

# HOME IMPROVEMENT



George did it! This lovely chalet-type home, north of the Uxbridge Road near Siloam, was built by its owner, George Carpenter. It took four years to complete. Its construction is mainly cedar with some knotty pine. —Jim Thomas

## George did it

UXBRIDGE — George Carpenter can stand back and admire his handiwork. He has every reason to be proud. His chalet-type home on the Uxbridge Road near Siloam is a thing of beauty, inside and out.

Mr. Carpenter, a retired executive vice president of Consumer's Gas, commenced his house-building project in 1964. He worked at it, mostly on weekends.

The unique design was obtained through a newspaper ad. Four years later, construction was complete. "I'd done some work with wood, but I didn't consider myself an experienced carpenter," he said. He admitted the fireplace posed the biggest problem. "It almost had me beat, but I mastered it," he said. With plenty of wood available on the ten-acre property, the fireplace is a main source of heat. Auxiliary propane units have also been installed. An outdoor pool is heated by propane.

The interior is mostly cedar with panelling of knotty pine. There are three bedrooms, one of which serves as a den.

Mr. Carpenter describes his Uxbridge retreat as "a real joy". He and wife Erdine also have an apartment in the Yonge-Eglinton area of Toronto and a winter home in Florida. Both are natives of Oklahoma. Their family resides in New York.

The owner has planted about 1,700 trees close to the road. With a bush at the back, deer find it a refuge from the cold and the snow. So do a variety of other animals including wolves, porcupines and raccoons.

Mr. Carpenter admits he enjoys the best of two worlds. There's satisfaction, however, in knowing this country "creation" is the product of his own skill.

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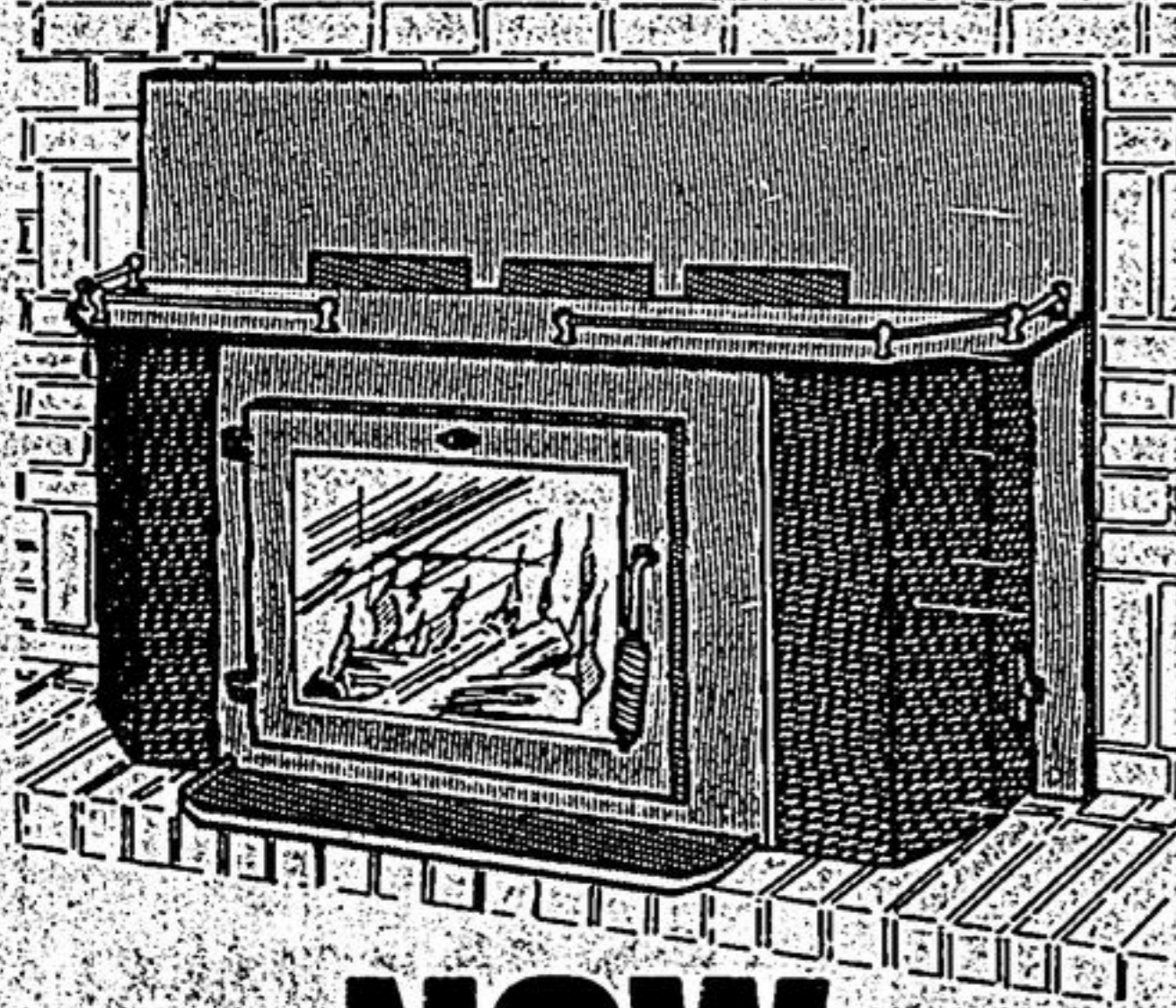
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