



Senator David Reesor, founder of the Markham Economist, built this home at 166 Main St. in 1873. The senator only lived in the house for three years and it is now the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home. —John Montgomery

**Historical homes**

**Home built by Economist founder**

Senator David Reesor House by Marilyn McKelvey. This article is part of a series of articles on buildings in the Town of Markham.

David Reesor is one of Markham's most famous native sons. Born in the Township in 1823, he was a grandson of Christain and Fanny Reesor, among the earliest pioneers of the area, from Pennsylvania.

where he lived to the age of 79. The Reesor's children included Augusta Coburn, Jessie Holmes, Annette Reesor, William D. Reesor and Nellie Stinson.

Later owners of the Reesor house were Mr. and Mrs. Arnot Courmans. The house had been divided into three apartments when Mr. Dixon bought it in 1957. It is now the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, with an apartment on the upper floors. The main rooms are receiving rooms and a chapel and garage have been added to the rear of the original house. The fireplace and mantel can be found in the living room and most of the moulding still graces the doorways, baseboards and windows. An ornate, quarter round staircase winds up from the central hallway to the second floor.

**"Retirement" THE FOURTH QUARTER**

By LESLIE HOLBROOK

Satisfactory, affordable housing is high on most mature folks' priority lists.

It runs in third spot — judging from my "fan mail" — next to general money matters (rising food prices, inadequate pensions and such) and health and sex after sixty.

This week I get back to our shelter for seniors series by starting a study of modular (so-called mobile) housing.

Modular housing communities have little or nothing in common with trailer camps and those recreational vehicles (RV's) you pull (trailers) or drive (motorhomes).

The only thing "mobile" about the modern modular home is that first and only trip it takes from factory to a permanent site.

Mobile housing ranges from barely

adequate to the latest in luxury living, at prices below what you would pay for similar accommodation in a conventional single-dwelling home.

There is evidence to support the developer's sales pitch that you can buy two modular homes with the proceeds from the sale of your old family home (thus having the best of two worlds — Canada in our warm weather months, the sunny south in winter). Older couples tell me how they have done just that and report on the joys of mild temperatures the year round.

But it is becoming more difficult to do this as mobile home prices keep going up — seemingly at a faster rate, now, than increasing values of conventional housing. Currently that winter home in the south can be

particularly costly.

My wife and I have just examined (April 1978) an excellent Florida mobile home community, for adults only, Canadian owned and operated.

Prices started at a basic \$22,990 and ran to \$57,000 for the top model. It's a bit like buying a car because, to these basic prices there are additional costs for Florida rooms, bay windows, shutters, dishwashers, etc.

To those prices you had to add 13 per cent (in April) to compensate for the shrinking Canadian dollar and a 4 per cent State sales tax.

Then you have to furnish the home. (It is not practicable to move many of your Canadian belongings down.) I estimate \$5,000 for this but you could trim it quite a bit if you stuck to essentials.

Monthly ground rent and maintenance ran from \$100 to \$135.

There are, of course, less expensive mobile homes which many would find sufficient. One couple reports a high level of satisfactory living with a modest place in the south and quite a good mobile home in a large Ontario mobile community.

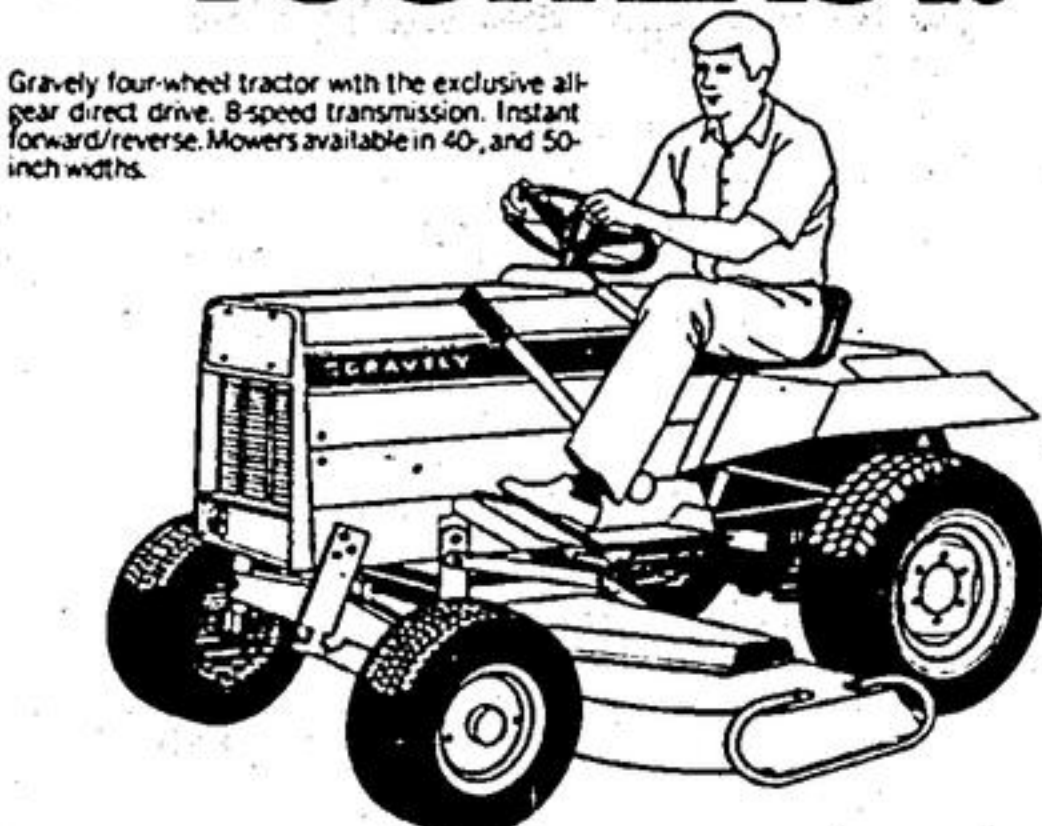
They paid \$17,900 for their Canadian mobile home, measuring 68' by 14'. Their monthly ground rent is \$50, taxes are \$20 per month and hydro (including electric heating) runs about \$500 per year. Total monthly outlay, including telephone and cable TV, is under \$150.

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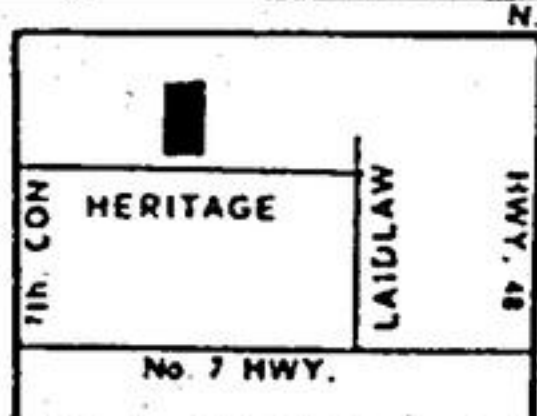


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