

Get the most from your wood burning system

Heating with wood not only saves money, it also helps the environment because, unlike fossil fuels, wood is a renewable resource.

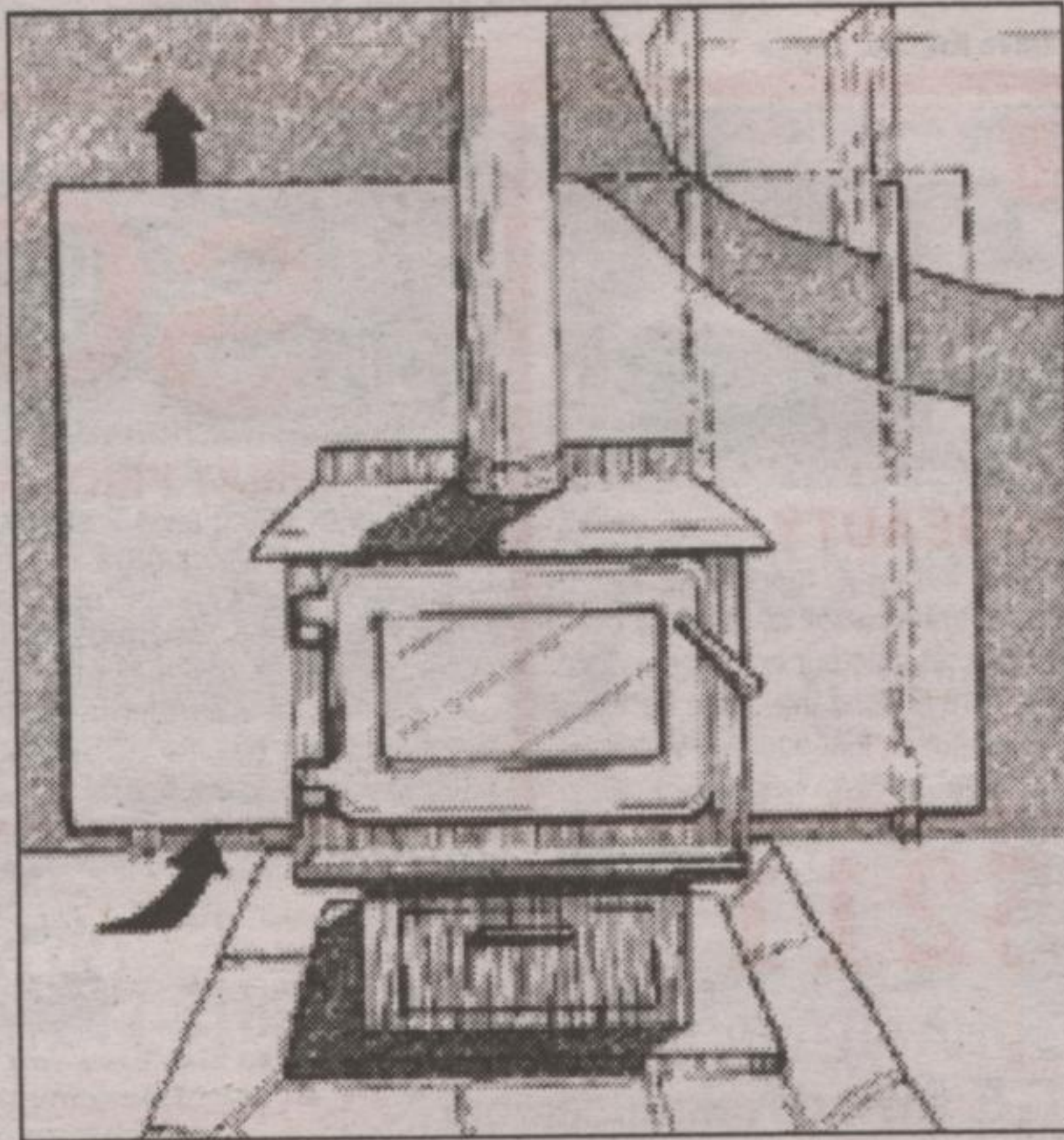
Here are some tips on how to get the best performance from your wood-burning system:

If the owner's manual for your appliance has specialized operating instructions, refer to them often as you get accustomed to the new system. If only general information is provided, ask your dealer for advice and consider the following suggestions:

- never let a fire smoulder; the wood should be flaming until it is reduced to charcoal
- you should not see smoke from your chimney except when a fire is first lit or for a few minutes after refueling
- in milder weather, build small, hot fires to take the chill off; do not fill up the fire-box then turn the air control down to produce a smouldering fire
- a stable fire is

always made up of at least three pieces of wood

- in making small hot fires, use smaller pieces rather than fewer pieces per load
- each new load of wood should be burned hot until the pieces warm up and a layer of charcoal forms on them
- the glass doors on modern wood stoves and fireplaces are designed to stay clear; dark stains are a sign of smouldering caused by slow burning or poor fuel
- you should not smell wood smoke inside your house; if your system smokes or smells, contact a certified professional to identify and fix the problem



Wood burning is better for the environment

In addition to the beauty and warmth it offers, a fire burning efficiently in an advanced, clean burning wood stove or fireplace can provide real environmental benefits.

These days the media is full of reports about the need to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. These gases, carbon dioxide in particular, are causing the average global temperatures to rise each year. If left unchecked, the resulting climate changes will create great hardship for all of us. The best way to help the environment is to reduce the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas.

While savings and aesthetics probably inspire most people who heat with wood, the health of the environment is another good reason. Wood differs from fossil fuels because it is renewable. As a tree grows, it absorbs carbon dioxide from the air and stores it in the wood as carbon. This carbon makes up about half of the weight of wood. When wood is burned, carbon dioxide is released again into the atmosphere, the same

amount that would have been released had the tree died naturally and rotted on the forest floor. In short, our forests can provide a perpetual fuel supply if they are cared for and managed properly.

Let energy from the forest light up your hearth this winter and do the environment a favour at the same time.

For more information about clean burning wood-heating appliances, visit the Natural Resources Canada Web site at www.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/reed/public_e.htm, or visit Wood Heat's comprehensive Canadian site about wood heating at <http://woodheat.org>

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The basics

There are ways you can improve the performance of your wood burning stove.

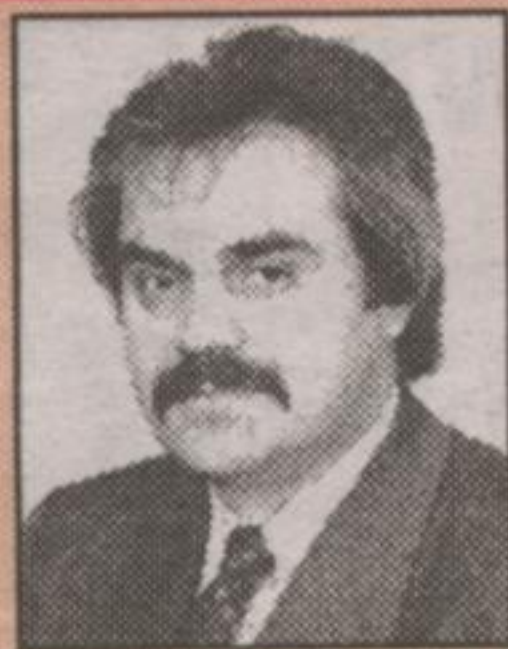
Wet wood makes efficient wood heating impossible. As a general guide, firewood that is cut, split and stacked under cover in the spring will be ready for burning that fall. The wood should be kept outside in an open area to dry. Avoid storing unseasoned wood in your basement because it can support the growth of unhealthy molds.

The moisture in firewood, which is 35 to 50 per cent water by weight when cut, slows the combustion process and produces an

inefficient fire that is slow to start and hard to sustain. Properly seasoned wood is around 20 per cent. This moderate moisture content actually stabilizes the combustion process by preventing the wood from burning too quickly.

Remember:

- Burn only dry firewood in your stove.
- Don't burn painted or treated wood, wood with nails, or salt-water driftwood.
- Don't burn garbage, plastics or rubber.
- Use newspapers and small dry pieces of wood to kindle a fire—never use liquid fire starters.



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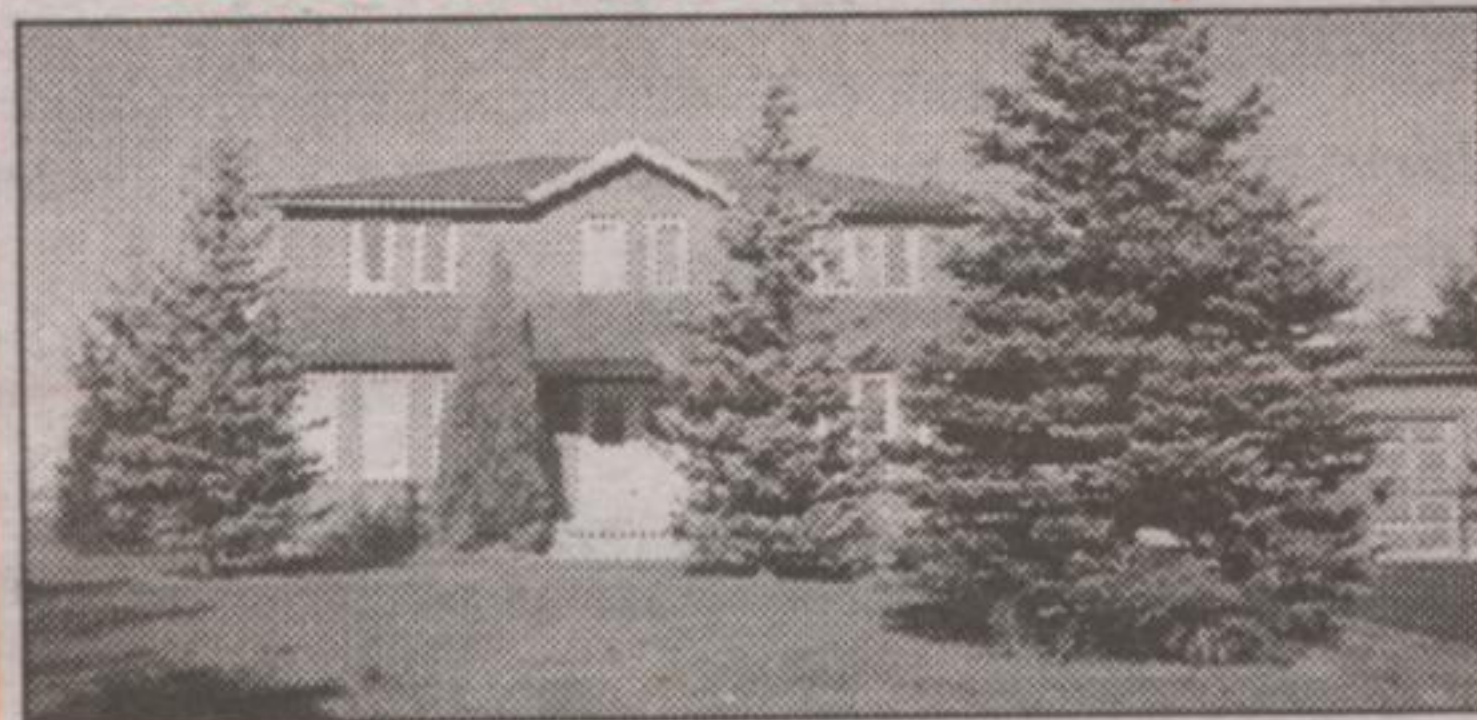
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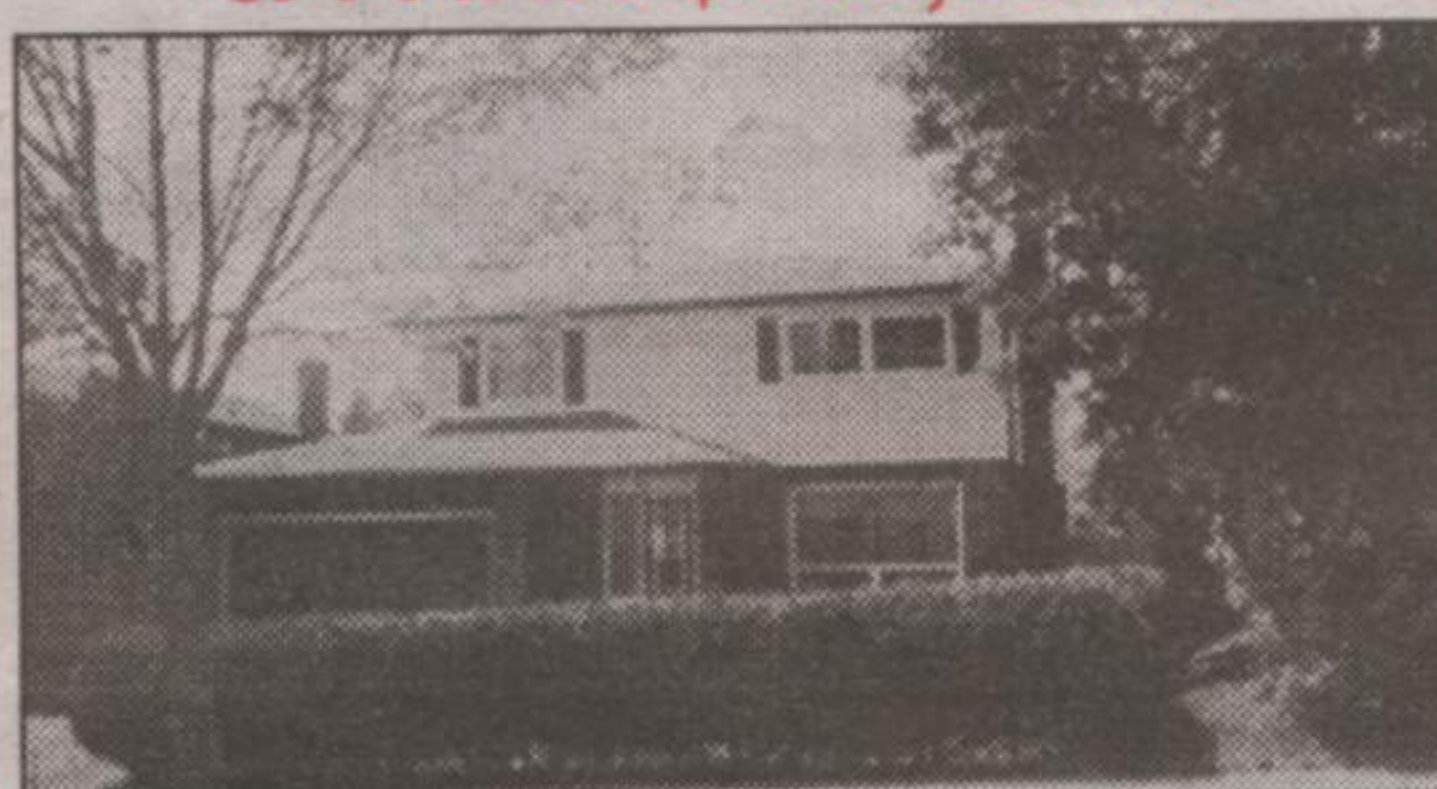
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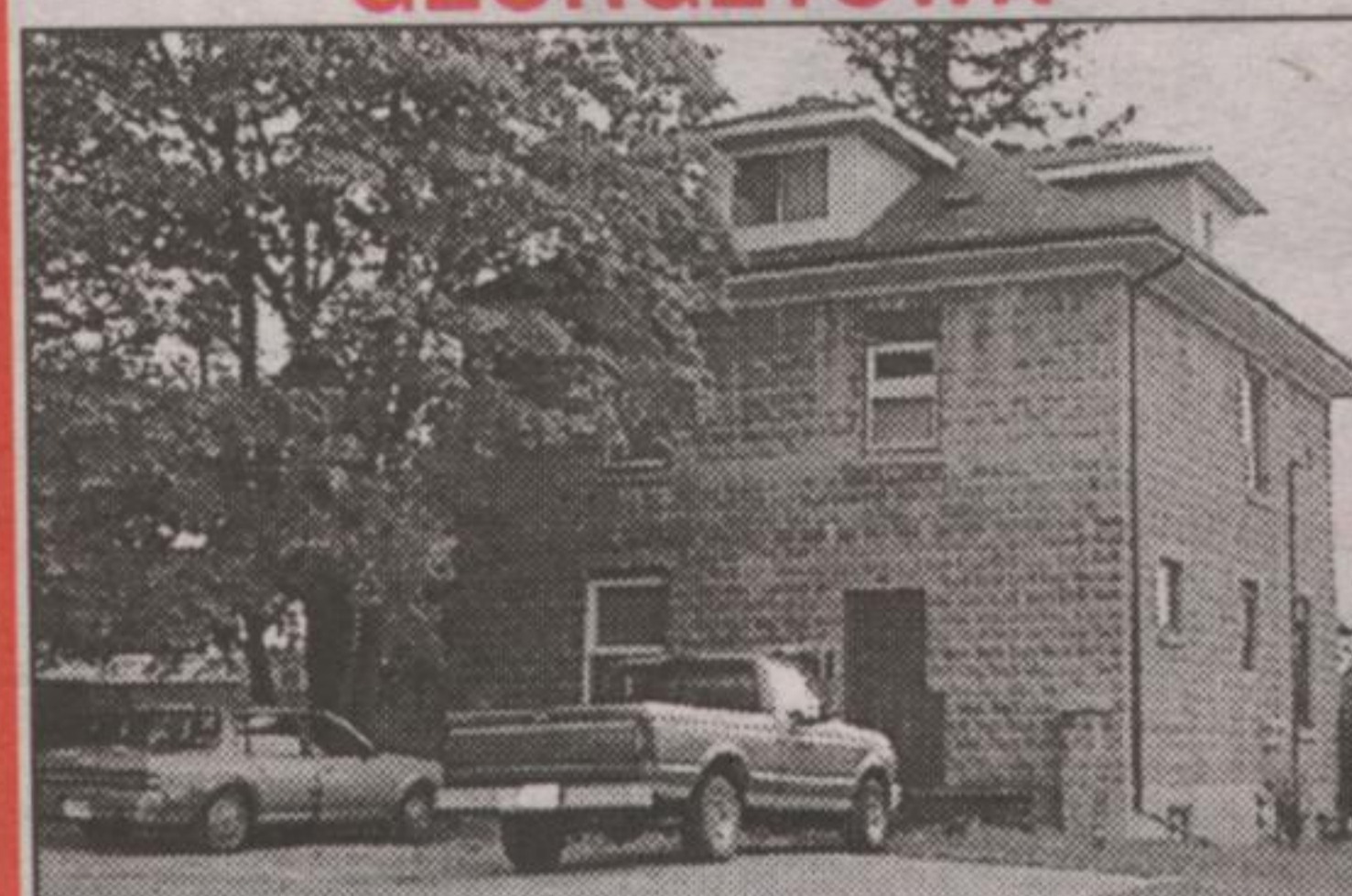
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