

\$25,000 fine for person buying AC unit from dealer without CFC license.

There are many factors to consider when purchasing an air conditioning unit. Like any large ticket item, an AC unit should be pur-

chased from a reputable dealer, who has the training and licensing to properly install and maintain it, said John St. Germain, owner of Unionville Heating and Air Conditioning.

People should visit a showroom to talk to a

dealer about which unit is best for them.

Units should be purchased based on use.

People who want an AC unit to increase the value of their home, often buy cheaper units, he said.

But those who want it for a long time, should

buy one that is more expensive, but comes with a warranty

that is quieter, and saves money on hydro. "You are making an investment. If you buy a better unit, you will reap the ben-

Once a unit is purchased, there are things people can do to make sure it runs worry-free for a long time.

"People should (get the dealers to) do preventative maintenance on their AC system.

If they service it on an annual basis, it will be trouble-free and will save all kinds of money," said St. Germain.

When choosing a dealer

People should choose a dealer who has training in the heating and air conditioning field. They should also choose one who has the government of Ontario CFC license.

Anyone who is caught selling or buying a unit from someone with-

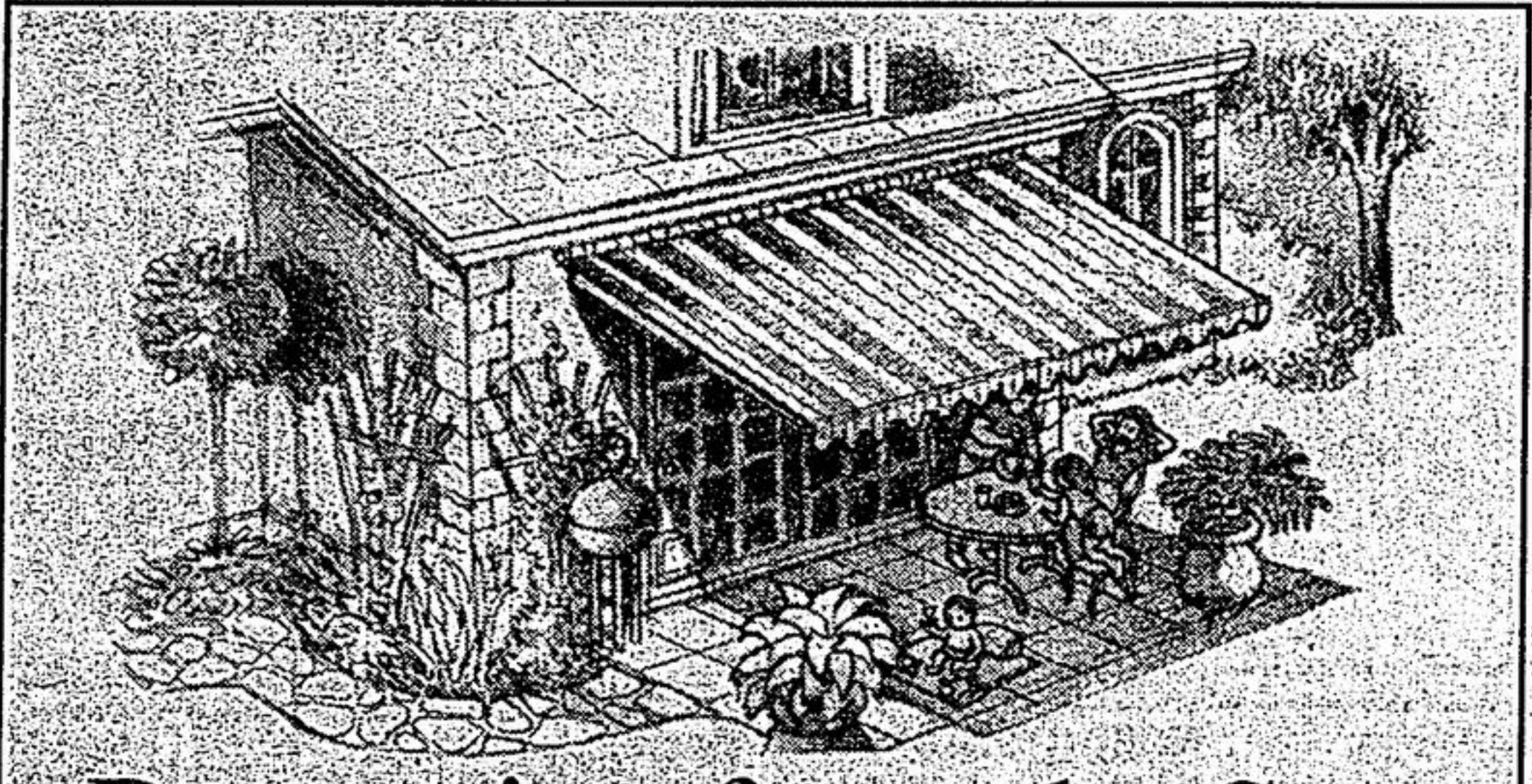
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