Log home

Built with a feeling for the past, old fashioned ingenuity

When you walk through the century old doors of the Arthur Pike home at the Northwest Basin, you step into Canadiana. The home is of log construction, with a roof of cedar shingles, and although it's less than a year old, it looks as if it has been sitting in its pine grove site for a hundred design.

particular treasure, with its stained glass window. The back door is 140 years old, and is intricately hand carved. It's from Quebec, and Pike thinks it

may be from a convent. The wide planked floors downstairs came from an old cannery. "I used \$75 worth of sandpaper cleaning them off," says Pike. Now pegged together, and varnished. they gleam in the firelight from the huge stone hearth in the livingroom.

"I tried to build this any hardware stores around," says Pike. "I wanted to have as much wood as possible." Even the ventilation louvres are made of wood.

In the bathrooms, Pike has built wooden vanities in the style of early French Canadian washstands, complete with towel racks at the end. The wood is protected against water spotting with varnish and several coats of wax.

The kitchen is large and friendly, with a plate rail filled with mellow old china, and a Pike-built dining nook, illuminated

keep his heating bill down Mailloux." this winter.

mortised together and the planning stage is a

Pike, "But I asked myself says Pike. why it had to be the same as everybody elses'." It isn't. The railing planks

The front door is a antique. Other pieces that it will stay in the have been made by Pike family. I really hope that himself, using old wood which gives a mellow look. Even the curtain rods are wooden, and throughout the house there are handmade quilts, crochetted throws and cushion covers - all adding to the warm feeling of old fashioned comfort and hospitality.

Why does a man build himself a log house? "I always wanted something different, says Pike. "I used to be fascinated by the old place as if there weren't stone houses down around Elmira, but there's not enough stone up here to do anything like that, so I started thinking about a

> The old originals, which many people are buying now, dismantling and rebuilding, are out of sight price-wise, according to Pike. "So I bought a lot, designed my house, and got 52 hundred feet of red pine logs from up around MacTier."

log house."

In true pioneer tradition he and his boys cleared their land and manhandled the logs into position. "Nelson with an antique hanging Robillard helped us," says Pike. "He helped A decorative pot-bellied with the building Black stove sits on a semi- Creek pioneer village. circular brick hearth in Andrew Pilon did the the family room and stone work, and we got a between it and the lot of very valuable adfireplace, Pike hopes to vice from Herb

Building began in April The stairs leading to the and by September, the four large bedrooms are Pike home was commade from halved logs pleted. Still on the

bannister is a huge tree workshop made of round trunk, felled from their logs. "I want to build some furniture, and Even the sundeck has a possibly work with other distinctive touch. "I log house builders in a wanted a sundeck," says consulting capacity,"

"I'm quite happy about the way this worked out." says Pike, who retired are decorated with a cut from the dry cleaning out leaf and flower business three years ago. "I designed this home for Most of the furniture is my family, and I hope

> want to live here some built with a feeling for the past a thought for the future, and a lot of sweat and old fashioned ingenuity. No wonder it

has such a warm per-

one of my children will



Arthur Pike's home - a step into Canadiana

OPP attempt to find man responsible for shooting

Officials of the Midland cidental shooting of a hunting just east of are working in conjunction with the Minister of Natural Resources in over the weekend when he an attempt to find a man was grazed on the responsible for the ac- forehead by a bullet while

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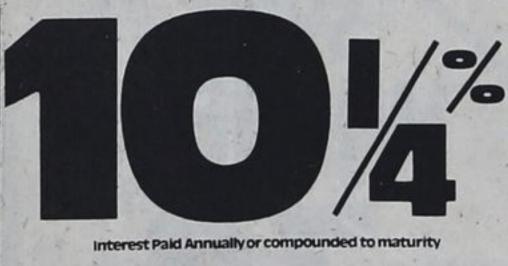
Waubaushene firemen making door to door visits

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by Charlotte Gerdes Congratulations go out To celebrate Fire to the former Emma Moores officiated.

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