

For sale, home on the water. More than a few casual passersby have paused for a double take at Steve Aitken's largest project, a floating home. The Milton contractor hopes that similar houseboats will be the key to lakefront living at a fraction of the cost for a number of prospective clients.

Builder sees houseboat as a housing alternative

By Terry Ruggles They've become popular along the western seaboard, and chances are they may soon dot our Great Lake harbours. For those wishing to

get away from the hustle of urban living and for the many who cannot afford the high cost of lakefront property-h-ouseboats may become the answer.

At Bronte Harbour, Steve Aitken, a 28-yearold, Milton general contractor, is in the final stages of completing his first houseboat. It's a venture which he hopes may blossom into lucrative enterprise.

Until he finds a buyer, Mr. Aitken intends on the houseboat as

Owning a houseboat ' an idea that will probably catch on very quickly,' he says. "It's surprising sooner in this area."

The cost of a lakefront cottage in the Muskokas can run as high \$100,000 says Mr. Aitken, a sum quite out of reach for most couples.

Mr. Aitken plans on selling his houseboat for he believes price he hopes will be attractive to many apartment dwellers seeking a lakeside summer place.

The living area of the houseboat is 450 sq. ft. divided into a washroom, dining area, and bedroom loft.

The ceiling is made of pine with dual skylights and a half circle window

looking out from the loft affords panoramic view of the

From the inside it wil. look much like a contemporary, open concept apartment, says Mr. Aitken, that can be fitted in an average

"You can have washer and dryer put in, and even a dishwasher if you want. 'The only difference

with this house is that it floats," he said. The structure of the

building has been completely insulated so that Mr. Aitken estimates winter fuel costs at only electric

facilitate extra heat, and for an added touch of class, a woodstove will sit in the corner of the front living area.

The houseboat is not made for touring about rivers and lakes but can be easily transported assures Aitken "by a boat the size of a Roundabout."

It can be placed on land or moored in a harbor. "A house is not really that heavy."

To prevent the house-

Mr. Aitken, a boating enthusiast for years designed the hull the building itself was designed by Sue Pink.

Councillors pass town budget

passed last week, and with major hikes in Board of Education crease for rural Milton

would be levied.

proposing to increase the

by hiring 12 child care

workers, with in the

pupil-teacher ratio. They

would also counsel the

Pilot project for drop out students

Board of Education west ding abilities, among other goals.

Most of the students would special attention are boys under 16 years of age who academically. Some of them face police charges. There are slightly fewer girls in the same group. solution proposed in the board's early adolescent cominterim provide report is to

these students. Increased counse lling of such students is

the other ploy.

foot trawler the Isle of

Skye which appeared in a

five-page spread in the

"I've been thinking

about building a house-

boat for the last three

years. With the support

been the realization of a

dream come true," he

houseboat began about

three weeks ago, and

delivery of a complete

houseboat can be made in

four weeks, says Mr.

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alternate education to

"has the identified need," according to the report. Headquarters for the project would be Nelson High School.

In addition to helping such students improve their sense of worth; the project would examine ways of improving their fitness, social skills and generally get them out doing things.

committee's limit would enrolment at 18 in each course. To fund the

Finance and Treasurer Don Lougheed said one of the major reasons for clusion of the hikes from the board of education and the region which set record-breaking budgets earlier in April.

programs this year and that has also caused the 1981 levy to increase. The fire department is

to build, equip and man a new substation on Derry Rd. The fire department there will be an afterhours number.

"This will be a giant step forward for the Town of Milton,"

Lougheed said. The Parks Recreation Department

will put new washrooms in Drumquin Park during 1981. At the same time the town will purchase a property. . . on the corner of Thompson Rd. and Main St. and new master for recreational needs will be complete in

new equipment for the department will cost

Council also will help fund the updating of computer services in the Finance Department and make the last payment on the computer system for the library.

Town of 877-5185

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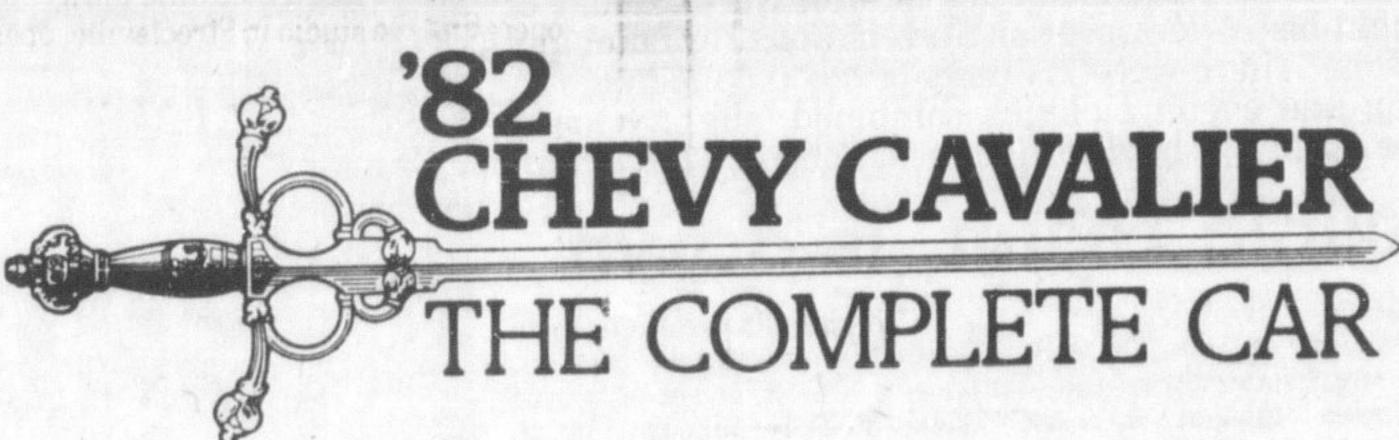
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Dog-gone, he's caught!

Maplehurst inmate Maurice Kurys probably doesn't feel a dog is always man's best friend.

That is because police dog "Max" was responsible for sniffing out Kurys, when the 18year-old made his escape from Maplehurst grounds Thursday morning.

Kurys, who was serving an 18-month sentence for robbery, bolted from a work gang at approximately 10.30, running across Highway 401 to the fields beyond. Halton Regional Police banded together with

Milton OPP, Maplehurst guards and an OPP aircraft to recapture the youth. But it wasn't until the arrival of "Max"-a police dog with Peel Regional Police-that Kurys was discovered hiding in nearby brush.

immediately and within a short time dog handler Constable Wayne Penner made the arrest. Kurys has been charged with escaping lawful custody and is due to appear in court this week.

* Lynx

★ Cougar XR-7

* Marquis

* Bobcats

* Zephyrs

* Monarchs

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* Capris

The dog apparently picked up the scent

"This (the houseboat) only weighs about 10 tons," he said.

boat from freezing in the lake during the winter Aitken proposes to pump air bubbles around the structure or to heat the hull with electric coils.

Last fall he sold his 37-★ F-150 Pick-ups * Econoline Window Vans RENT-A-CAR & 8-Passenger Club Wagons * E-350 14' Van

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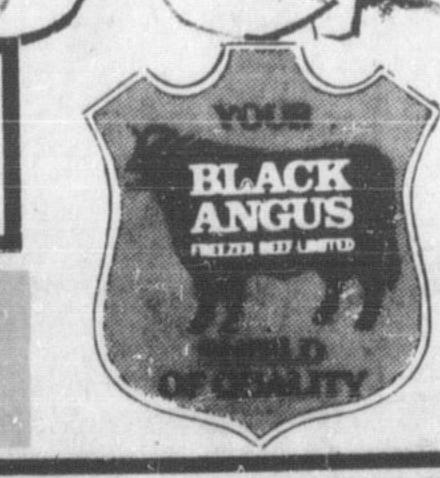
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