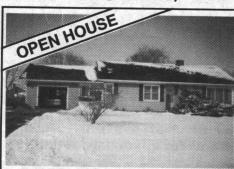
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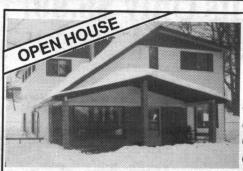
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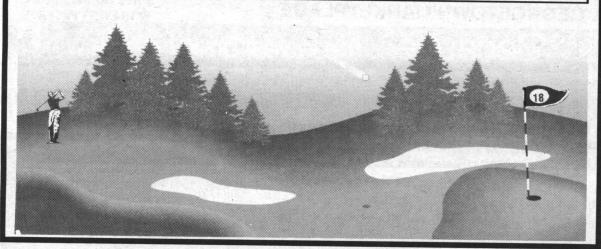
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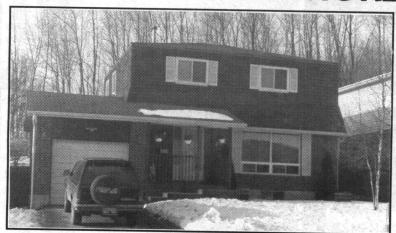
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# Confusion reigns supreme

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said during a recent telephone interview.

When Halton Hills This Week tried again to substantiate the information, the court employee said records show that Beecham attended the trial last Thursday. After being informed that both Beecham and the town official deny that, she said the only way of verifying the information is to get "an order for transript." She said "a clerical error" could have been made.

Mrs. Beecham's response to confusion surrounding what court records say was, "Now, you can see what we mean by a mix-up."

Stein said North Eastern Construction obtained a building permit from the town in September, 1991, for construction of an addition to a King Street house. Construction began shortly afterward.

The contractor is required to phone town hall for building inspections at specified intervals of construction, Stein explained. According to Stein, the builder first called for an inspection at the end of October, 1991. When the inspector arrived, he found the framing was up and ready to be examined. However, no inspection of the foundation or backfill had been done.

At that point, the inspector was satisfied that the foundation and backfill job had been done proper-

ly, but six violations were noted during the framing inspection.

"A complete breakdown in communication followed," Stein said.
"The builder continued to build but didn't call for inspections," he

Beecham contends he did call for inspections but no one came. He said he continued construction because winter was approaching and there was a need for a downstairs bedroom for an elderly resident of the house.

Two town orders were issued last March—one ordering the builder to correct building violations identified by the inspector and the other ordering the builder to uncover work that had already been done so the inspector could examine other parts of the construction project.

Beecham said he didn't receive either order; Stein said, "they were sent out by registered mail."

Besides the three charges related to building violations, charges against Beecham and his company included failing to comply with the town orders and permitting occupancy of the house addition before building inspections were completed.

As of Thursday, Beecham was still awaiting news of his conviction from the court through the mail. He said he'll hire a lawyer and begin the appeal process as soon as the court documents arrive.

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