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Research leads to best house buys

(NC)—Deciding to buy a home of your own is undoubtedly one of the best decisions you'll make in your lifetime! Especially since interest rates have fallen to their lowest point in years—now is definitely the right time to buy!

By no means is buying a home (whether it be your first house or your fifth) an easy task! It involves a great deal of research to make a wise choice. Your research will provide you with answers to every buyer's inevitable questions: What do you want? How much can you afford to pay? How much should you expect to pay? Is it the right location?

The advantages of owning your

own home are endless. First and foremost, it allows you to begin building your home equity—a benefit forgone by renting.

Once you have some idea of what you're looking for and how much you can afford to pay, the adventure has just begun. Visit potential communities and ask questions about city services and utility rates. Special attention should be paid to these elements when buying in new communities as you should be sure that your property is going to appreciate in value.

Keep track of all features of respective houses that you view. The primary thing that first-time buyers

have to realize is that they must lower their expectations. When they move out of Mom and Dad's house, they want to move into a house in a similar neighbourhood. It just can't happen anymore.

In the past, most people started in a 1 1/2 storey home—about 800 square feet with one bath and no garage. Double car garages, fireplaces, family rooms, powder rooms, walk-in closets, etc. didn't exist. All these features add big dollars to today's price.

As well, prime neighbourhoods command a premium. It may now mean a first house will require a longer commute time to work.

Investigate all mortgage and

financing options and be sure to take into account everything you will need to make the house a home. For example, does the house come with all the appliances? You will also have to consider the initial purchase of draperies, furniture, lawn care equipment and other necessities that make a house comfortable.

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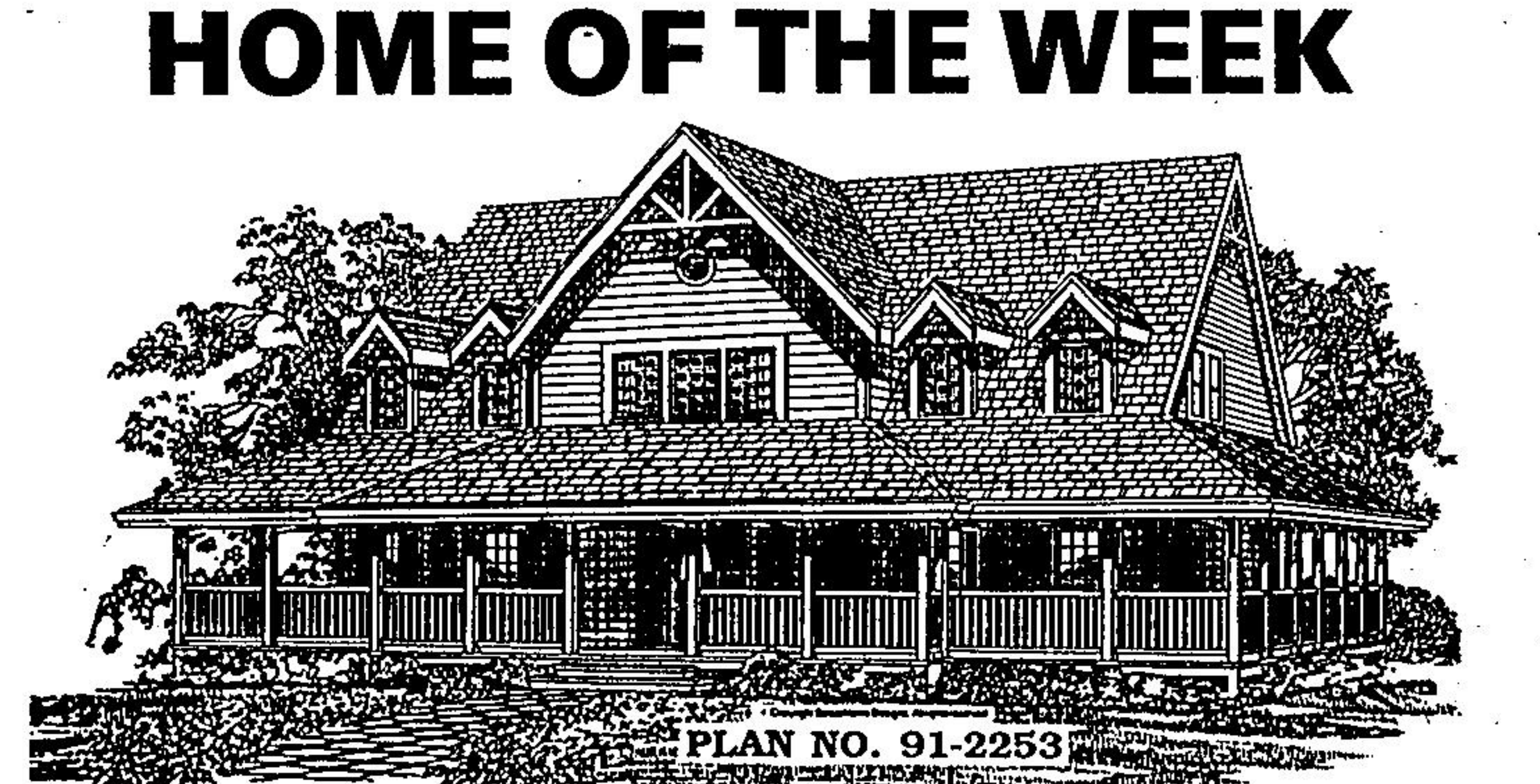
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The open railed staircase ascends to a gallery which views the living room and foyer below and connects the two additional bedrooms. Each bedroom has twin dormer windows and share a main bathroom with soaking tub.

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