

Raider centre makes the grade for Under-17 championships

Usually, getting called off the ice during practice to take a phone call could mean nothing but bad news.

But for the Georgetown Raiders' Joe Tenute, the news couldn't have been better. Tenute was named to Team Ontario and will represent the province at the World Under-17 Hockey Championships in Timmins, Ont. Dec. 27-Jan. 3.

"I was so excited I couldn't think straight," the 16-year-old rookie said. "I don't think I made a good pass the rest of the practice."

Tenute went to tryouts in June and the candidates for the team were pared down to 35. When the season began, team officials followed the progress of the players to make their final selections.

That's where Raider GM Jack Moon and coach Jay Anderson got their first look at the 5'10", 186-pound centre.

"We thought he was in the top five forwards in the camp," Moon said. "We liked his speed and his puck control. He's a very skilled player."

Tenute also made an impression on those selecting the Under-17 team with his 12 goals and 32 points in 25 games. That included a hat-trick in Tuesday's 6-2 win over Streetsville, his first game since being named to the team.

"It was kind of a relief to go out and play without any of that on my mind," he said.

That doesn't mean the work is over for Tenute. The former North York Canadien will be receiving a book filled with systems he'll be expected to learn before the tournament. That will be important considering the short amount of time the team will be together.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



JOE TENUTE

Abuse prevention clinic to be held Dec. 1


The Red Cross, the OMHA and the OHA will present an abuse prevention seminar on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at Georgetown High School for coaches, trainers, referees, parents and volunteers.

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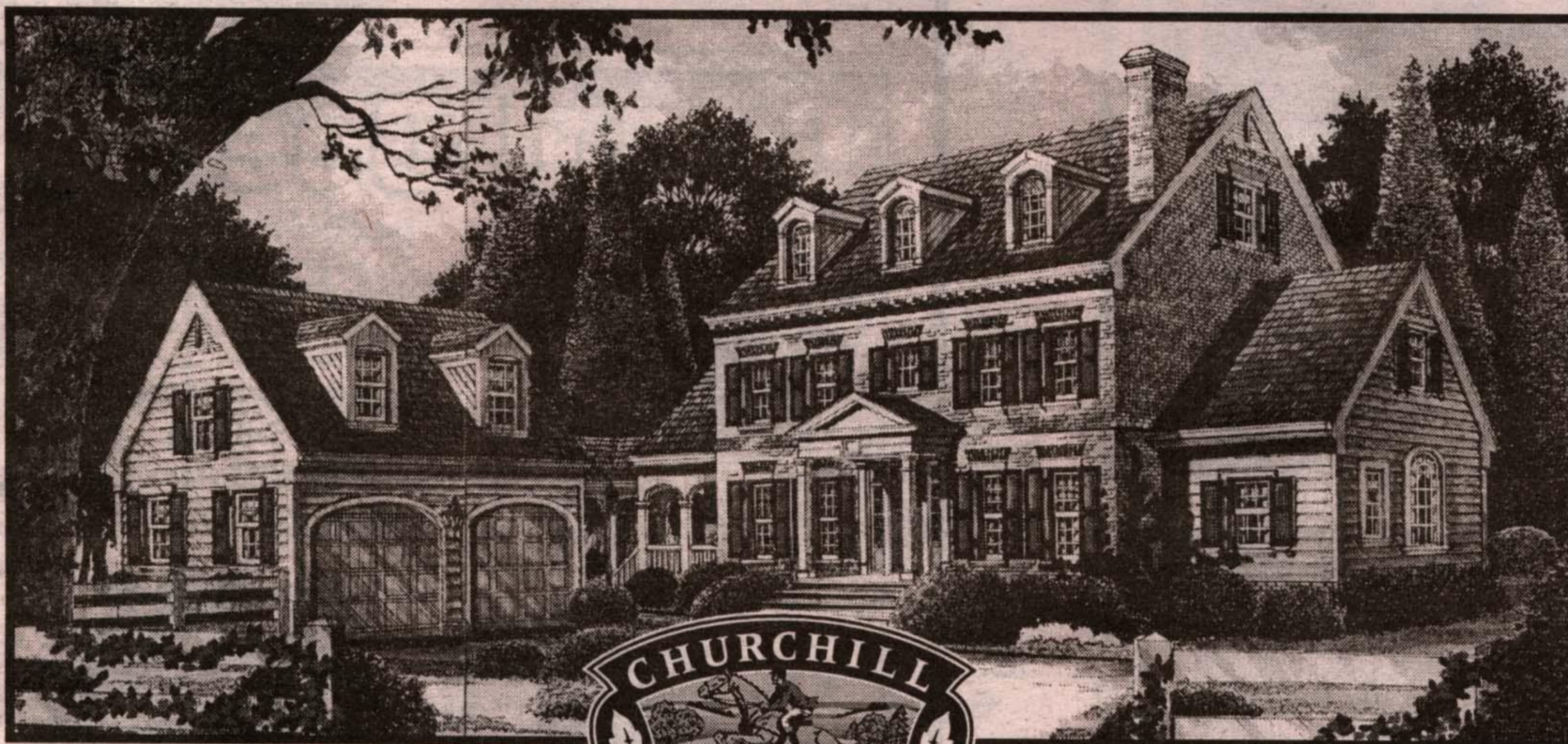
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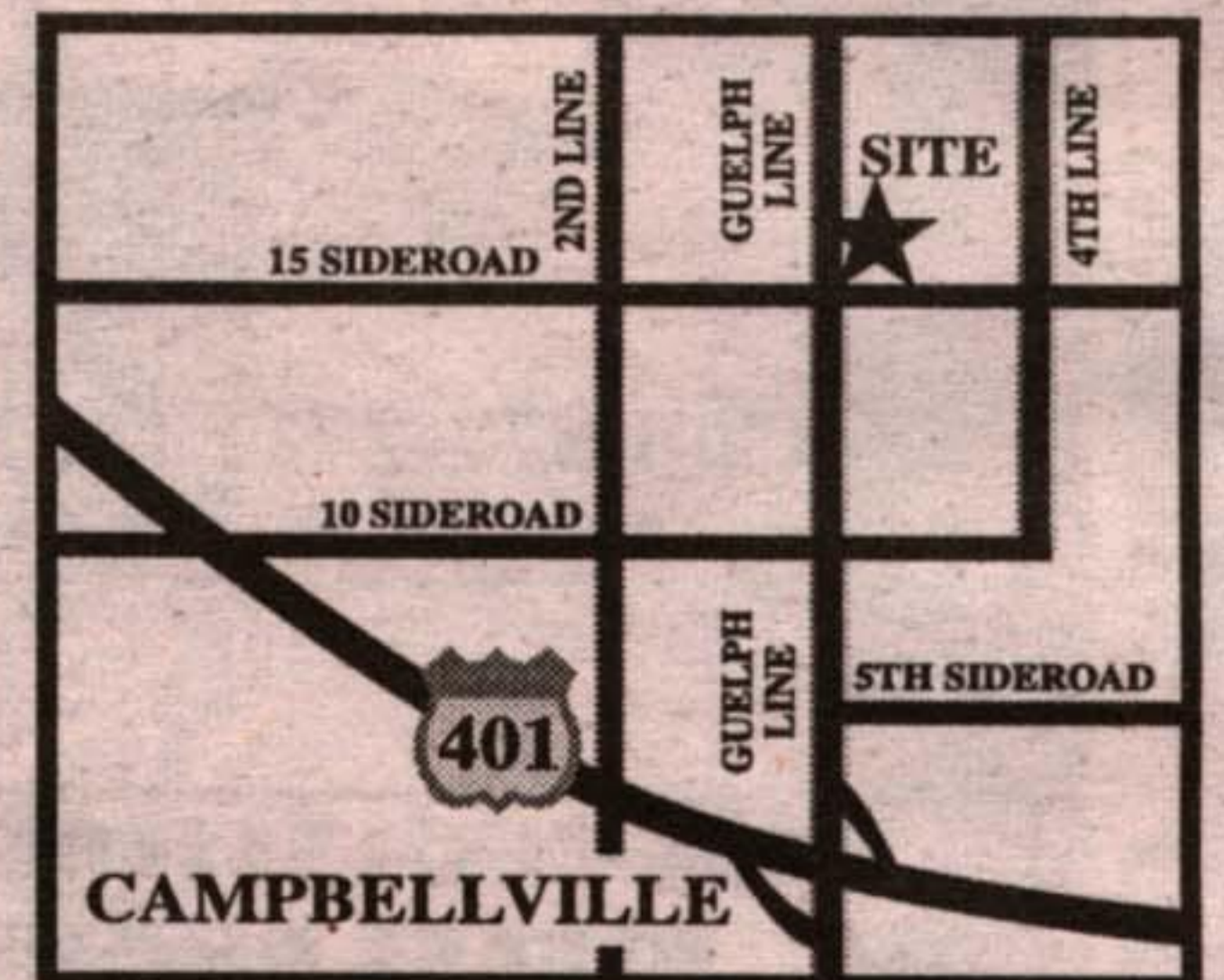


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