

# Horticultural Society selects best gardens



A CANADIAN FLAG made of flowers is foremost in 88-year-old Richard Tinkler's garden

in Kilbride. The Tinklers have been in the market gardening field for over 50 years.

## Practice makes perfect

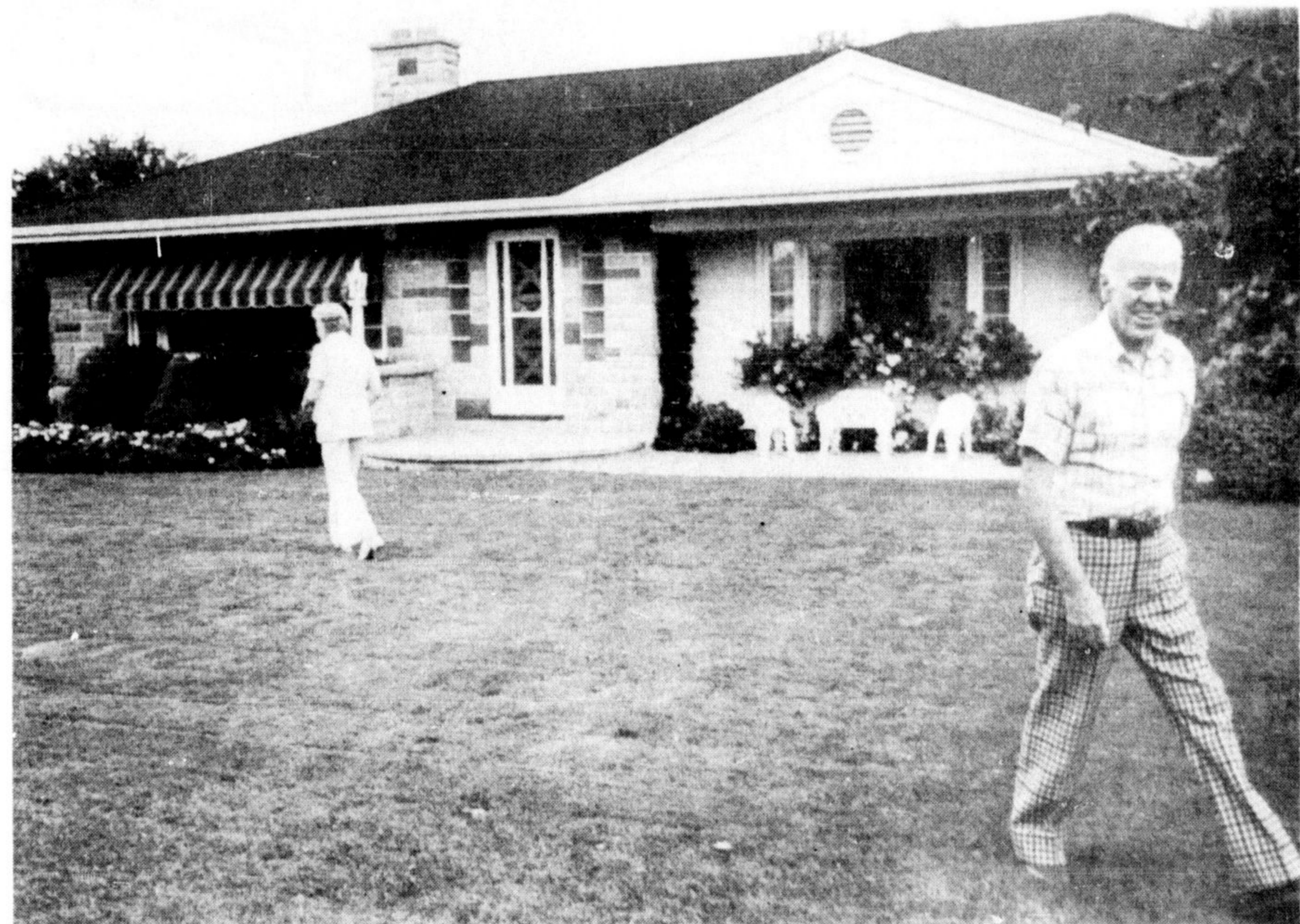
### A lifetime of gardening

By Peter McCusker  
If you have been searching the world over for an example of the axiom "practice makes perfect," then you have been wasting your time. A living example of talent can be found in the gardens of Richard Tinkler of Kilbride. The 88-year-old Mr. Tinkler and his wife Jane proudly possess the proverbial green thumb. The 32 varieties of flowers that inhabit the Tinkler gardens are as impressive to the eye as the graphic design he has incorporated in the bed arrangements. The Tinkler Centennial Project still blossoms as a Canadian flag made of white and red fibrous rooted

begonias. This living flag enjoys a prominent front and centre location in the Tinklers' garden scheme. The Tinkler 2.5 acres has decreased from the nine acres they possessed while in the work force. Their daughter, Mrs. Frank Greenlees, lives next door. Mr. Tinkler came to the Milton area in 1923 and lived on the escarpment for 23 years. It was 32 years ago he built his present home at 7040 McNiven Road at R.R. 3, Campbellville. Gardening has always been in Mr. Tinkler's blood, he says. He hails from Spalding, South Lincolnshire, England where acres of tulips and market gardens survive on

land reclaimed from the sea. The area is appropriately called the "Finlands". In England Mr. Tinkler worked as a gardener on a few private estates before coming to Canada for the first time in 1914. He went back to England at the outbreak of the first World War and served in the British Horse Artillery. He made his second visit to Canada in 1919 and stayed. The Tinklers spend eight hours each day around their home and gardens—weeding, clipping and irrigating. He admitted they don't do much in the winter. He said he felt the soil here was not so good but not altogether bad, describing the

gravelly loam, and told The Champion that it could be worse. As an example he cited the clay in Milton going south into Oakville. A market gardener here for 50 years, he can't foresee any major problem for young people who may wish to enter market gardening as a means of earning a living. He found timing was the big problem: sowing the seeds at the right time and maintaining the season. But no matter what problems the Tinklers encountered during their past years as market gardeners, the evidence of their growing prowess is in the pudding—rather, the garden.



AMONG THE WINNERS in the Horticultural Society's front yard competition was the John Bell home at 323 Martin St. in town. Judge Russ Gomme, secretary of the Ontario Horticultural Societies Association was the judge.

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"You have a beautiful town here," remarked Russ Gomme, the Associate Director of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, after he toured Milton spotting, at random, the residences that could qualify for a Horticultural Certificate of Merit. He told Milton and District Horticultural Society president Leonard McNeil "it was most gratifying to find in every part of town, residents taking great pride in the appearance of the lawns, flower gardens and homes as they are viewed from the street by the touring visitor."

As a civic project, the Society had undertaken to honor eight residents for their outstanding contribution to the beautification of the community. "In this way it was hoped that residents would be encouraged to continue to make each of their homes distinctive horticulturally through the planting of hedges, flower beds, and trees and through caring for their lawns," Mr. McNeil said.

Since no entries were requested and the criteria for judging was not made known in advance, no placement order will be recognized by the Society. Only after many homes were observed and judged at random were the certificates awarded.

The following residents of the Milton district have been invited to attend the meeting of the Horticultural Society in the UAW Centre, Martin St., at 8.15 next Monday evening, Sept. 19 to receive their certificates: (The names are listed alphabetically)



MRS. CLIFF WRIGGLESWORTH is pictured in the front yard at her R.R. 2 Georgetown home.

The bungalow on Seventh Line north of Hornby is attractively decorated with shrubs and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, 323 Martin St.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. T. Grady, 626 Churchill Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Higgs, 3243 Main St. W.; Mr. Maurice Readhead, RR 2 Milton; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, 381 McNabb St.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tinkler, R.R. 3, Campbellville; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wrigglesworth, R.R. 2 Georgetown; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Zardow, 141 Meadowbrook Dr., Milton. It was noted that Mr. Tinkler has been a member of the local horticultural society for more than 10 years and he was recognized by the society in 1974 for his continuous meritorious service to the society. In spite of their advanced years, Mr. and Mrs. Tinkler take great pride in making their home a show-

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