

All in the Family

On Dreams And Houses

By Sarah Child



This is the time of the year that we go, househunting—with only the merest intention of vacating our own house.

There's been snow on the ground for more than four months, the confines of this house seem too familiar and too confining and besides there are such lures, such dreams in all the real estate ads.

So what that that "mountain brook" turns out to be a sluggish trickle trying to back up an incline, that "massive bedroom" will barely hold a crib, or that "wooded landscape" means two straggly arborvitae and a superannuated forsythia?

We check out the builders' new homes first. "Look at that," we say to each other in wonder as the salesman shows the wall to wall carpeting that is standard in every room of the house with the exception of the kitchens and the bathrooms.

Only on the way home do we do some fast thinking and realize that the carpeting merely covers up the fact that the house has no finished floors, only subflooring.

At another model I am starry-eyed over the wallpaper and curtain treatment in the super-efficient kitchen. Then my spouse points out that it is super efficient in that there is no room to eat.

I like dining room dining as well as the next gracious living nut but with three kids, none of whom can get through a meal without spilling an entire course, forget it.

Since we are only slightly serious about moving I have no reason to limit myself in my dreams, I want a house that is elegant, spacious and efficient. It must be in the woods not too far from neighbors, not too close.

A family room off the kitchen with a mud room, laundry room

Workshop Drawing A Good Crowd

Elmira — The Elmira Christian Formation Board reported enthusiastic response this week to its workshop, scheduled for March 5-6, and featuring noted theologian, Father Anthony Padavano.

"This is the first time that the workshops, held annually at Watson Homestead, near Corning, have been open to the entire diocese," commented Mrs. Marge Nurnberg, registration chairman.

"So far, about 200 priests, religious and lay persons have registered for the two-day event," she said. "We drew requests from all over the diocese: Auburn; Apalachin, Kings Ferry, Rochester, and even New York City." The registration deadline has been extended to Feb. 27.

Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Mary Burkitt, Rochester chairman, at 716-671-6883 or Mrs. Nurnberg at 607-734-1475.

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St. James Parish Sets Up 'Havens'

St. James parish has taken up the "Haven Home" program that offers protection to children passing through the streets.

Houses displaying the "Haven" poster are emergency stops for children who get in any kind of trouble.

Mrs. Gerald J. Dunn, chairman for the sponsoring Home-School Association, said residents of the havens have been "professionally screened." She pointed out that a designated haven is for emergencies only, and is "not a cookie or bath-room stop."

The sign is a forest green cross with white lettering and background.

Bowlers Raising Veterans' Fund

The Rochester Bowling Association is out after \$5,000 to provide entertainment and recreation for the disabled and blind patients in veterans' hospitals.

Alvin W. Chapas, president, said all members would be asked to contribute before the Bowlers Victory Legion drive ends Feb. 28. He pointed out that the fund had become "particularly important with the admission of so many Vietnam veterans to our hospitals." Contributions may be sent to the RBA office, 282 Avis St., Rochester 14615.

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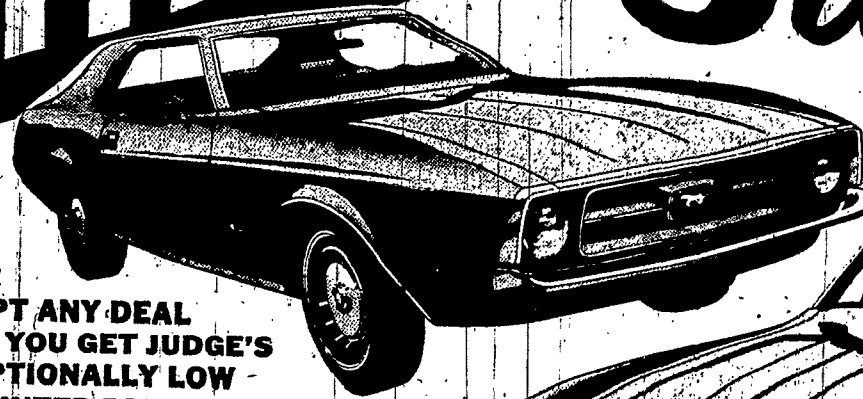
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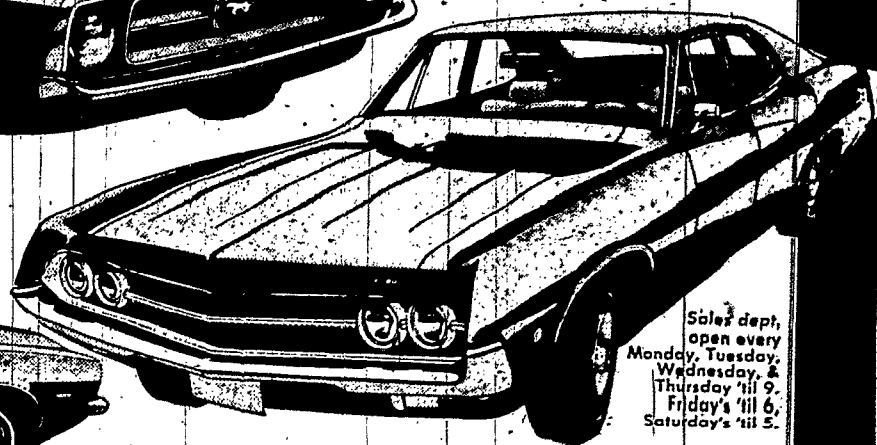
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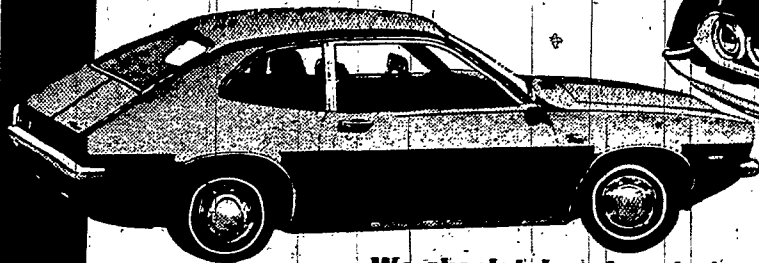


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