

Our readers write

An underserved shot

Dear Editor:

These comments are directed to the readers of a letter by Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Rath of Milton, which appeared in the Sept. 30 issue of The Canadian Champion. The article was entitled "Computers goofed!". I am the one responsible for computer-related problems of the Halton Board of Education. The contents of this letter are my own personal feelings and thoughts, and not necessarily those of the Board, or any of its employees.

Computers don't goof, in much the same way as automobiles don't cause accidents, without people. It is quite a nice thought, to have a machine to pass the buck to, at least it can't rebut! So much for that.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath's concern surrounds the conflicts between cafeteria hours and the timetable assigned their children. As a parent, I can appreciate this situation. I guess the thing that triggered this response is one paragraph in their letter, and I'd like to quote that here:

"It would appear to my husband and myself, the Halton Board of Education is totally irresponsible in their approach to planning their classes, or are the students supposed to not inconvenience the Board in any way?"

I do think this was an overly harsh statement to make. It may be, however, that Mr. and Mrs. Rath did not realize the magnitude of the Board's activities.

E.C. Drury has an enrolment this year of 801 students, who are offered a choice of 205 separate courses. Each student chooses his or her courses from the list of 205 courses, according to their level and preference. This is

done prior to the end of the current school year, for the next one. An average of one in five students change their minds, leave the school, or move to the area before the new school year starts.

Now, if you think about the actuarial nightmare it is to accommodate the personal schedule of every student, without the odd conflict that cannot be resolved, it will be quite clear why computers are used to do it.

Taking into consideration the number of teachers available, the number of time slots in the day, the students' personal choice in courses, the dependencies or prerequisites of courses on each other, and the fact there are over 150,000,000 timetable combination possibilities at E.C. Drury, one can see that it is absolutely impossible, even if you had an arena full of computers, to provide each and every student with a personally tailored timetable of his or her choice.

I suppose, of course, if you doubled the teaching staff, doubled the building size, and doubled the school tax levy, it could be done.

I believe that not just some, but by far the greater majority of our teachers, do care about the "human aspects" of students. I also know that my staff in the Computer Centre care about the "human aspects." This is evident by the dedication and long hours between May and September that we put it, trying to ensure as few as possible of the situations Mr. and Mrs. Rath speak about.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath, your comments were an undeserved shot at some excellent and dedicated people at the Halton Board of Education.

E.W. Jollymore,
Milton, Ontario.

Youth centre works

Dear Editor:

Re The Golden Horseshoe Christian Youth Centre, 4091 Tremaine Rd., Milton:

For the past 19 years, Mr. Lorne Scotland has leased, at no charge, a parcel of land to the GHCYC. This property was subsequently granted tax-free status by the Town of Oakville. Mr. Scotland (now retired) wishes to have this land severed and the title to this property put in the name of the Youth Centre, however; his request for land severance has been denied. With respect to the intention of this bill, I wish to point out the need for this Youth Centre to our community.

The editorial columns of the (former) Oakville Journal Record and Oakville Beaver newspapers bear witness to the need for structured activities and/or places for teens to gather instead of congregating at Hopedale Mall. Youth Services Network Halton Region has conducted research into the alarming levels of vandalism caused by bored teens. Here is a program that has proven to be effective in deterring youth-related problems for nearly 20 years!

I have been attending the GHCYC over the past 10 years. During this time many youth-oriented activities were available to people such as myself, as an alternative to Saturday night drug drinking parties so prevalent in society today.

Opportunities to meet friends, encourage one another in their Christian commitment, gain experience in public relations, public speaking and performing, as well as

the development of organizational skills are among the benefits many of us have reaped through programs at the Youth Centre. The building itself has been maintained by donations (to pay for heating and hydro) and by the volunteer efforts of youths and their parents to cut grass and keep the grounds and building clean.

Speaking personally, I was afforded the opportunity to write and sing my own songs, which led to eight years of singing semi-professionally, and the production of two albums. Others that attended along with me during our ten years, have gone on to marriage and raising families, or have pursued careers as doctors, nurses, teachers, chiropractors, social workers, dentists, pastors, lawyers and missionaries to name a few.

As the Program Director (since August 1980) I have seen the Youth Centre continue to provide support and encouragement to the subsequent teen generations. As many as 100 high school and university aged youths from Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Hamilton and Mississauga attend two Saturday nights of every month.

Although preservation of land is an important issue, the preservation of our young people is at least as important! Please consider the value of the GHCYC to our community, and support Mr. Scotland in his request for land severance.

JoAnn L. Thornton
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Program Director
Golden Horseshoe Youth Centre,
380 Watson Ave., Oakville

Jelinek opposes betting

Proposals to introduce government backed sports betting in Canada are "immoral and improper" according to Halton MP O'to Jelinek.

Mr. Jelinek recently called on the federal minister of fitness and amateur sport to resign over the proposal which he says "reduced the government of Canada to the status of a bookie."

"This is ethically and morally wrong," Mr. Jelinek said. "There are many other ways to raise money for amateur sport without reducing ourselves to that level."

The federal proposals would allow legal betting on football and baseball games, a situation that Mr. Jelinek claims opens the possibility of game fixing.

"We've seen that sort of thing happening in the United States already," he said.

Proponents of the idea have argued that legalizing something that's already happening allows the government

to tap into money that currently isn't taxed.

Those arguments are rejected by the Conservative member.

"That's like saying we should legalize thievery because robberies are going on. You simple don't legalize something that's wrong," he said.

In addition to the moral problems of the scheme, Mr. Jelinek said there are also constitutional difficulties because lotteries and other forms of legal gambling are the preserve of the provincial governments.

"This is clearly infringing on areas of provincial concern and there's enough federal-provincial confrontation going on now," he said.

Wedding and funeral noted

Drumquin

By Mrs. C. Patterson

best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. James Hilson who

Former minister at anniversary

Sunday Sept. 27, 1981 was a very beautiful fall day for the 143rd anniversary service of Omagh Presbyterian Church.

Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. attracted former members and friends from Milton, Boston, Toronto, Oakville, Nelson and other centres for worship, filling the church to capacity.

Mr. Nevin delivered an inspiring message, assisted by Rev. Larry Welch, present Minister.

In the congregation were also two ministers who have spoken at Omagh. Rev. Geo. Lewis of Milton and Rev. W. Milligan of Bronte.

The special music and anthems at the morning service were given by members of Boston Church Choir.

were married on Friday evening Oct. 2 in St. Peter's Church, Ninth Line, by Father Isabelle of Milton.

The bride is the former Theresa Saliba of Drumquin, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Saliba of the Eighth Line, Hornby, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hilson, Oakville.

The young couple will reside at Drumquin.

Omagh

By Mrs. C. Patterson

acuity. The guest speaker was Rev. Byron Arthur Nevin now of Ancaster.

Mr. Nevin was Minister at Omagh and Boston churches for seven years from 1957 to 1964.

Mr. Nevin delivered

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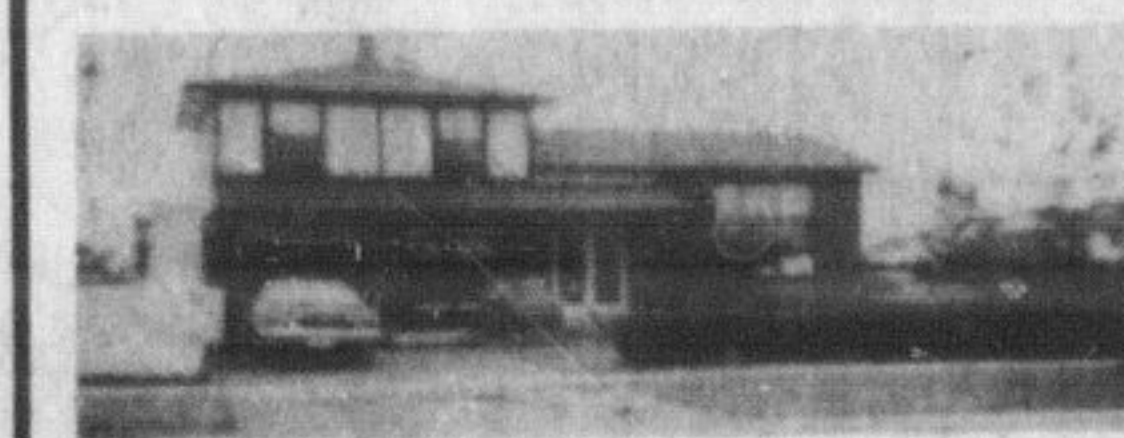
CURIOSITY SEEKERS
by
JACKIE VERDURMEN

If you intend to implant a "For Sale By Owner" sign in your front yard, be prepared for the inevitable "curiosity seekers". You'll probably spend more time tramping through the house with curiosity seekers than showing it to firm prospects.

Your "For Sale By Owner" sign leaves you open to all types of people and problems. For example, a visitor may present an offer to buy on which he doesn't intend to follow through. You may make plans based on accepting it, only to learn that the "prospect" had no intention of completing the agreement.

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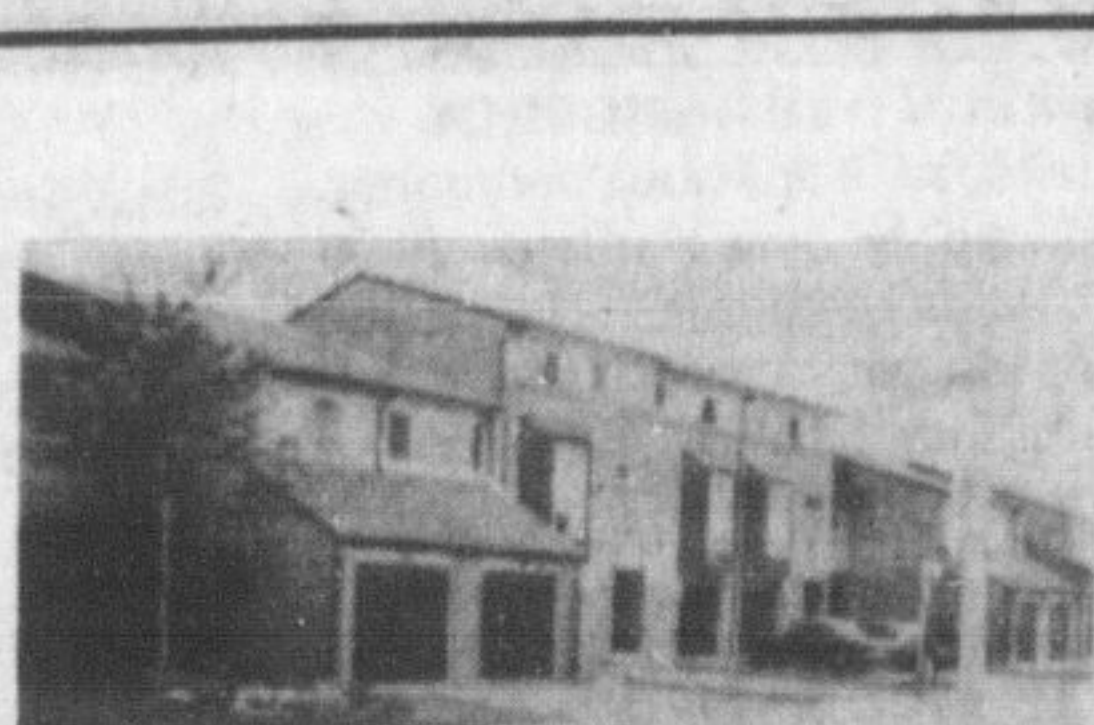


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- nice lot
- large games room
- main floor family room with fireplace
- close to all amenities

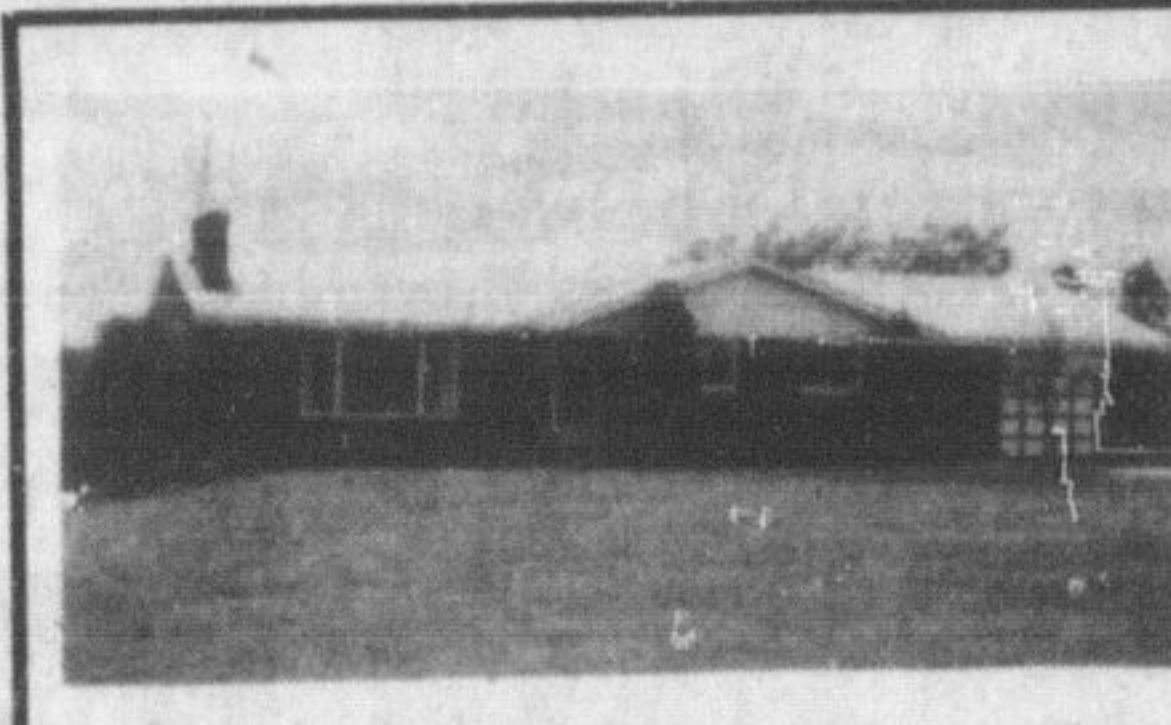


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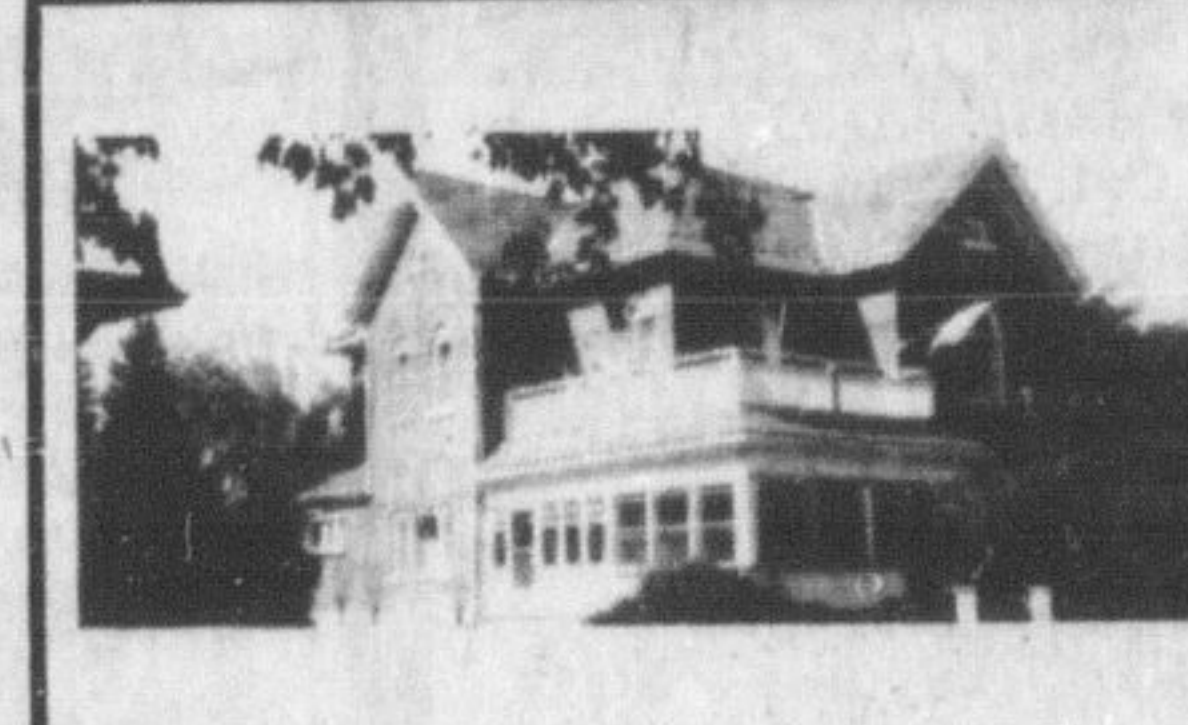
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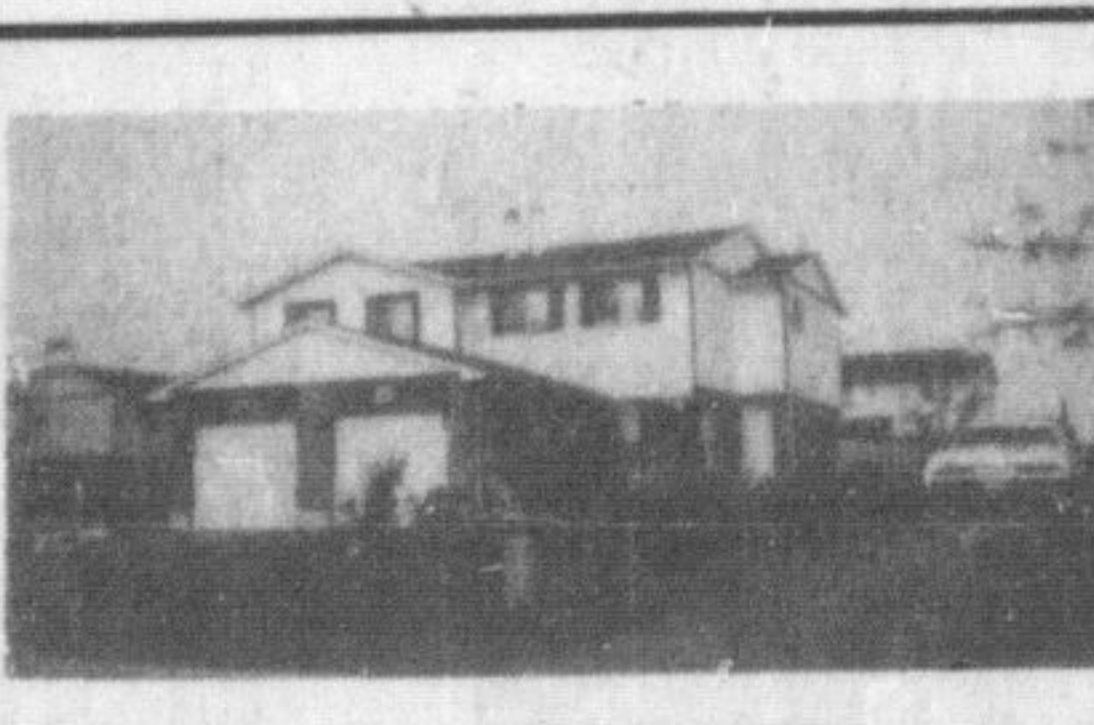
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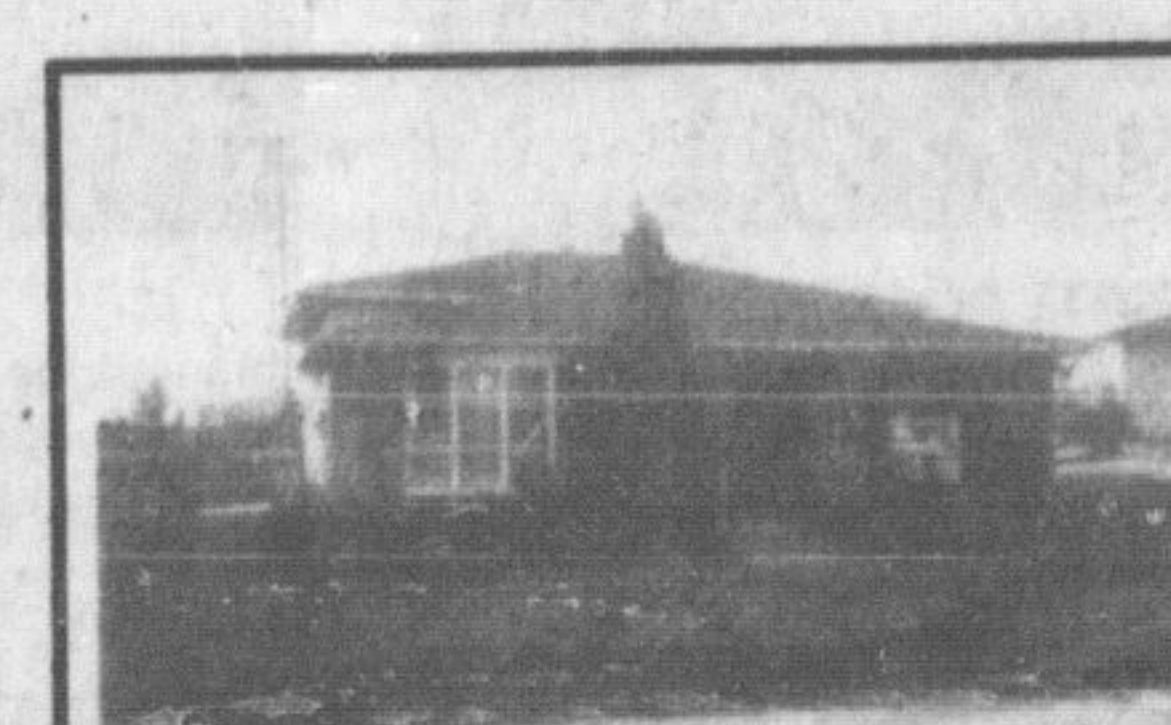
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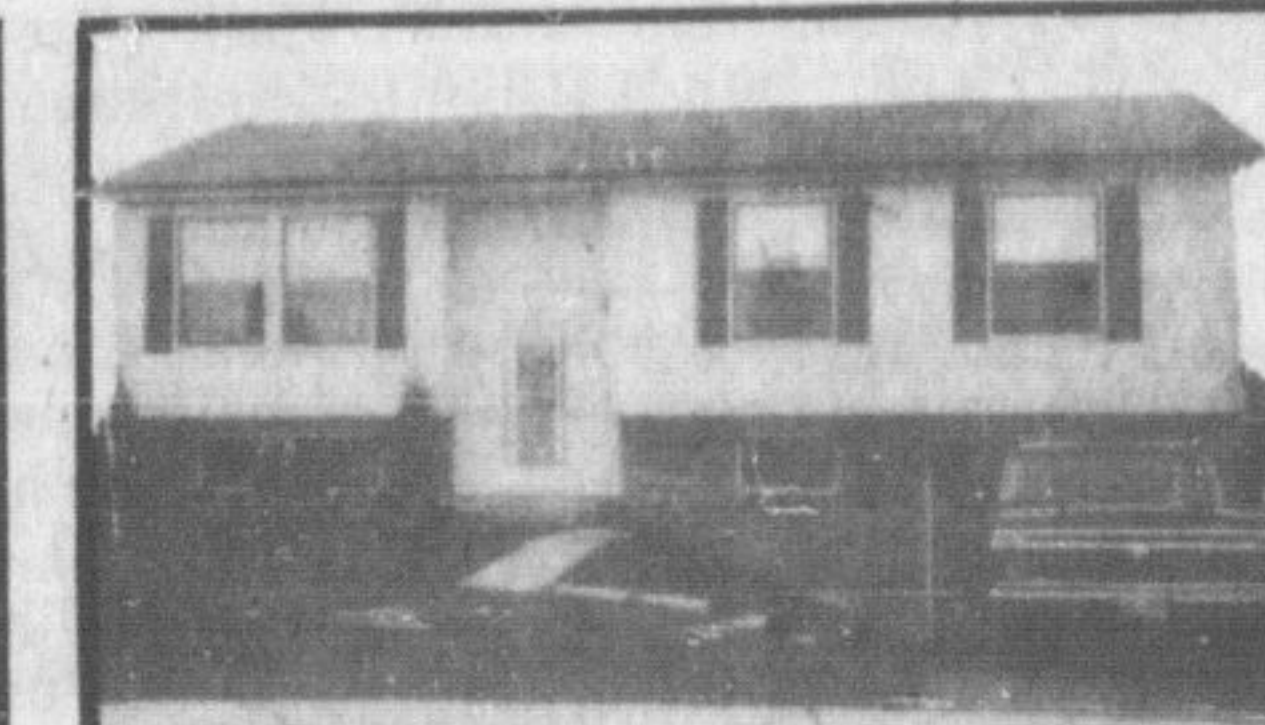
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