

Give your home added appeal before it goes on the market

If you're in the market to sell your home, you'll want to get the most out of your investment. Added curb appeal will help draw in prospective buyers.

"People buying an existing home often want to do their own remodeling, so you probably don't want to do any major overhauls, but cosmetic fix-ups are definitely a must," says Ted Harrison of Moen Canada, the leading brand of faucets for the new home construction, renovation, and repair markets.

Harrison offers these simple and cost-effective tips to spruce-up your home and provide greater buyer appeal.

Landscaping: Take the time to mow the lawn, trim the hedges, and plant some new flowers to create a more attractive and inviting exterior.

Lighting: A clever way to show off your home is lighting. Replace old light fixtures with recessed pot lights or dimmers, and ensure you change all burnt-out light bulbs.

Faucets: A new faucet is an inexpensive way to freshen up kitchens and bathrooms, the most critically assessed rooms by potential buyers. Create a high-end, designer look with the range of new faucet finishes available, such as Moen's LifeShine copper and stainless, to coordinate with appliances and cookware.

Carpets: Steam clean your carpets!



Not only will this remove some of the signs of wear, especially in high traffic areas, it will also minimize smoke, animal and other odours.

Paint: Blast new energy into your home with a fresh coat of paint. Neutral colours work best when selling your home — create an accent wall to add drama.

Clean it up: Get rid of unwanted pieces and mismatched odds and ends. Your home will look more organized, spacious and inviting. Ensure all is tidy and stored neatly in its place, and aim to keep it that way. Potential buyers will take notice of dirty dishes in the sink and unmade beds.

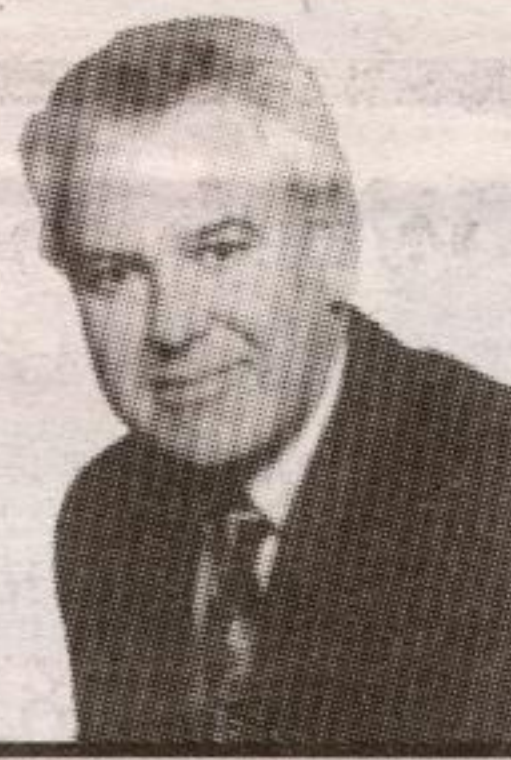
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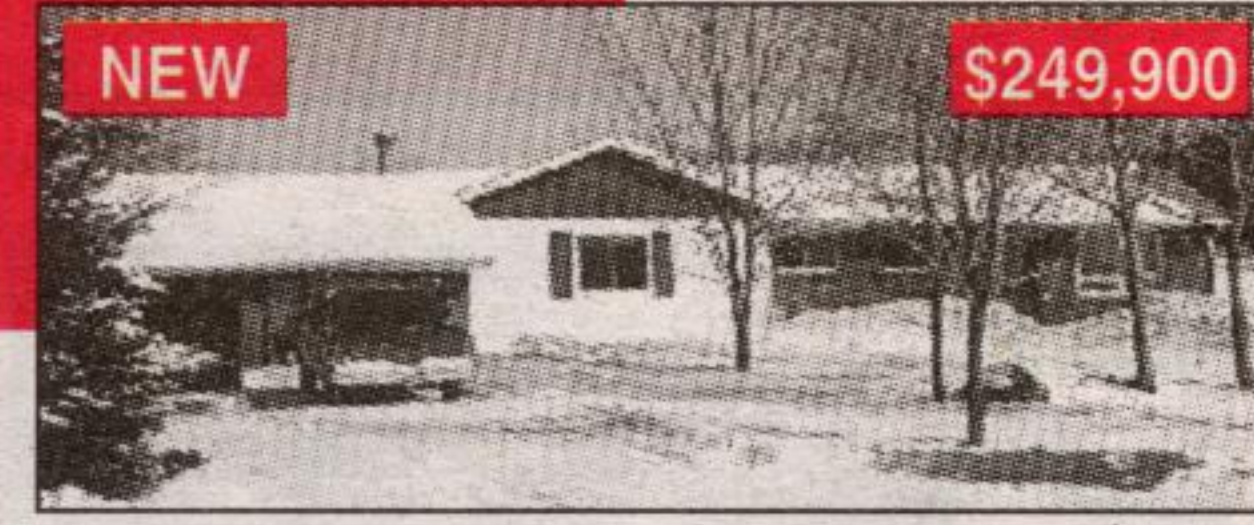
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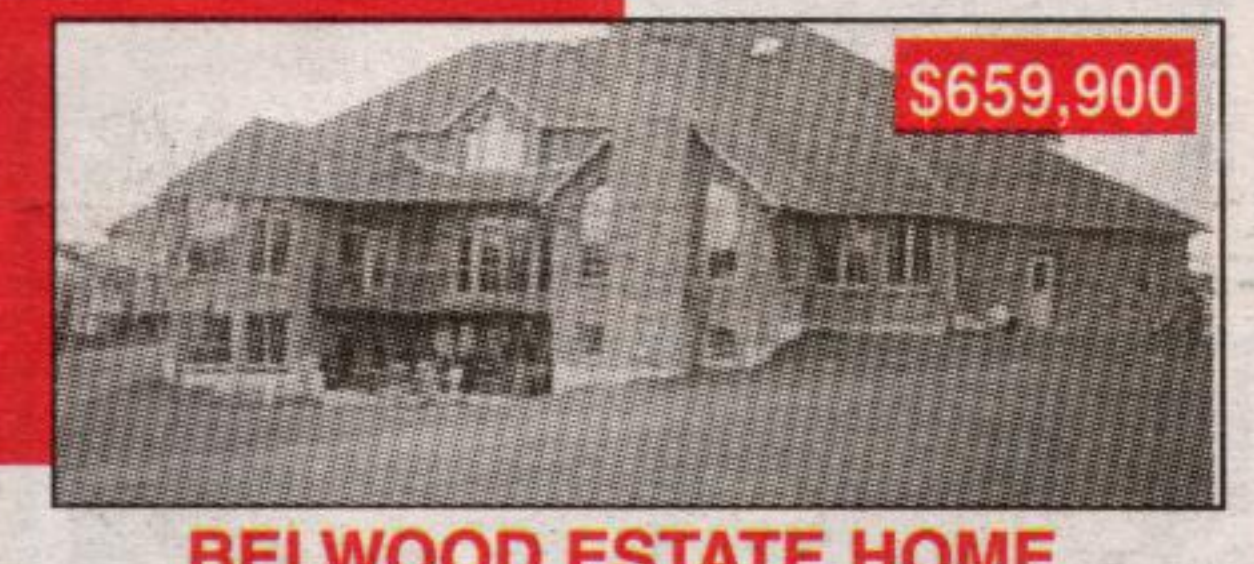


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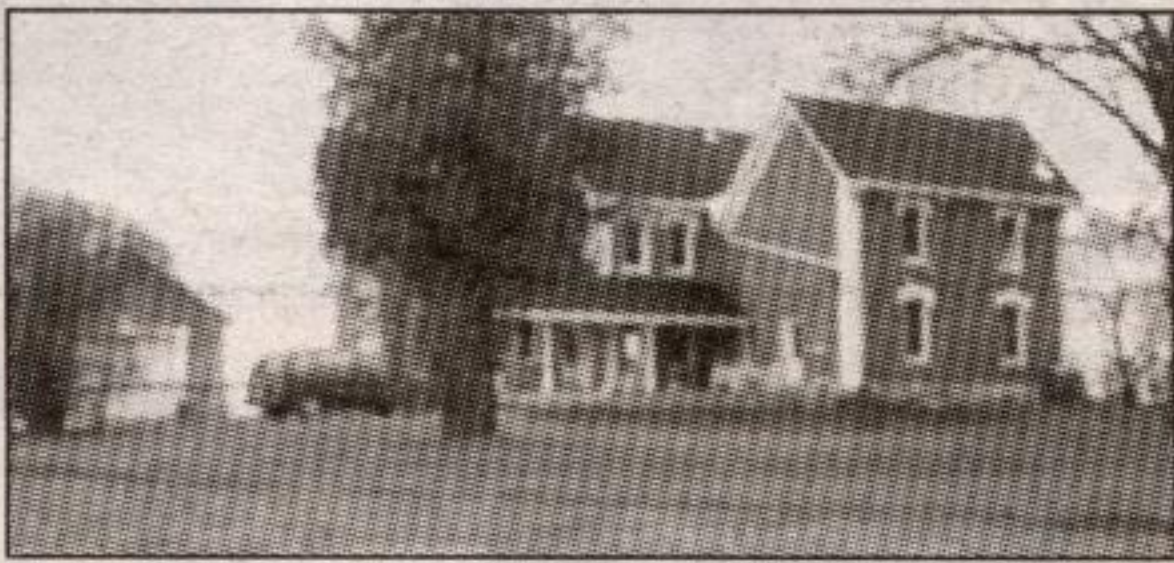
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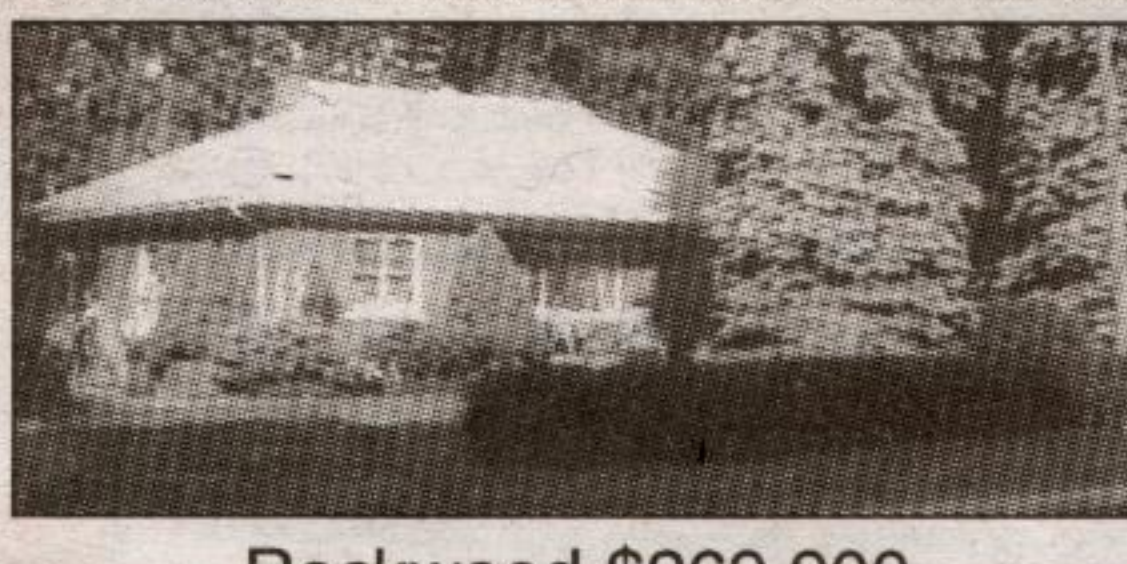
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