

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By **CHRISTINE COLE**  
**SPRING HAS SPRUNG**  
**THE GRASS HAS RIZ**  
**DO YOU KNOW WHERE**  
**YOUR BLUE BULBS IS?**

After many long months of a white landscape the appearance of the spring bulbs will be a welcome sight. All spring bulb flowers are cheery but most gardeners get most excited about blue flowers. Perhaps, because there is so few. However, the spring flower bulbs contain a generous amount of true blue flowers, compared to other groups of plants.

The allure of blue can be found in Grape Hyacinths, Siberian Scillas and Garden Hyacinths.

Grape Hyacinths are early blooming small bulbs adorned by tiny blue rounded flowers that hang in clusters on a 4-6 inch tall spike like clusters of ripe grapes. Their sweet scent fills the air faithfully every year. Grape Hyacinths are extremely hardy and endure in the garden for many years. They also have an amazing ability to multiply and spread into thick clumps.

Siberian Scillas are a lighter blue than Grape Hyacinths but bloom at about the same time -- late March to early April. Their flower is a bunch of tiny bells that droop downwards on a 4 inch stem. Scillas flourish in a shaded location and if you leave them alone they will gradually produce a sea of blue. They look wonderful filling in the space amongst flowering shrubs or under shade trees.

The fragrant, robust garden hyacinth also has a few blue varieties. Delft Blue -- a soft, porcelain blue and King of the Blues -- a deep, rich blue. The tight, densely packed flower spikes of the Hyacinth are a gardeners delight. They make a wonderful border plant in a sunny garden bed, area easily forced for mid winter enjoyment indoors and they are excellent cut flowers.

As with most spring flowering bulbs, these exotically colored bulbs must be planted in the fall. From then they will bloom each spring.

Each week Christine Cole of **Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480**, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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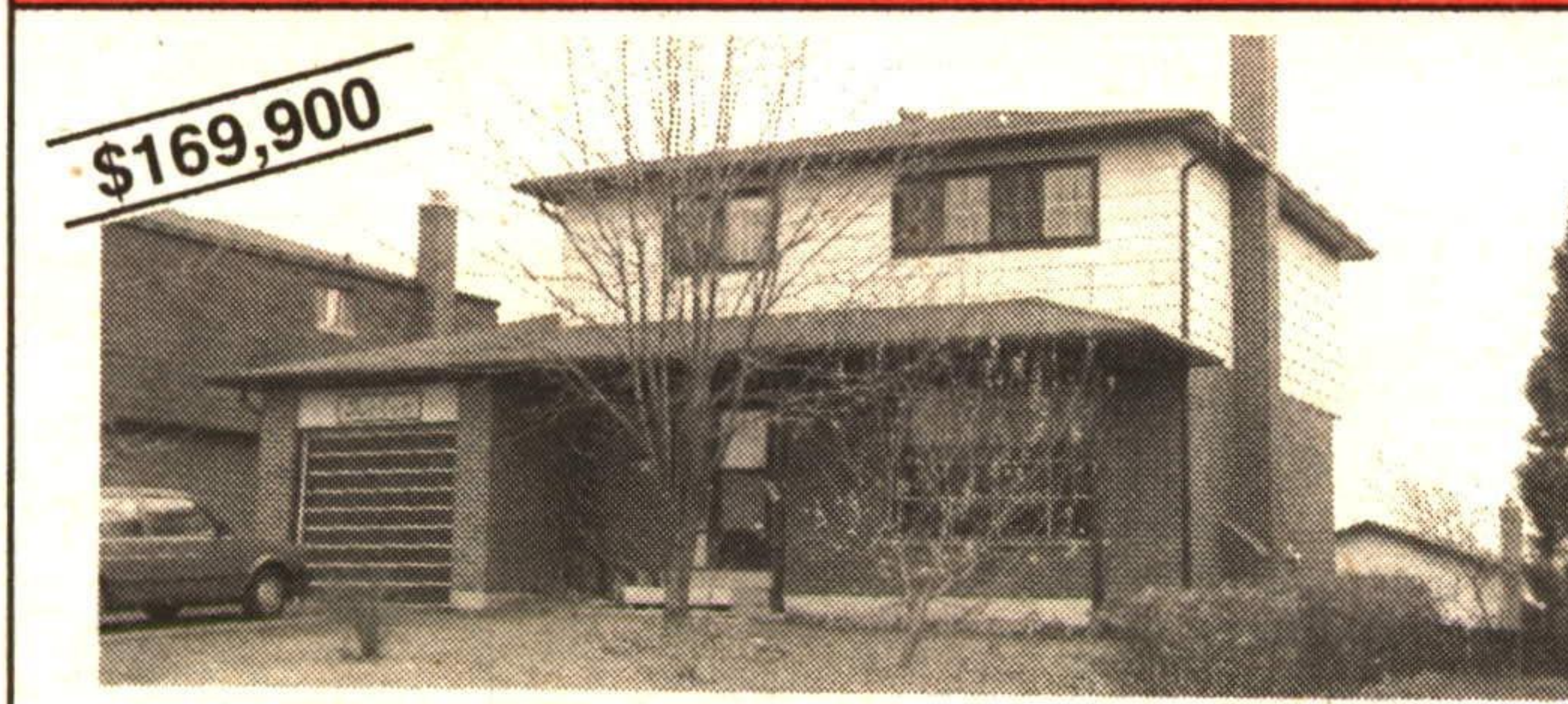
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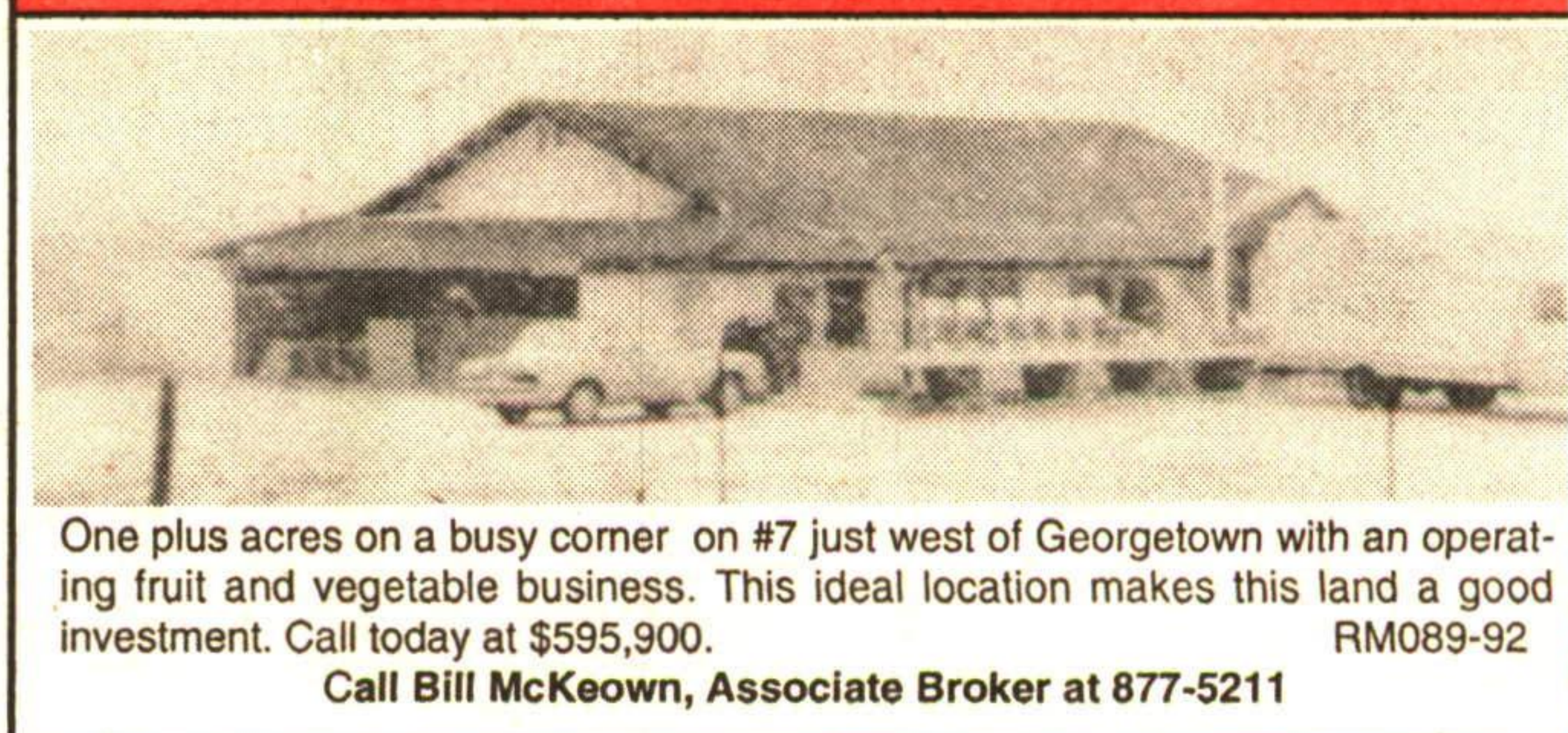
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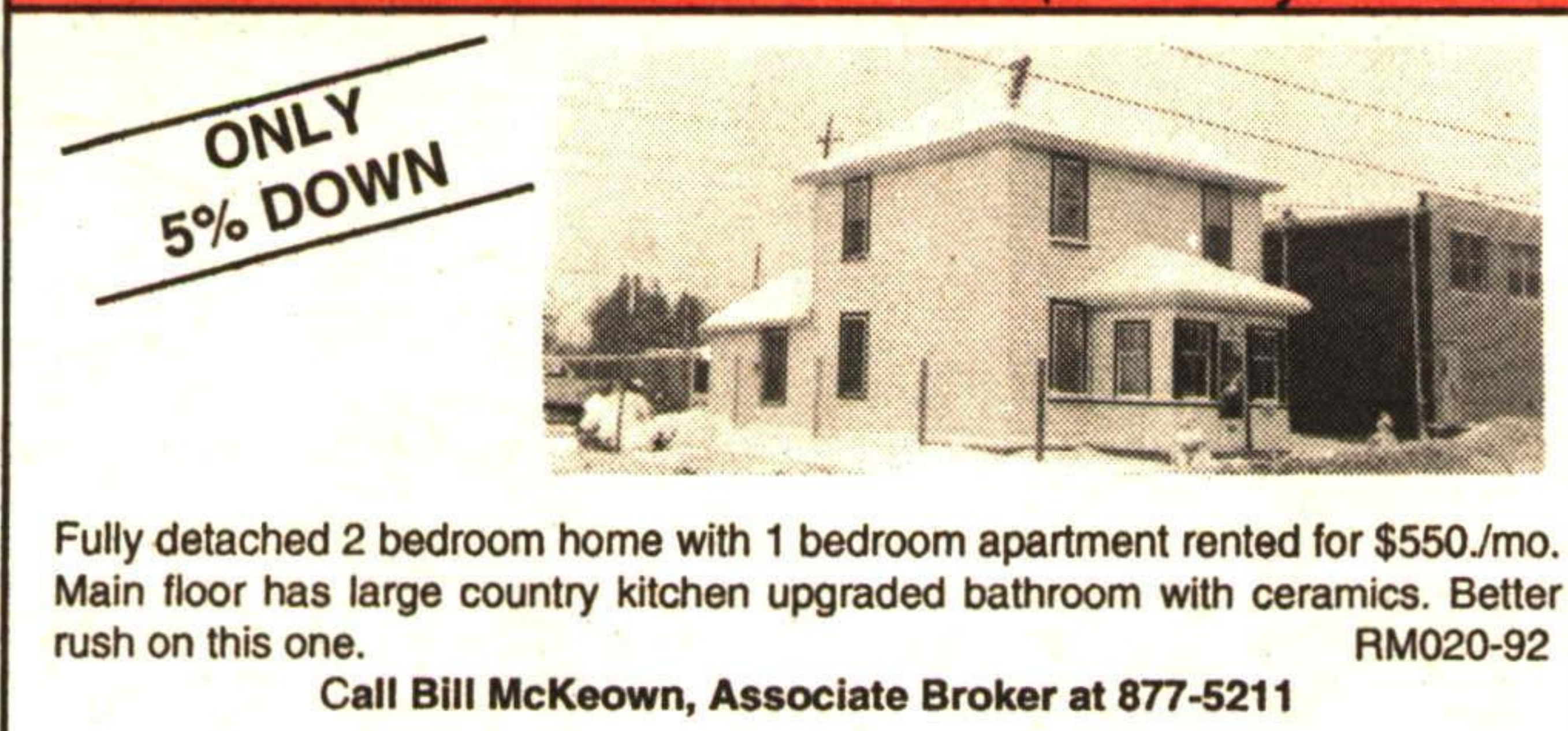
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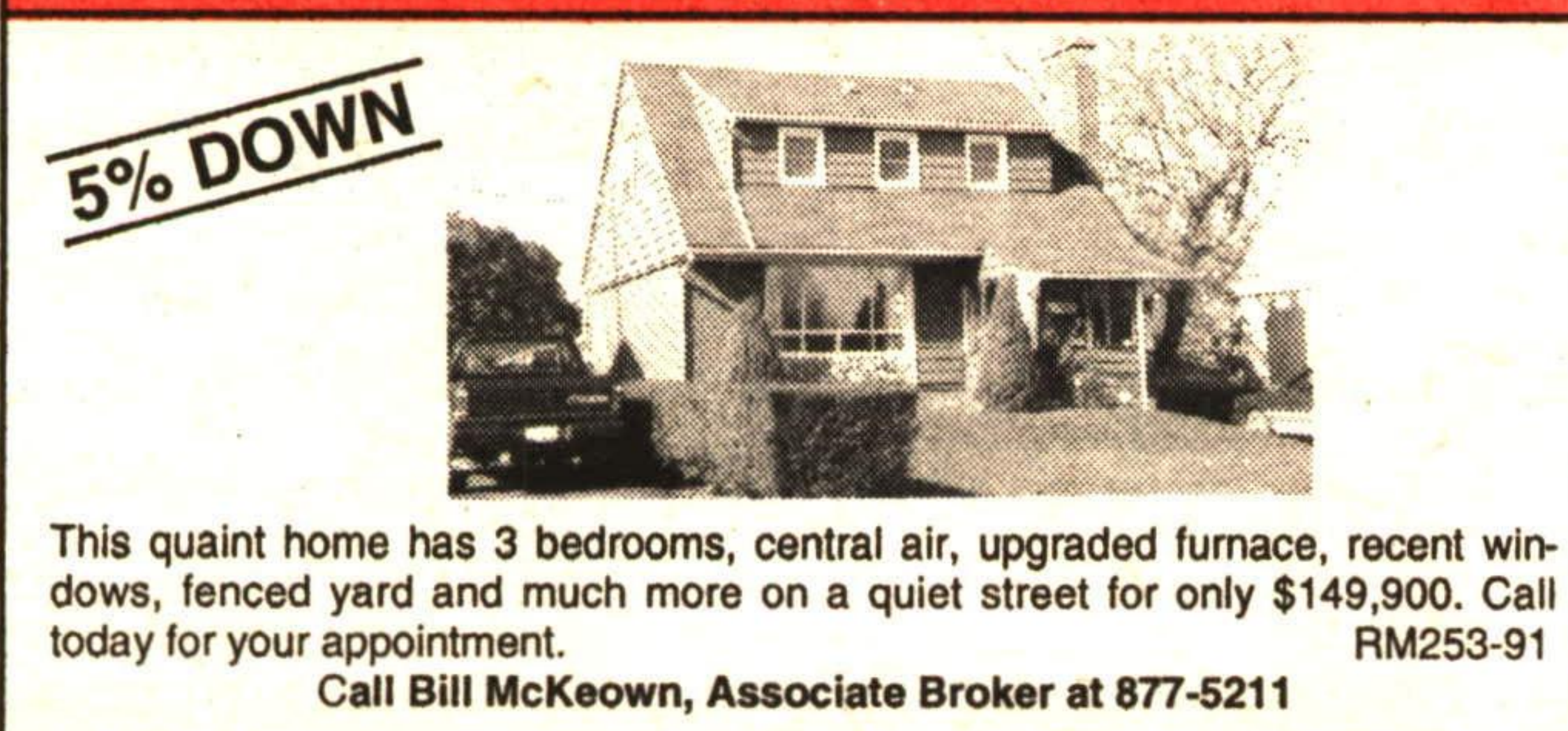
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