

Rest home inquiry

Rest home supervision voluntary

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 was being harassed "not only by public health nurses but also by ministers (sic) that have been sent and by other rest home operators," apparently trying to entice away Mrs. Cherwonik's residents.
 "This type of harassment must stop. I do not believe it will be in the best interest of anyone to have the matter fought about in council where the papers can grab hold of the matter but I believe it has to be stopped in some way."

Dr. Cole ordered Mrs. Cherwonik in a courier-delivered letter Monday to admit his staff to the rest home and no attempt be made to hinder their ability to carry out their duties under the Public Health Act.
 Halton Hills Coun. Dave Whiting told Mr. Punnett he had been present when allegations of assault against Mrs. Cherwonik were brought to police by two residents in the home.

It became clear, Coun. Whiting said, during the discussions that the allegations couldn't be substantiated and police dismissed both matters as unfounded.

Although Mr. Punnett had told committee he intended to press slander suits against parties responsible for two allegations in addition to the two already under action, Coun. Whiting said the circumstances surrounding these assault allegations would make it impossible to press charges.

TO ASSIST

Coun. Whiting, a member of the health and social services committee, said that since the matter of the inquest is now public, he is prepared to support Coun. Johnson's call for a regional council investigation by raising the issue at council next week.

A committee of staff, councillors and rest home representatives has already been set up to look at such things as rest homes fees, he said, and he believes that Coun. Johnson's attempt at an investigation will work at cross-purposes to the established committee.

"But if that's what he wants I'll lift his motion from the table for him next Wednesday," Coun. Whiting said.

Coun. Whiting said he isn't sure whether allegations against the home are as widely known as Mrs. Cherwonik thinks since all matters were handled confidentially until the Cherwoniks made them public in June.

Dr. Strathearn said that since any inquest involves a Halton rest home, the inquest would be called by Dr. Bruce Penton, regional coroner for the area that includes Halton. No decision on an inquest has been made.

Supervision of rest homes, boarding houses and similar private institutions is not mandatory, he said.
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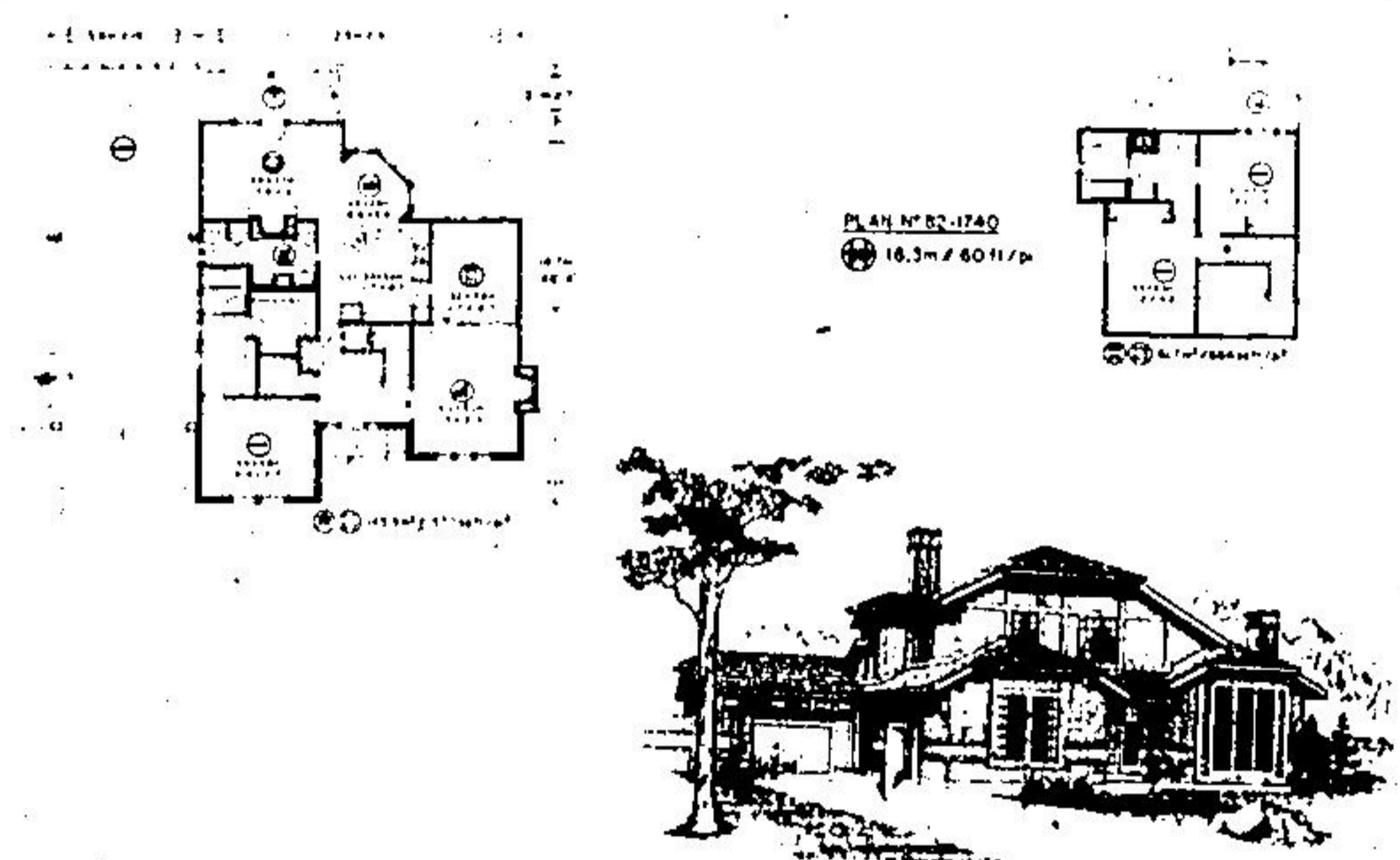
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The elevated, covered main entry leads into a spacious reception foyer, which contains an outdoor storage closet, a two-piece vanity bathroom, and the stairway to the second level. From the foyer, traffic moves naturally to the right into the rectangular living room. The living room features full-height, front-facing windows and a raised-hearth masonry fireplace. The separate dining room is elevated two steps from the living room, and could be further separated by means of an optional spindle screen wall. The dining room is conveniently separated from the kitchen via pocket door, for privacy and ease of access when serving formal dinners.

The spacious kitchen-dinette and open-plan family room occupy most of the area to the rear of the floor plan. The kitchen is L-shaped with an angular work island, and provides abundant space for two cooks to work simultaneously, and a step-saving work triangle configuration. The dinette projects outward into a glassed-in privacy zone which captures the sunlight. The spacious family room features a second raised-hearth masonry fireplace and a rear-facing patio. A convenient laundry facility and a mud room area are easily accessible via pocket door from both the kitchen-dinette and the side of the house near the double enclosed garage. The garage location may be varied according to individual building site requirements. Access to the full basement is by means of a

stairway from the main hallway between the foyer and the kitchen.

The spacious master bedroom suite faces the front of the floor plan. It features a twin sink vanity counter and a full walk-in closet. The commode and tub are separated from the vanity area via convenient pocket door. Two additional bedrooms are positioned on the second level, accessible via stairway from the main foyer. Each has generous closet storage and good exposure for view, ventilation and natural light.

The rear-facing bedroom has an angular private balcony. The plan shows a shared bathroom for the two bedrooms upstairs, but a minor modification could provide each room with a private bathroom.

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