

Out at the Ranch

with Bill Ellis



THE TRUCKERS

If you spend any time on the highways, you most likely have made note of the high numbers of vans and pick-ups out there. It seems almost everyone is a trucker of some type.

Now, take the pick-up truck person. The T.V. commercials and ads will lead you to believe that the pick-up owner is a breed apart. You know - the dog, the six pack, the hat - macho - things like that. You just have to be stirred by Bob Seger shouting out - "Like a Rock!"

And then you have the very popular mini-van. This is everybody's truck. It drives like a car - but hauls like a truck. It totes anything and everything, and it seems that every wife should have one.

And finally, you have "THE TRUCK". The full sized van. I mean the seven passenger, V8 engine and 1,000 lbs. of freight van! Some of them get fancied up enough to be a second home.

Apparently, all these truckers share one common belief. They have a supreme confidence in the machine and its ability to go almost anywhere. The vehicle sits the road with weight and stability. The driver rides above the auto traffic, and can generally see potential traffic problems up ahead with lots of warning.

A few years ago I was called upon to move some furniture for my mother. It looked like a full sized van would do the job nicely. I drove that rental van 150 miles that day - and I was hooked! It took several years

and two vans to get my habit satisfied - and I still won't talk about the average miles per gallon of gas consumed!

As a realtor, I could take my clients almost anywhere in my van. From the trail through the bush or down the farm laneway - even on the expressway. As a family that was always on the move, our vans hauled hobbies, furniture and all types of freight - even firewood by the cord. High winds have a tendency to make a van act like a sail on a boat, but the weight and tire size make the van a charm to drive in snow.

For a few years, I was a van driving nut. Whether hauling a load of belongings to Florida or hauling the whole gang to a football game in Detroit, or hauling a load of furniture for the family. Just name your cargo and the destination, and I was gone!

I even wound up with a license plate with the letters B.T.T. I swear that the B.T.T. was a mere coincidence. I did not buy a personalized plate! No matter what members of my family might say, that B.T.T. for "BIG TIME TRUCKER" was merely a stroke of fortunate happenstance!

Pat used to refer to me as a "driving fool" but how could you ever resist when granddaughter Kelly, would crawl up in the van passenger seat and sing out - "Let's Roll, Gramp!" Now, I ask you?

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NEW

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Bright and spacious with lots of charm. Private treed lot with inground pool. Greenhouse, sauna and 3+ bedrooms in Terra Cotta.

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NEW PRICE

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Quiet street with superb treed lot. Hardwood floors separate dining room and 4 bedrooms plus ensuite. This is special.

\$199,000. 93-2-590



NEW \$159,900

SPOTLESS IN ACTON

Don't drive by - come and see this private fenced yard with walk-out from diningroom. Maintenance free to leave you time to enjoy your family.

93-2-430

LOTS AND LOTS OF LOTS

*Views of the fall colours changing in the Niagara Escarpment, watch the horses in the surrounding farms graze, enjoy the easy access to Hwy. 10 or 410 for commuting and the proximity for golf, skiing, riding and tennis. Priced between \$135,000 and \$170,000 - Take your pick of 7 available lots. Vendors will hold some financing.

*10 acres-Erin Driveway is in - suitable for horses. \$89,000

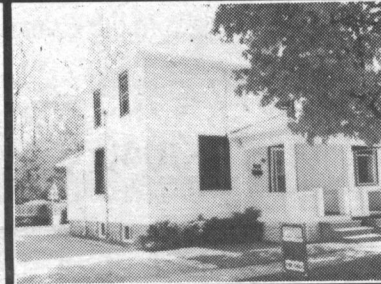
*45 acres-Erin - Mixed orchard, bush and farmland, pretty views, paved road. \$189,000



COUNTRY STARTER - ERIN

3+ acres with spacious 2 bedroom home with one level living. Sunroom, woodstove and vaulted ceilings make it home.

\$174,900. 93-2-260



HOME OWNERSHIP BENEFITS

High ceilings, bright rooms, quiet street, your own pool. Upgrades include shingles, windows & pool. You won't be disappointed at \$119,000.

93-2-358



CALEDON NEW PRICE

1868 stone classic with 30 ft. living room with exposed stone interior, floor to ceiling stone fireplace + beamed cathedral ceiling. Log cabin, plus board & batten guest building or office plus pool and barns on 64 prime Caledon acres.

93-2-392



ROCKWOOD MATURITY PRIVACY

Wait until you see this yard - superb! Character home with vaulted ceilings, hot tub, deck and 4 bedrooms - 2 with ensuites. Quiet mature street.

93-2-483



WANT SOMETHING UNIQUE??

It's spectacular and words don't describe it. Fabulous 5 acres. Open concept yet cozy with flagstone flooring, designer toilet, screened in porch, separate guest quarters and more.

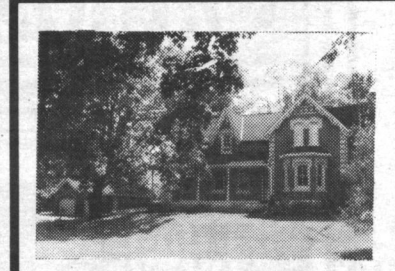
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A DEFINITE UNDERSTATEMENT

Open the doors and you will say "WOW". Privacy on 20 mature treed acres. Location in Caledon. A bright and spacious executive home ready for all your needs.

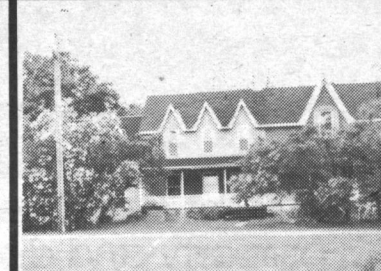
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THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE

Superb restoration with 5 fireplaces and the character of a brick Victorian. It's bigger than it looks, the land is being farmed, the pond and stream add a new dimension to country living.

93-2-332



GENTLEMAN FARMERS - 47 ACRES

This 5 bedroom home is waiting for your family to enjoy along with the pond, the barn, the fields. Huge country kitchen.

93-2-396



A MUST TO SEE

The garden is harvested so sit back and enjoy the warmth of the fireplaces. Watch the birds from your kitchen overlooking your 10 acres of privacy - A must to see!

93-2-539



WHERE TO RAISE YOUR FAMILY

Right here on 29 private acres with bright custom home complete with sunroom, hot tub, sauna, plus cozy family room, 40x60 outbuilding, paved driveway all south of Hwy 7.

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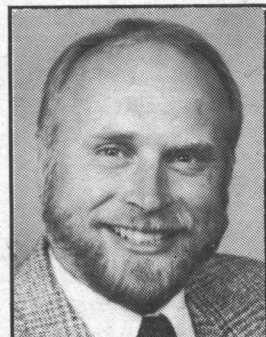
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