

# Three-way street for an education

Education is a three-way street. For the journey to be successful, it must be travelled by the teacher, the parent and the student — together. Val Taylor of Unionville's William Berczy Public School told an 'Attaining Excellence' seminar at Aurora High School last week.

Mrs. Taylor, a staff teacher at Berczy, was responding to replies resulting from the question: "What Are The Community Expectations of Teachers?"

Discipline is expected - be firm but fair was a common denominator with each of the workshop groups. So also was consistency and mutual respect.

Mrs. Taylor described education, at both the elementary and secondary levels as "a joint venture."

"Some teachers," she said, "rule through fear and sadly, this works." Collusion, she said, is also often used.

She urged togetherness: "Children tend not to break the rules they themselves have made."

Mrs. Taylor came down hard on some within her own profession, suggesting there are those "who would be better off elsewhere."

"There are good teachers and

there are bad teachers," she said. "Unfortunately, it's sometimes difficult to get rid of the bad teachers."

While Ontario teachers, she said, are the best qualified in the world, the training course falls down in many areas.

"We have only eight months in which to learn how to do this job," she stressed.

The seminar's keynote speaker was Dr. Robert McClure, former moderator of the United Church of Canada. The delegates were welcomed by Bob Cressman, York Region's Director of Education. Special music for the event was provided by the wind ensemble of the Markham Dist. High School Band under the direction of Douglas Walker.

# Safety is the key factor to successful hunting trip

Planning a hunting trip this fall? If so, Ontario Provincial Police remind you that safety is the key to a successful hunting trip.

- Here's the OPP's 12-point safety checklist:
1. Treat every gun as if it was loaded.
  2. Never shoot at a sound. See your target clearly first.
  3. Never point a gun at anything you don't intend to kill.
  4. Exercise muzzle control of the firearm by knowing where the gun is pointed at all times.
  5. Unload all guns when you return to camp.
  6. Never fire a gun that has a plugged barrel.
  7. Never carry a loaded gun in a vehicle.
  8. Never bring a loaded gun indoors.
  9. Unload the firearm before climbing fences, jumping ditches or walking through dense bush.
  10. Never fire at rocks or water as a ricochet bullet can go anywhere.
  11. Wear highly visible clothing and not camouflage outfits.
  12. Drinking and hunting don't mix. A hangover is a deadly form of impairment.

"Hunting can be a safe sport if you recognize and avoid potential dangers," according to an OPP news release. "Hunters, in pursuit of game, can become lost in the bush. Carry a compass and know how to use it."

The OPP recommends that if a hunter discovers he's lost, he should "hug a tree" and wait for searchers to find him.

"Before leaving on a hunting trip tell someone where you are going and then go there," the provincial force suggests. "Numerous searches have been carried out for lost and overdue hunters who said they were going one place but went another."

"Hunters who boat to their hunting area have the double responsibility of remembering the rules of boating. An overloaded boat is likely to capsize, throwing its heavily-dressed occupants into freezing water. A lifejacket that is worn is a real life-saver in this situation."

All hunters are advised to carry a basic first-aid kit and know the fundamentals of first aid.

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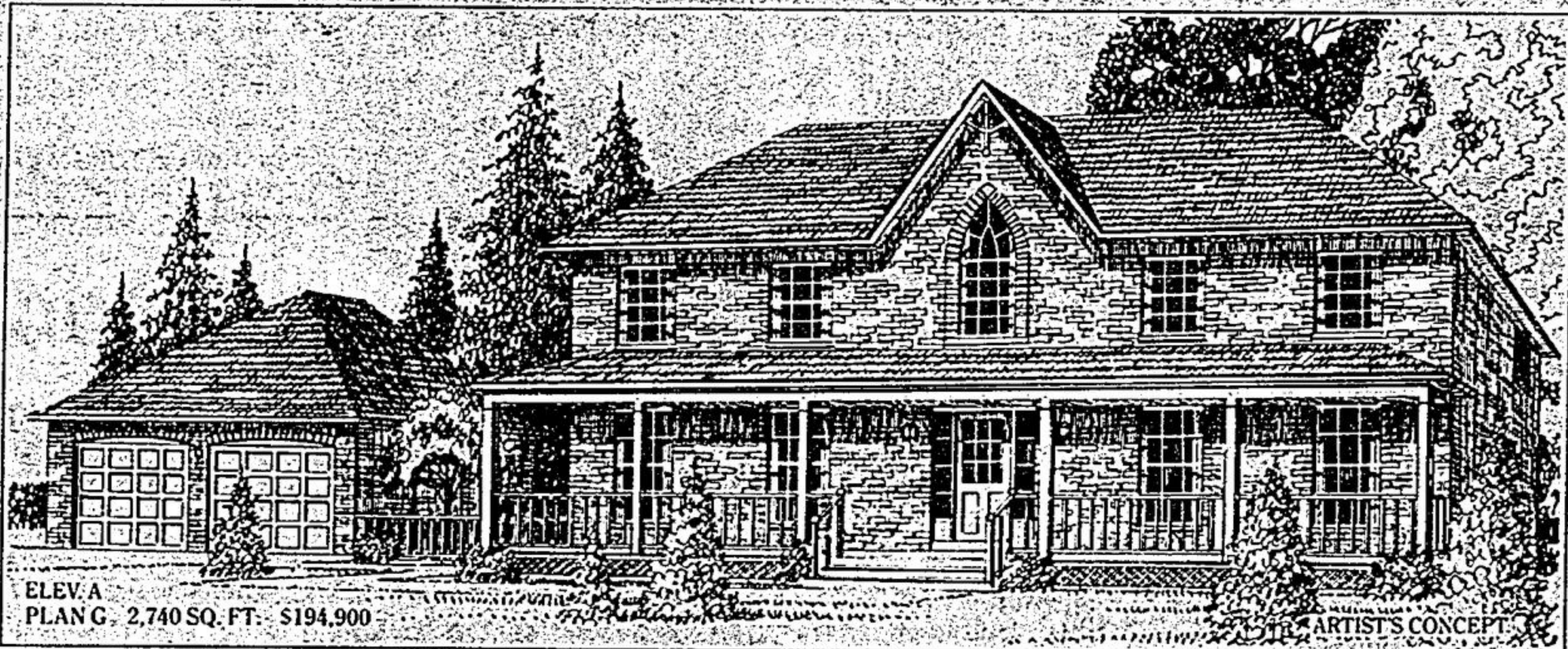


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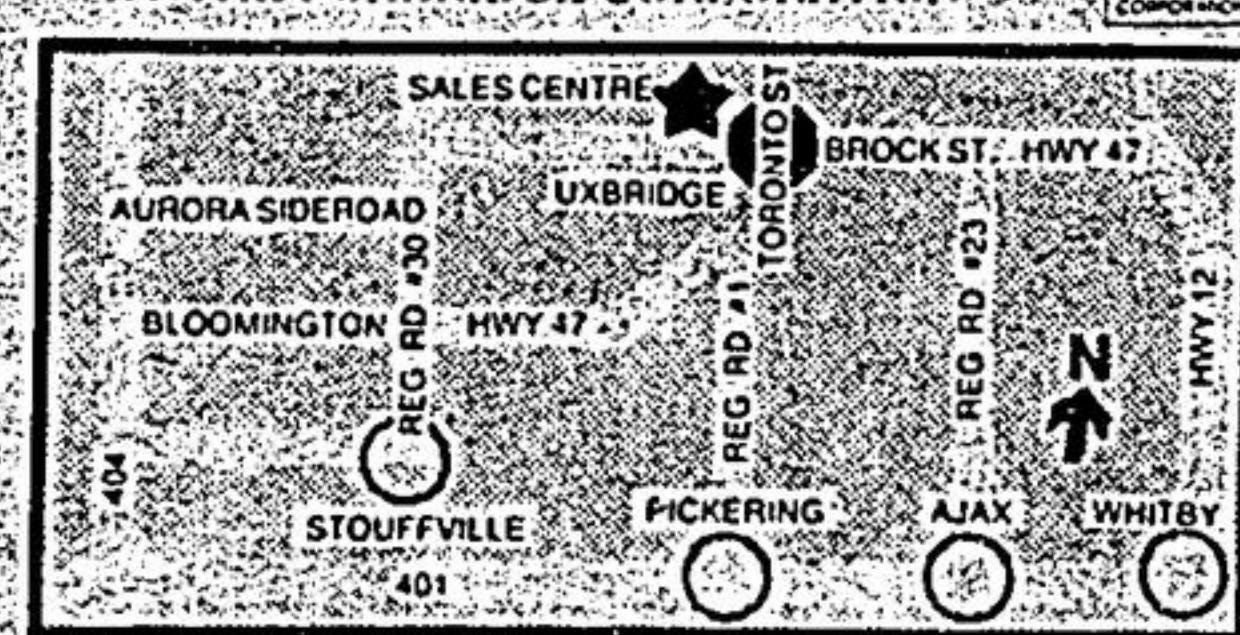
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