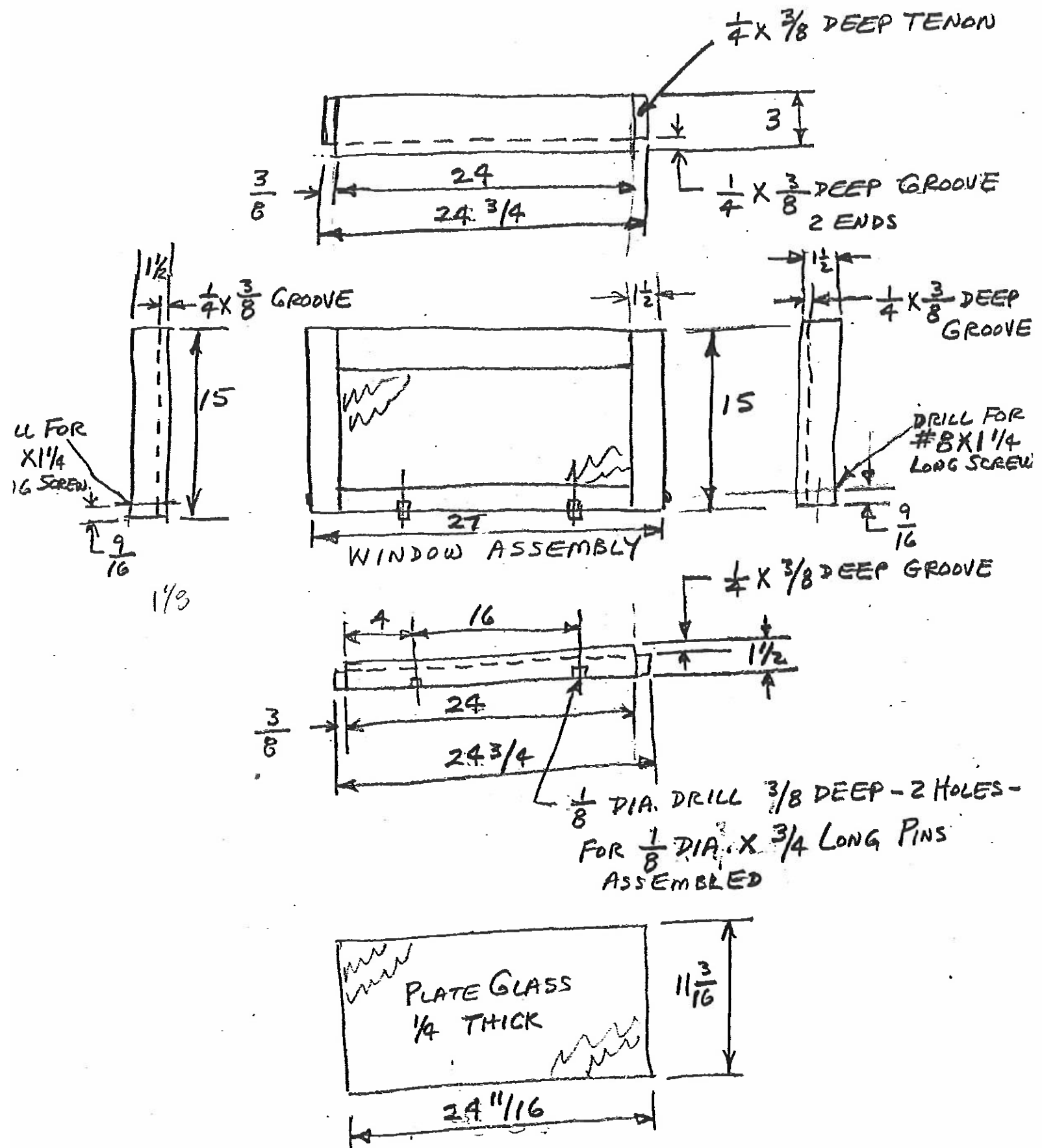


FIGURE 5. WINDOW ASSEMBLY

LOCKER PANEL ASSEMBLY

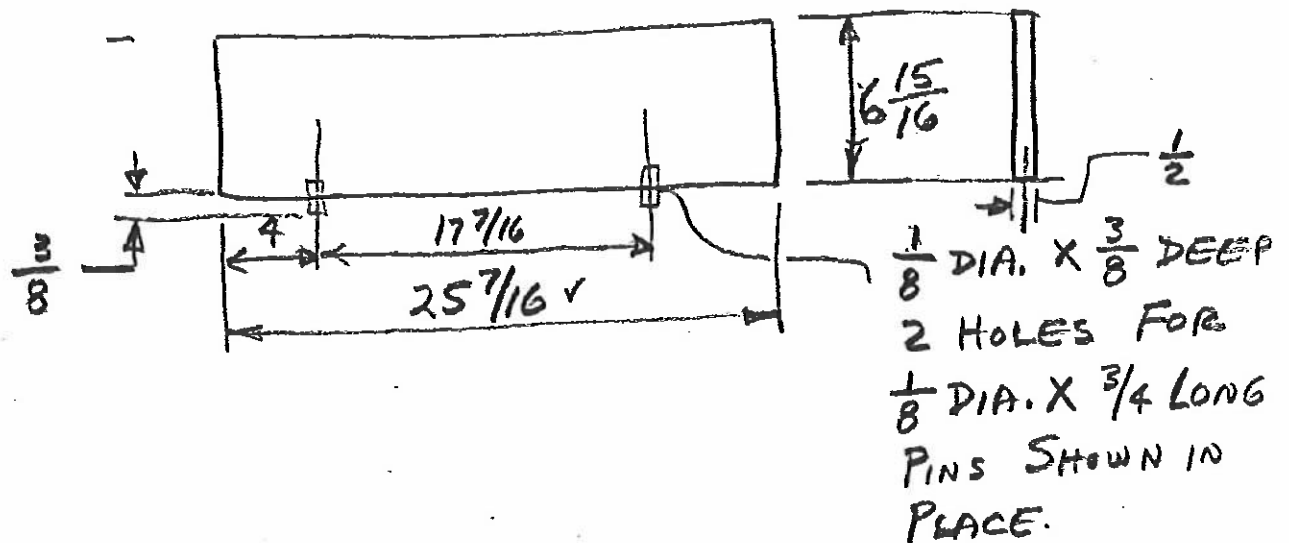


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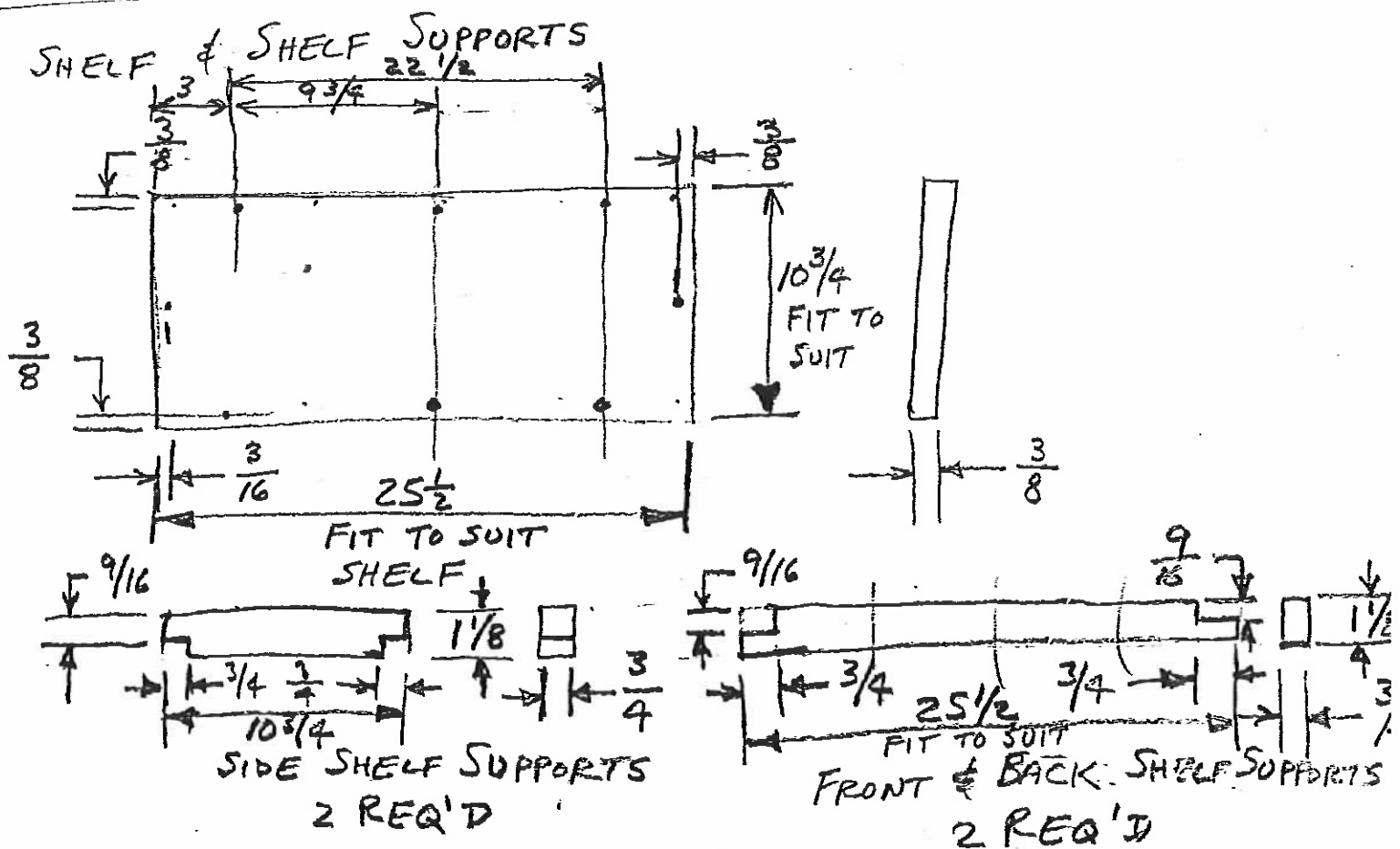


FIGURE 7 Shelf & Shelf Supports