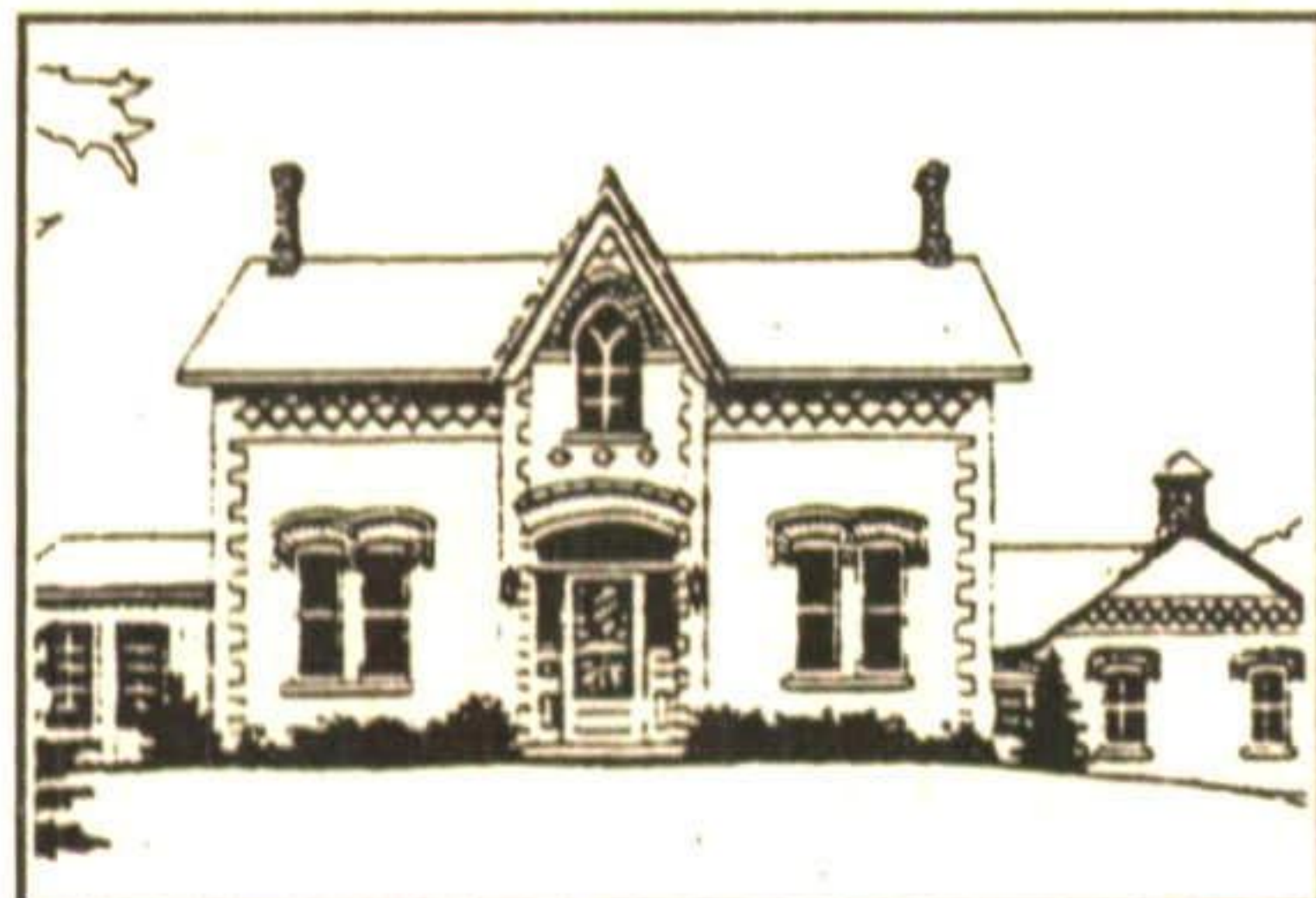


# Orton House Tour highlights architectural heritage



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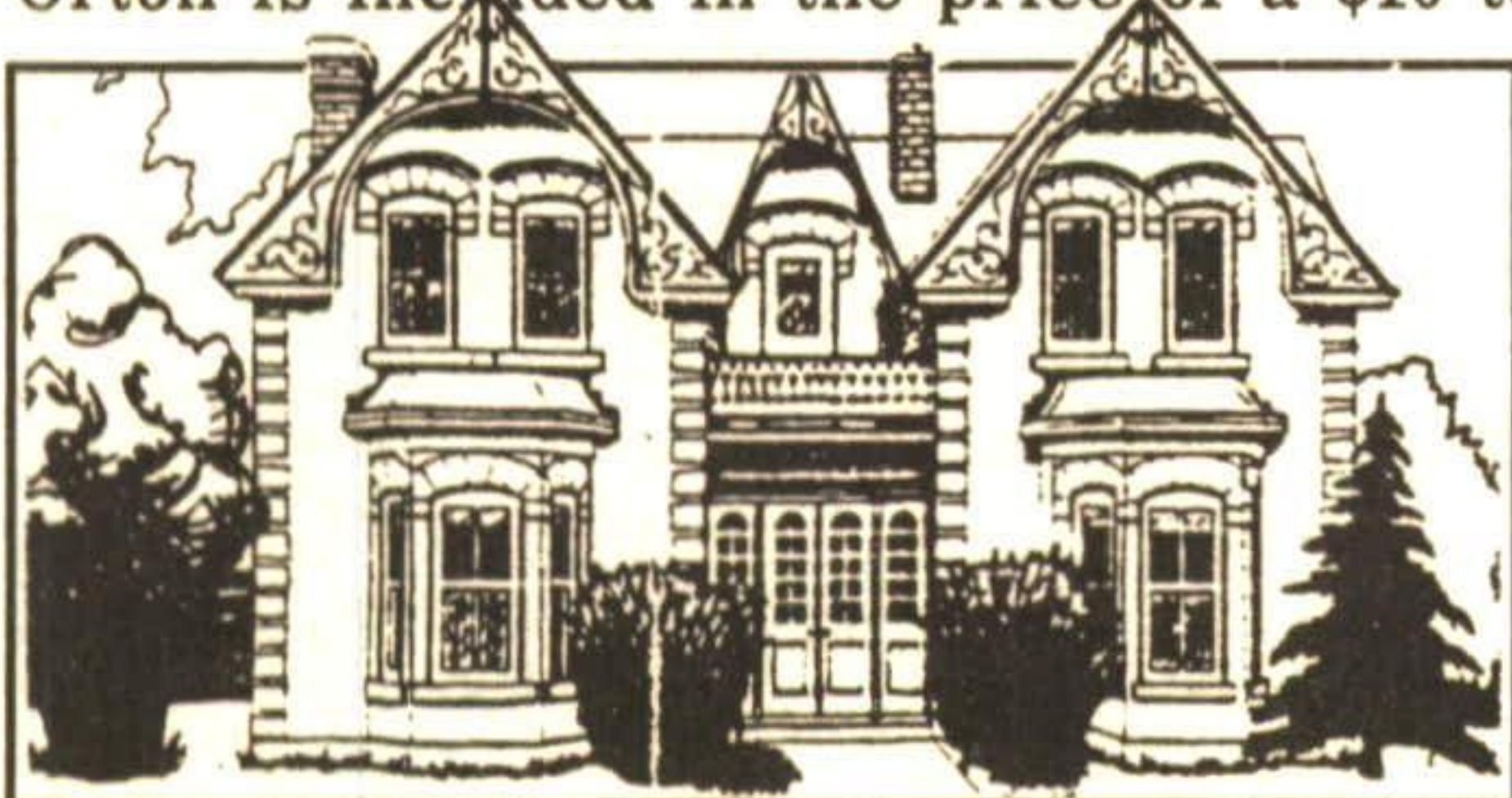
Known as Foxhall since 1979 this Victorian gothic house has undergone many changes since built in 1870. Trisha Romance captured the beauty of Foxhall in her painting Home Again. The print is displayed in the family room. The current owners are antique dealers and their treasures are displayed throughout.

Enjoy an autumn drive in the country and tour six beautifully restored heritage homes in the rural area surrounding the hamlet of Orton.

The Orton Heritage House Tour will take place on Saturday, September 19, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Built of brick and stone, the featured homes were constructed between 1866 and 1890. A former school house and a church, built in 1901, will also be open for this self-conducted tour.

A complimentary tea at St. John's United Church in Orton is included in the price of a \$10 tour ticket.



**WALNUT HOLLOW**

In 1842 James and Anna Leeson emigrated from Ireland and homesteaded this farm. The present house was built in 1883 for their son John Leeson as a gift from his brother Manesseh, an Orangeville hotelier and entrepreneur. The gorgeous cir-

Advance sale tickets are available by calling (519) 855-6209 or (519) 928-3308 or can be purchased at the Orton General Store.

In this year of Canada's 125th birthday, it seems appropriate to celebrate the history of architecture typical to southern Ontario and to applaud the restoration achievements of the owners of these handsome country homes.

The tour is sponsored by the Orton Community Association in an effort to raise funds to provide ongoing maintenance to the Orton Church.



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In 1901 this red brick schoolhouse was constructed and served as SS15 (later SS17) until 1965. The schoolhouse has been converted to a comfortable open concept home with ceilings and dormers. From digging on the property, the owners have found many school-related artifacts which will be on display during the tour.



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