

Pomeroy hopping mad...

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said in an interview. "Whether the 3Rs are curtailed, will be up to council next year."

In a letter to Chairman Pete Pomeroy, Environment Minister Ruth Grier explained Halton is only eligible for a \$1 million annual grant — and that has Pomeroy hopping mad.

According to the ministry's funding guidelines, the Region should be eligible for a 60 per cent subsidy, equalling \$25,715,000.

Pomeroy complained that Halton has had to foot the bill for finding, designing and building a "state of the art facility," yet the Province is front ending the costs of the landfills for the four other Greater Toronto Area municipalities (Peel, York, Durham, Metro).

"The GTA (waste management) solution is bought and paid for by the Province — based on Halton's experience," Pomeroy said. "The region had to go through the environmental assessment process, which has had a profound impact on the financial stability of this Region...It directly affects our other programs in 1992-95...and that kind of process is unacceptable."

"Until the Province makes an admission that the entire Environmental Assessment Act process is completely flawed in the areas for disposal of solid waste, then I don't

think Halton should fall into the GTA plan until the process is changed...Municipalities in Ontario will end up spending billions to resolve the garbage issue, and never get anywhere. The proof is Halton's experience — financially, it almost did us in."

Council directed Pomeroy to meet with the Province in the hope of getting the \$25 million outstanding grant.

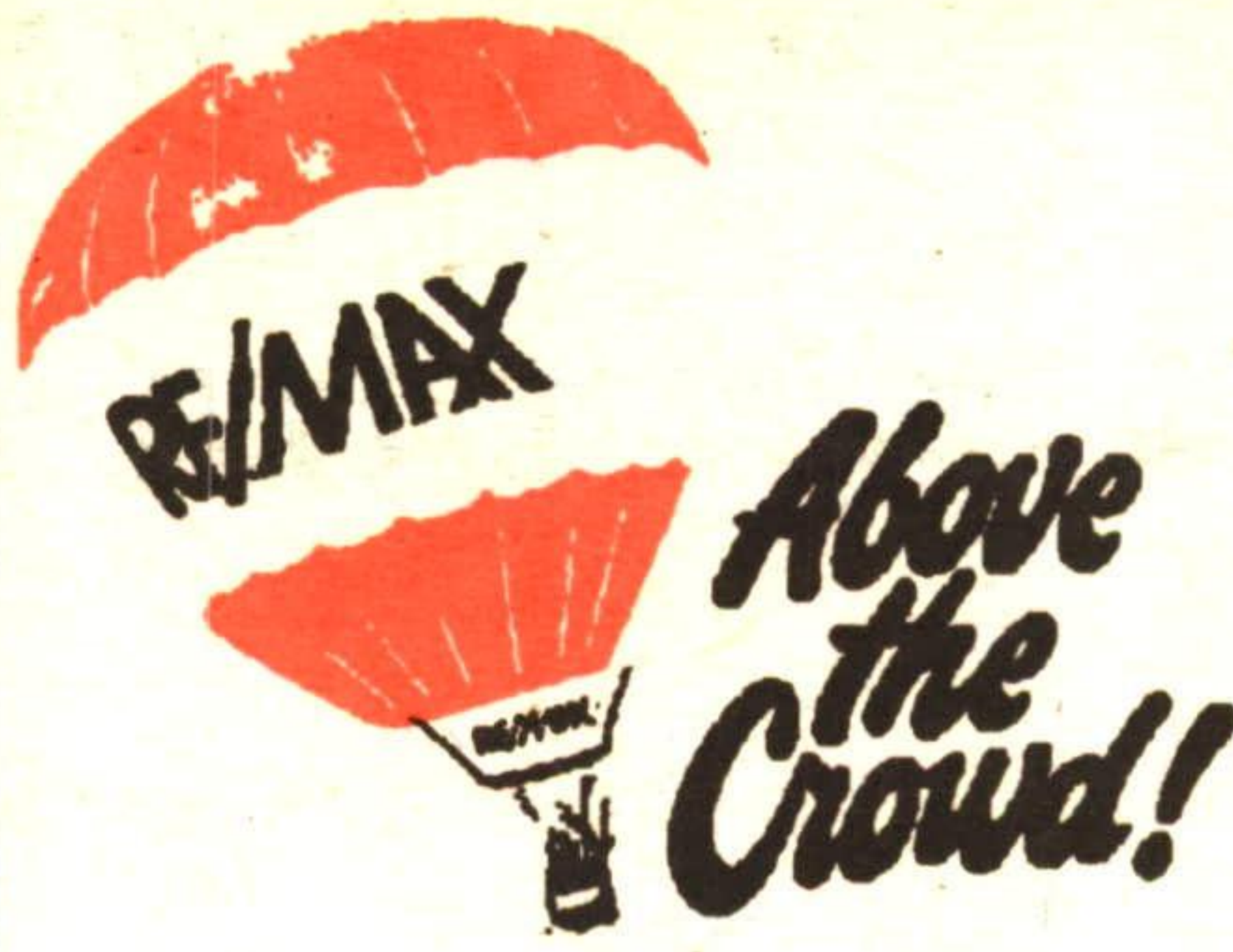
"Other municipalities were building up huge reserves to get through their own environmental assessments, and then the Province took over the process, and left them with all the money," Pomeroy said in an interview.

"I'm getting fed up being a nice person over these issues, when we're getting the hell beat out of us...There is a consensus built up among the GTA regions, so I'll try and negotiate in good faith," Pomeroy said.

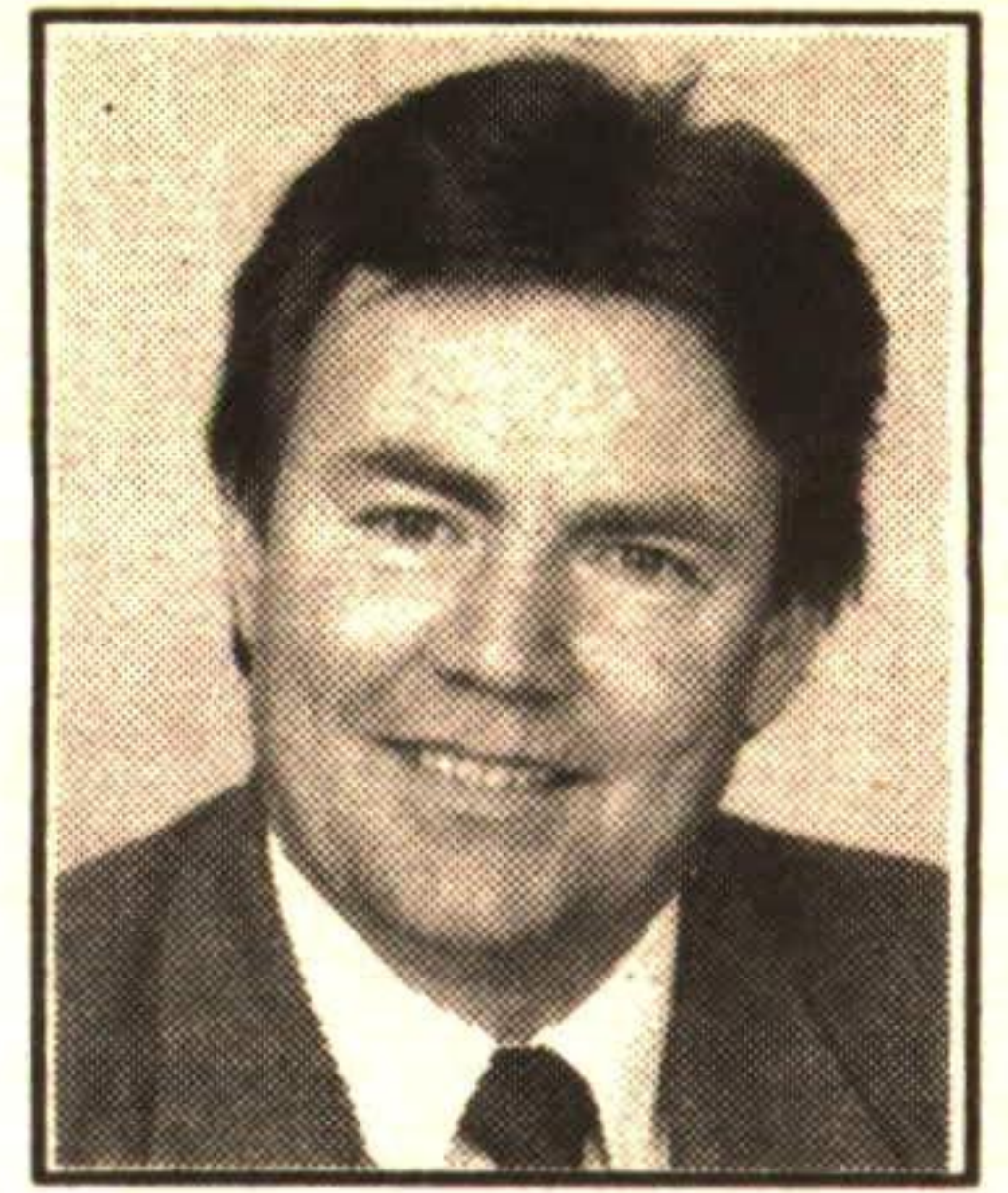
However, Milton councillor Bill Johnson views the art of negotiation with the Province in a different light.

"Why don't you threaten some of those damn politicians — it's about time we did that instead of begging them, hat in hand," he said. "Tell them we'll drop our 3Rs program altogether unless we get more money — then let's see what happens. You'll never get anywhere with them otherwise."

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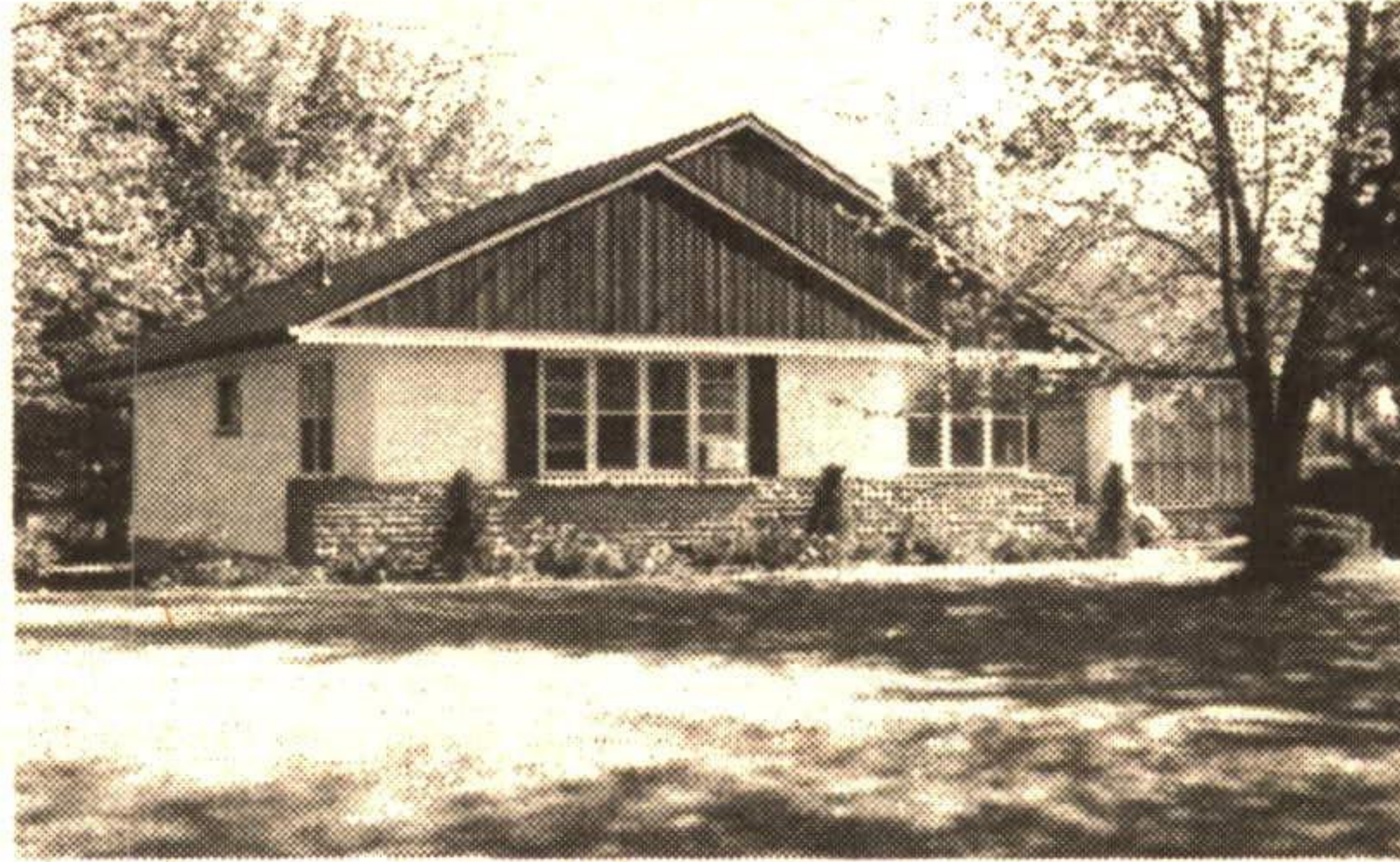


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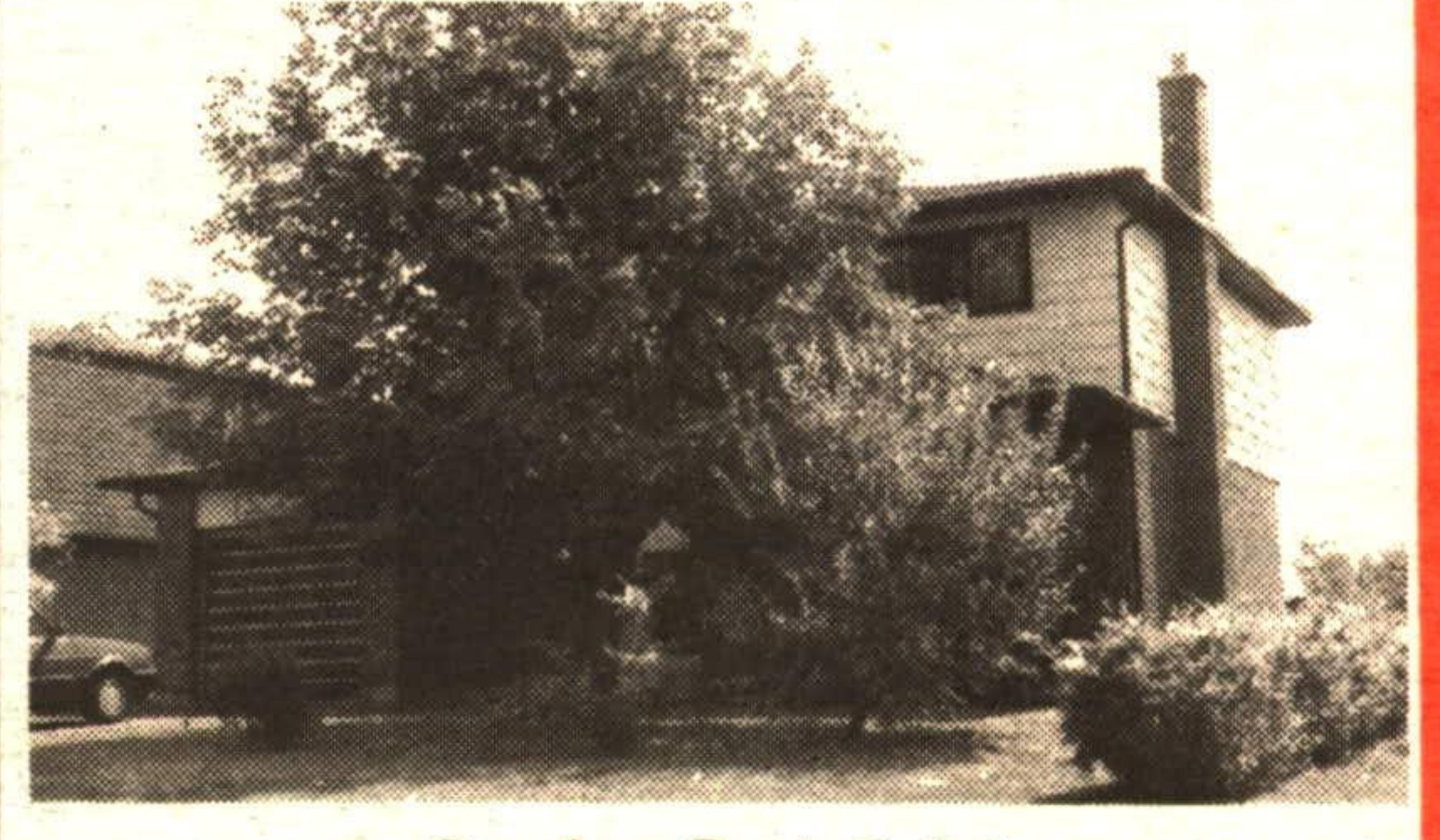
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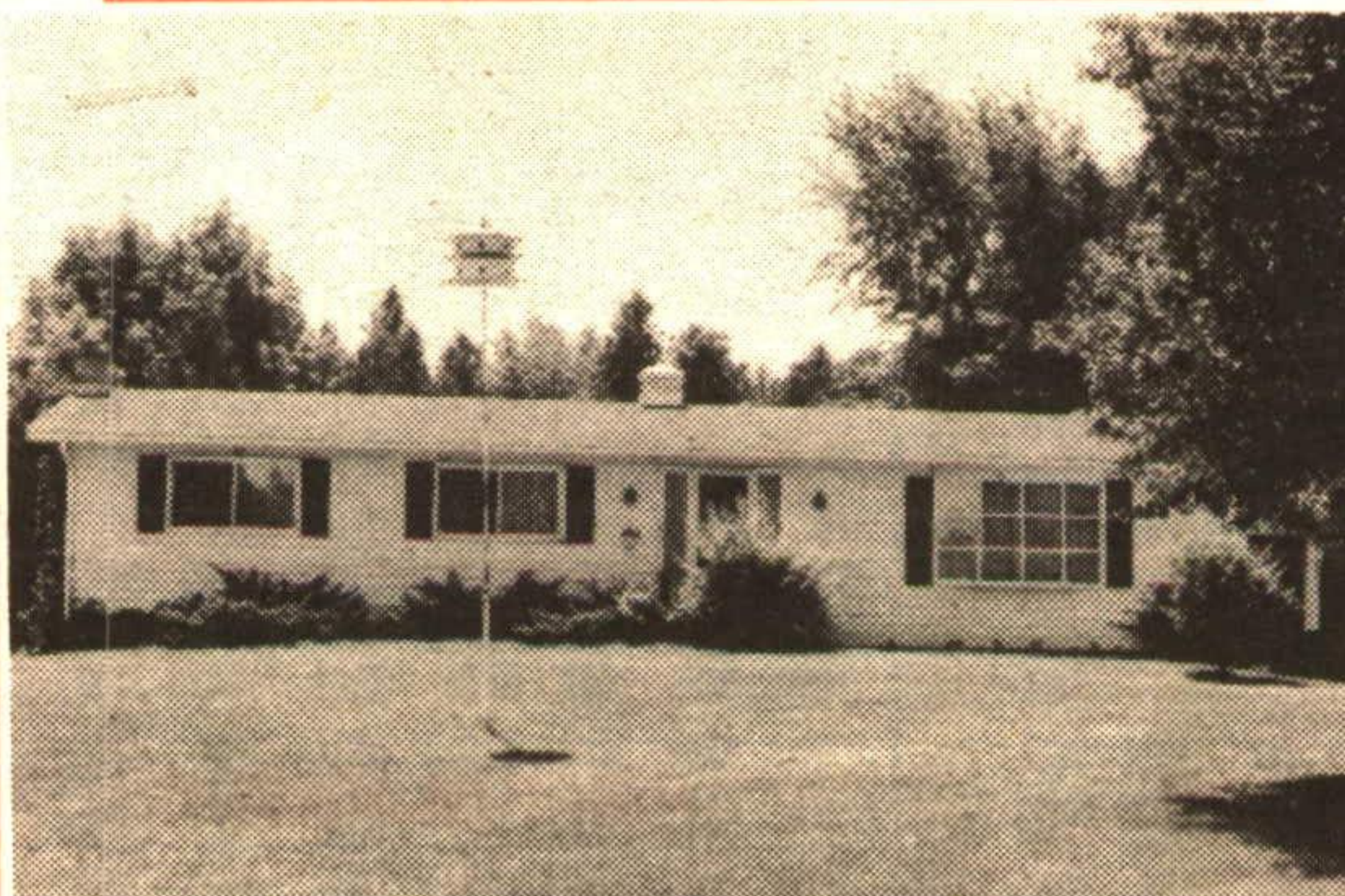
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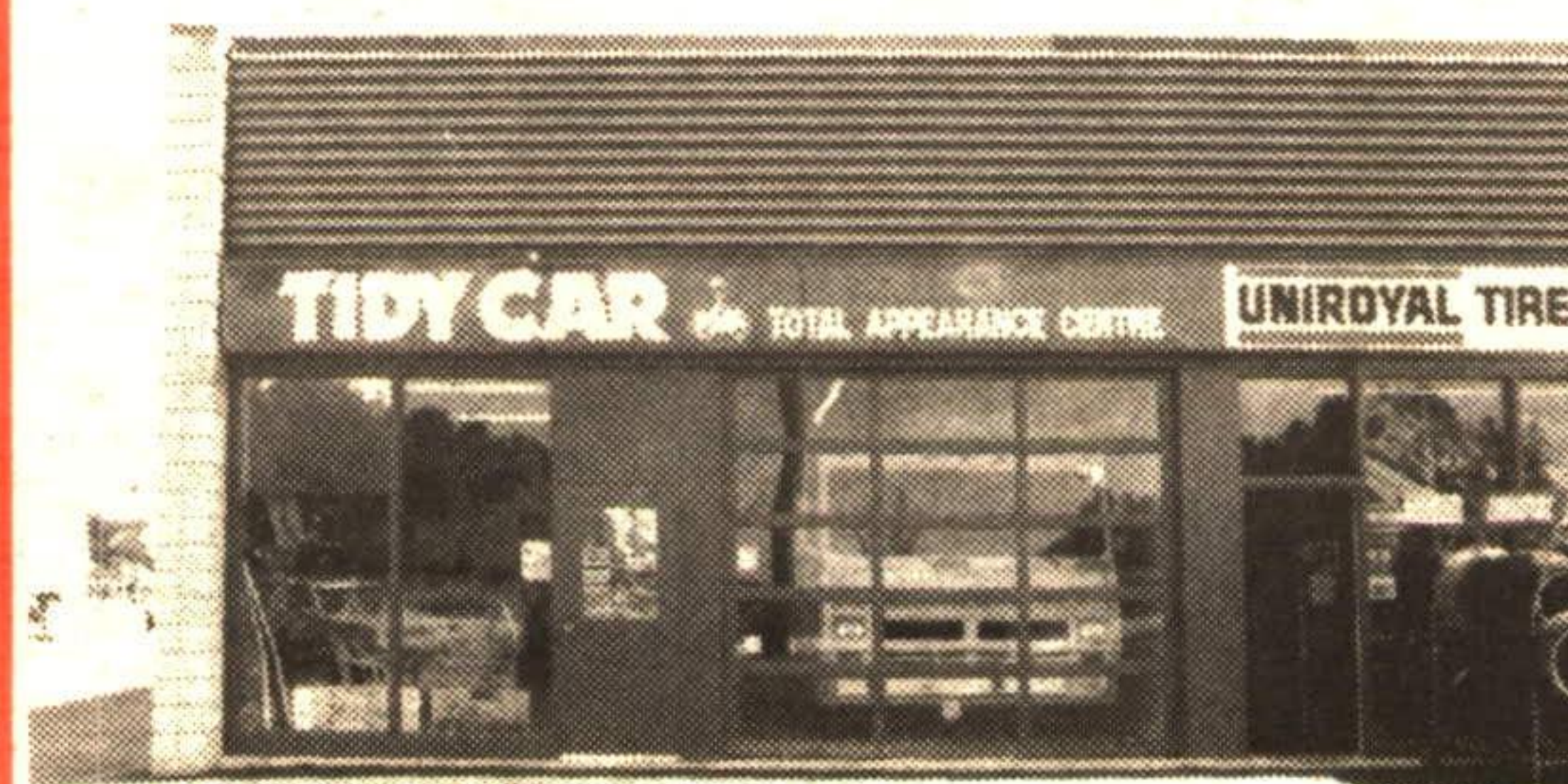
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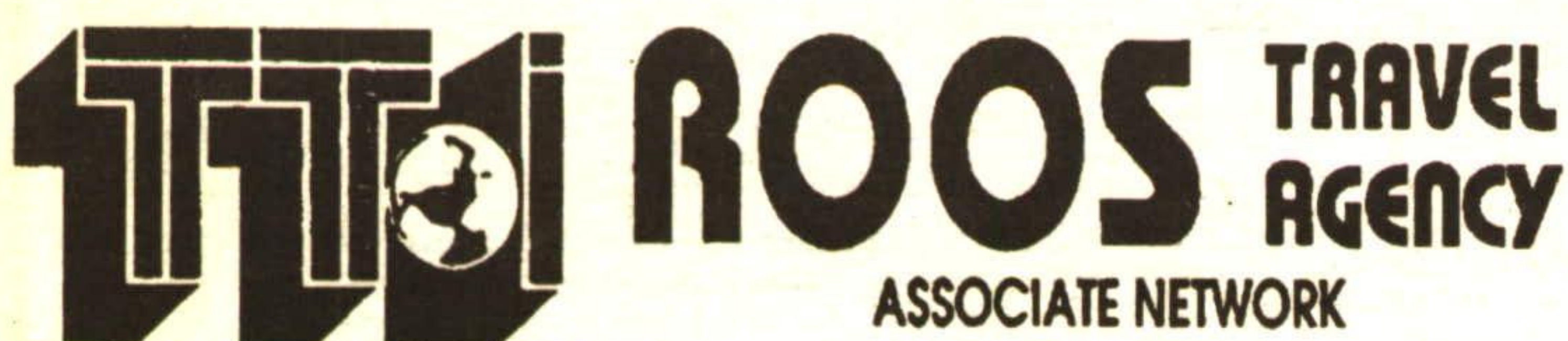
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