will no longer be working for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters; instead I'll be teaching environmental ethics at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay.

The Wildlife and Agriculture program I ran for the OFAH, in conjunction with Wildlife Habitat Canada, was a great success. By promoting the benefits of wildlife to southern Ontario farmers, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food's Land Stewardship program made wildlife habitat enhancement a major component in conserving the land. The Boy Scouts of Canada's 'Trees for Canada' program is now based more heavily on habitat enhancement. And hundreds of farmers are beginning to mend the scars inflicted in the past by our savage advancement.

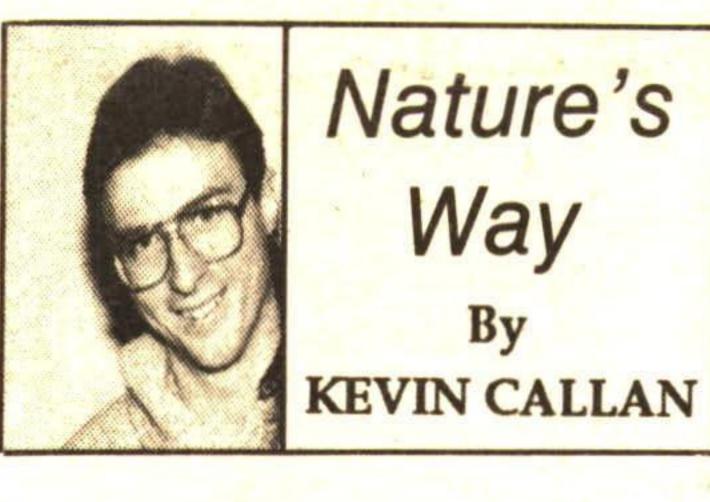
But, my job is done. I felt I completed the task asked of me and left the federation to return

Well, I've done it again, I quit my job. Starting the new year I will no longer be working for Preparing our future conservationists

to teaching. Now, instead of spending my days and nights "playing politics" I'm back to molding Ontario's future conservationists.

The Environmental Issues course at Sir Sanford introduces students to the non-technical aspects of environmental issues: historical, cultural, ethical, political, economic. It is concerned with how these issues enter public consciousness and how they are subsequently dealt with, both within the Canadian society and the global community. The course is divided into five issue areas: species, population, pollution, energy, and resources.

The aim of the course is to expand the students' awareness of the human aspects of environmental questions, building upon general interest and vary-



ing levels of program-based knowledge.

The four main objectives are: to encourage a balanced and critical perspective on environmental issues; to develop an understanding of the complexi-

ty of the issues and the range of interests/viewpoints associated with each; to develop an understanding of environmental decision-making (processes and implications) at all levels - individual to global; and to extend the development of student communication skills.

Basically, I'll be spending my time discussing the same environmental topics which I share during a cup of coffee with a group of friends. By graduating from the course the students leave college with an "open

mind." They are then prepared when entering the technical working force. Instead of their new employer molding their way of thinking, the employee will be able to look past the "present" use of our natural resources and alters their actions towards sustainable development.

My new job at Sir Sanford Fleming College is a dream come true. I guess it's quite obvious by reading some of my past columns on outdoor education that my passion was teaching. And now, with both practical and political experience behind me, I feel prepared for the challenge that awaits ahead.

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Support group gives a hand to local nannies

By KAREN SMITH

The founder of a Torontobased organization for nannies hopes to expand the group to Halton next month.

The Nannies' Friendship and Information Circle (N.F.I.C.) is a support network for women all over the world who come to southern Ontario to work as nan-

Linda Notman, 29, of Milton, founded the group more than five years ago after immigrating to Toronto from England.

A former nannie herself, Notman saw a need for an organization such as N.F.I.C. and began steps to organize one.

Moving to a different country can be an overwhelming experience as well as intimidating, she said. Until Notman founded N.F.I.C., no organization to help immigrating nannies existed.

The non-profit group provides support, employment information, legal advice and any other assistance required by nannies, who come from as far away as Australia and Europe for jobs in Canada.

"Our motto is we help you to help yourself," said Notman who now works as a pre-school teacher in Milton.

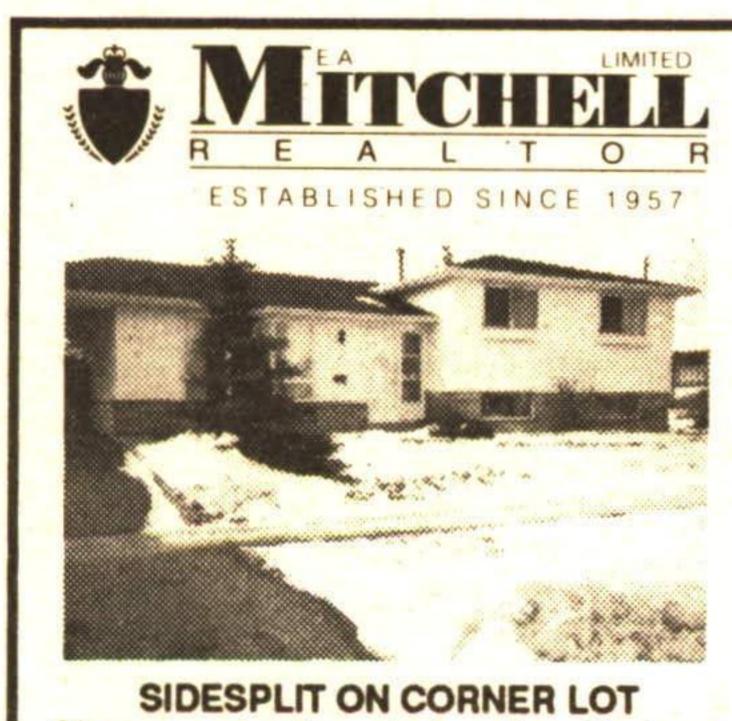
Although she is no longer employed as a nannie, the wife and mother said she well remembers the "trials and tribulations" of immigrating and working in a foreign country.

The Toronto-based group has had as many as 60 members from

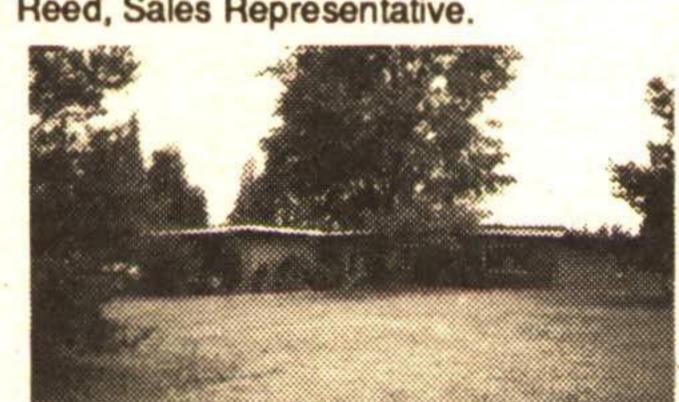
across southern Ontario, which has prompted the organization to start a second chapter. For \$30 a year, nannies can join N.F.I.C. which meets once a month.

If N.F.I.C. gets enough support from local nannies, Notman said she plans to hold the first Halton Chapter meeting during the evening of Friday, Feb. 1.

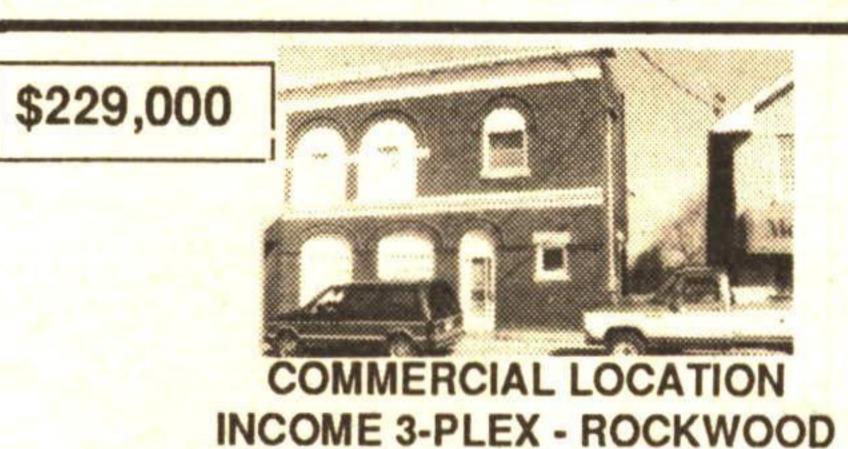
Those wishing to attend, or for more information, call Linda Notman after 6 p.m. at 876-2089.



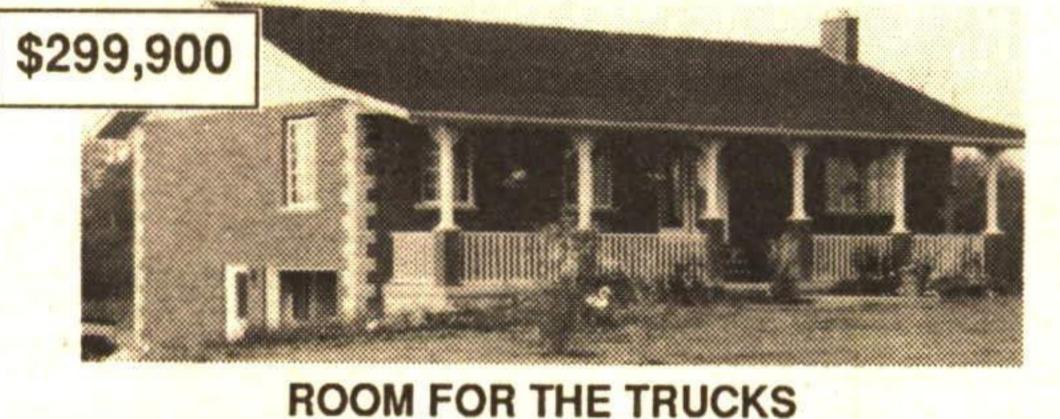
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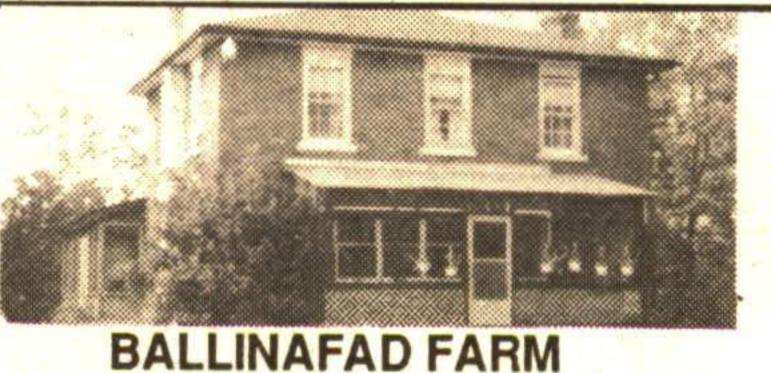


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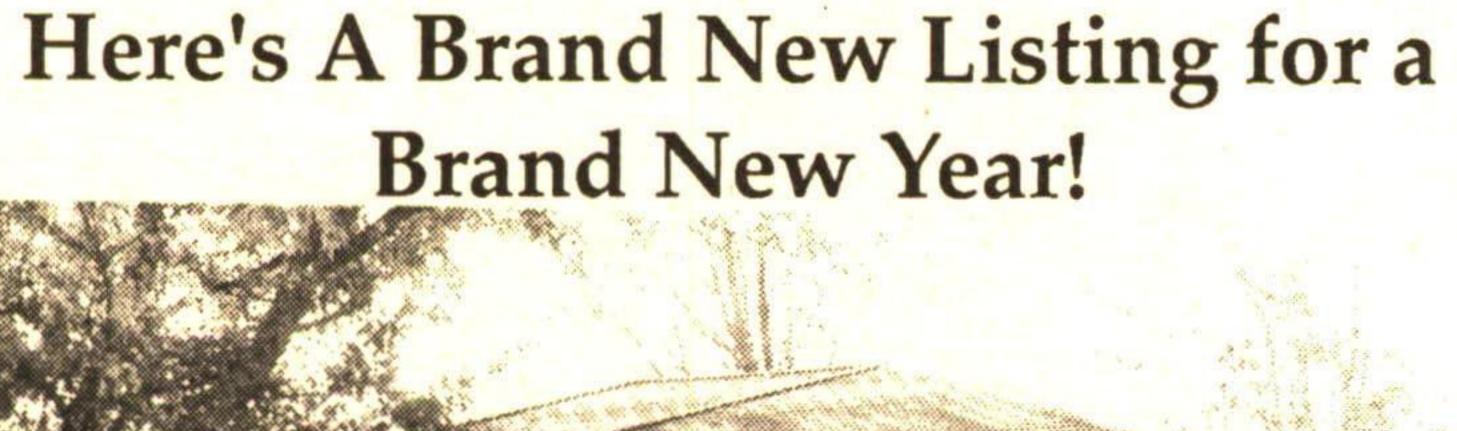
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