

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holdridge at 160 Martin St. has been plaqued as a historic home by the local historical society.

Restoration is ongoing

Milton Historical Society designated 12 historic homes in the area in December. Research of their history is done by society member Mel Robinson and stories are written by past president Val Grimshaw. The first series of historic homes were plaqued in 1981.

Although John Martin registered Lot 3, Block 10, on June 20, 1855, it was not until 1892 that a house finally was built on the

During the interval, the lot was sold several times, once for back taxes to Duncan Dewar in 1885. In 1889 the lot was sold twice, the latter purchasers were John Ezeard and George Richmond Appleby, both involved in building homes as a sideline. John Ezeard was a lumber dealer in Town and Appleby sold farm equipment

In 1891 the lot was again sold. The new owners were Rebecca and John Franklin Little, who commissioned Ezeard and Appleby to build his house. The property remained in the Little family for 82 years, until 1973 when it was acquired by Stanley and Jane Anne Szuturm. In 1978 Gene and Brenda Lori Holdridge became

The house has had a shot in the arm with lots of love and tender restoration. The Holdridges have tried to take the house style back to 1892 and in most respects have achieved that goal. First came a new roof and vinyl siding (which looks more like wood than alumnium) in

historic homes

a pale blue-gray, white trim accents the windows and gingerbread trim.

The main floor is in the side-centre hall fashion with livingroom to the right, dining room behind it, then a small bedroom (now a laundry and future washroom) and the kitchen and pantry to the left of the dining room and behind the staircase.

The windows in the livingroom are tall and narrow, and all the wood in the downstairs rooms have been repaired and stripped of 92 years of paint and varnish and now feels like satin. The kitchen not only has pine floors but a pine ceiling as well which is supported by huge 20 ft. barn beams from which hang baskets of various sizes and shapes. Mr. Holdridge has built all the cupboards in the kitchen which are a combination of pine and oak.

A staircase from the kitchen connects with the front hall staircase to ascend as one to four bedrooms and a bath. A new bathroom has been added and some plasterwork completed, but the majority of the bedrooms and hallway still have to feel the magic touch of restoration.

Gene and Lori Holdridge are model "do it yourself" types and the house shows the care it is receiving.

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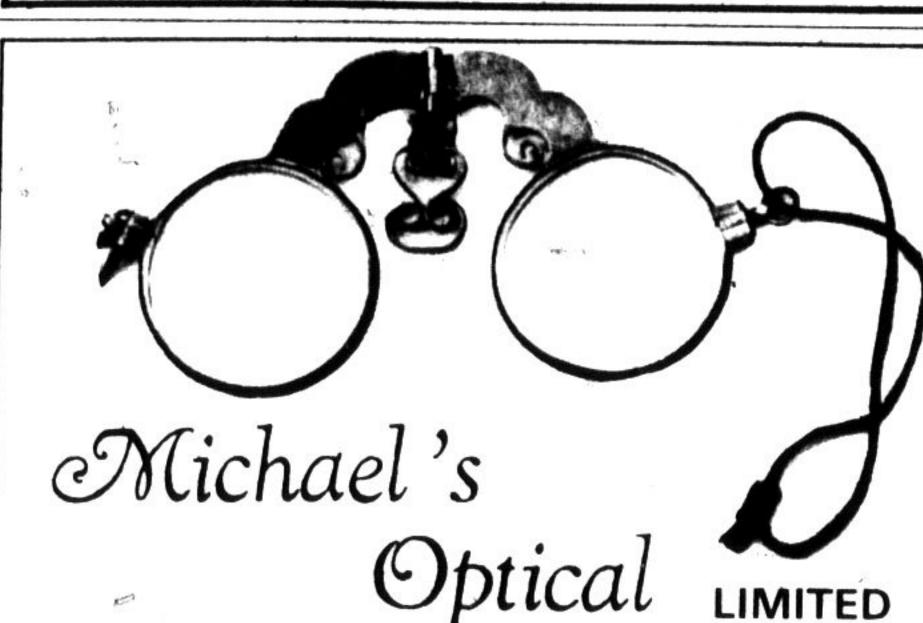
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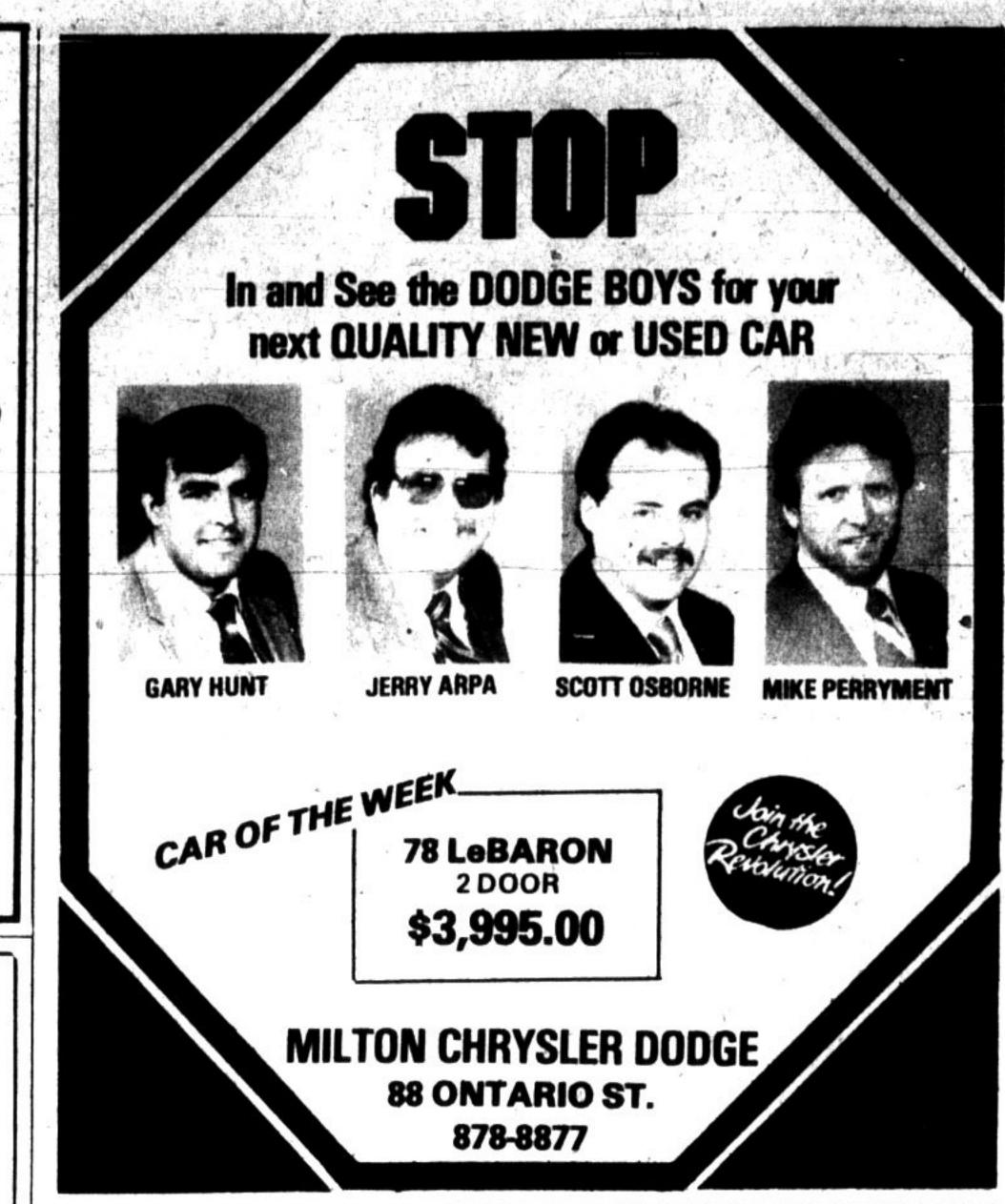
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Mr. George Okamura of the architectural firm of Dunlop, Farrow, Aitken and Cansfield and Mr. Bruce Dolson, Fundraising Campaign Chairman, will present interesting and informative reports on the expansion planning and fundraising campaign at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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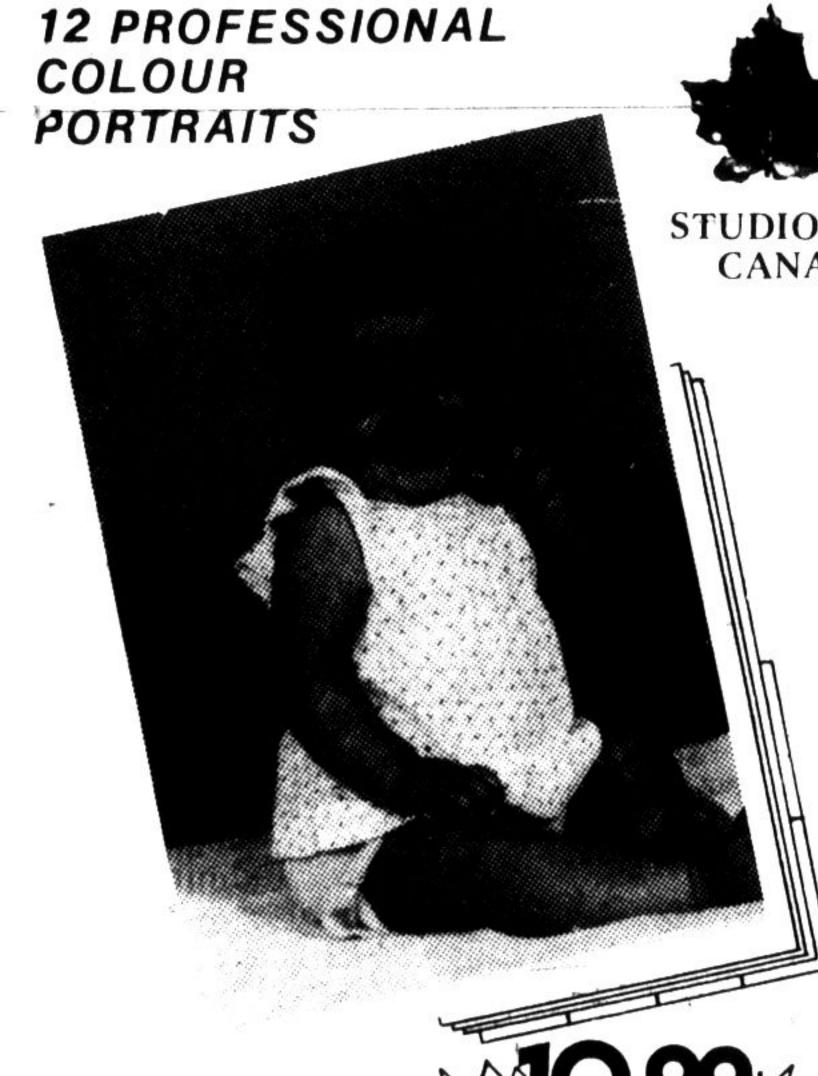
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