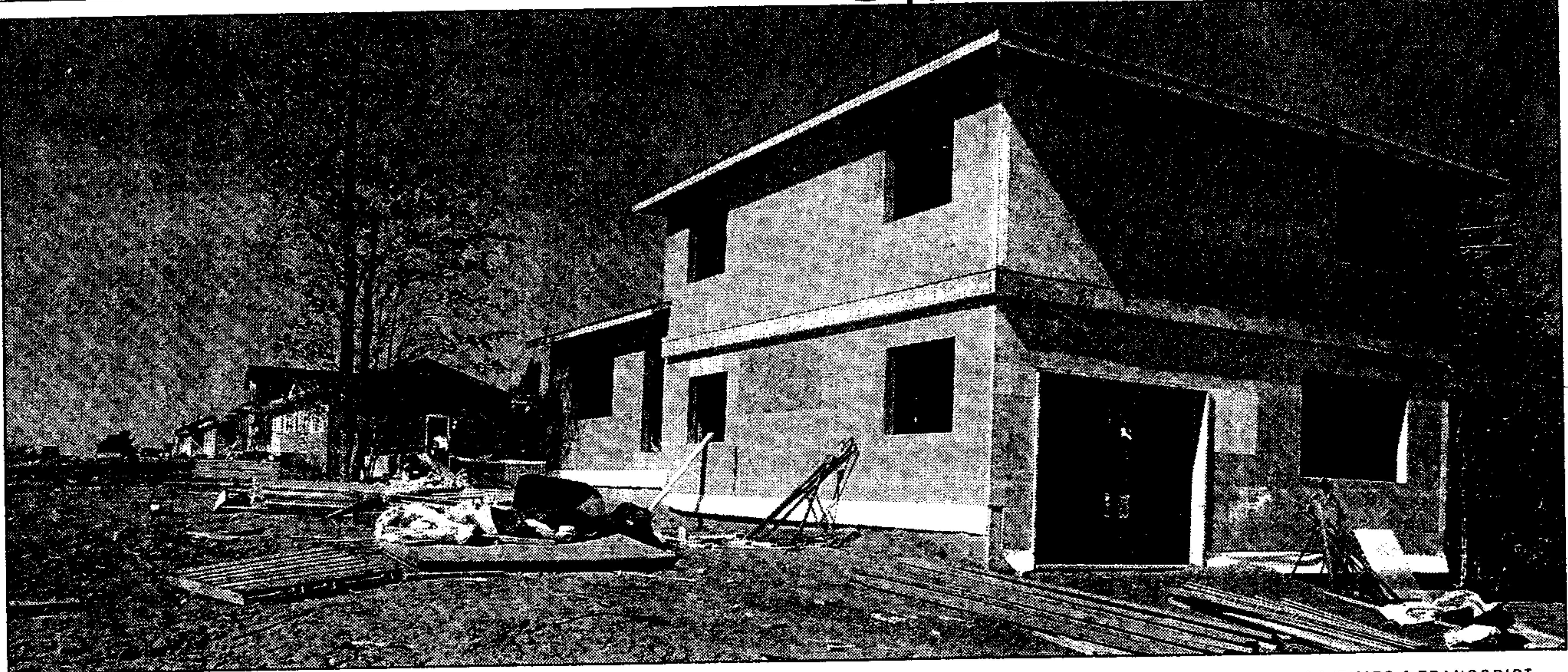


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This new home on Callowhill Road is one of many currently under construction in Riverview.

Riverview grows with residential housing

■ Building permits for August total more than \$1M as town looks for more business development

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Riverview continues to enjoy residential growth, with more than \$1 million in building permits issued for new homes last month.

Permits were issued for five new single-family dwellings, four new duplexes and a mobile home in August, worth a total of \$1,228,210.

Other permits for additions and repairs to existing buildings and construction of new accessory buildings brought the total value of permits for August to \$1,350,142.67.

The August total is the third highest since 1995, behind 2001, when permits for the month totalled \$1,777,005; and 2002, when the total was \$2,000,385. Last year's total for August was \$971,760.

Twenty-eight permits creating seven units were issued in August 2001; 22 permits creating 26 units in 2002; 17 permits creating five units in 2003, and 27 permits creating 14 units this year.

The total so far this year has surpassed previous years at \$11,907,012.42. The nearest total to date is \$10,307,036 in 2000.

Residential growth has been steady for the past few years in Riverview with more homes and more high-end residences going up, said town manager David Muir.

There is a good mix of homes being built with major development taking place in the MacAllister Park,

Pine Glen, Gray's Brook and Callowhill areas, he said.

And while the town is pleased with the residential growth, it's also looking to boost its business and retail sectors as well, Muir said.

The \$2-million fire hall being constructed off Pine Glen Road should be completed by the end of the year.

August building reports for surrounding villages and unincorporated areas were also released this week.

No housing units were started in Petitcodiac, Hillsborough, Alma or Riverside-Albert and one unit was started in Salisbury, while 18 units were begun in the unincorporated areas.

Two permits worth \$17,360 were issued in Petitcodiac, bringing the total to 14 permits in 2004 worth \$1,091,150 and creating 15 units.

Two permits worth \$92,500 and including one new unit were issued in Salisbury. The total number of permits to date for 2004 is 21, worth \$1,552,848 and creating eight units.

Two permits worth \$6,440 were issued for Hillsborough, bringing the total to date to 11 permits worth \$556,545 and creating three new units.

No permits were issued in August in Alma or Riverside-Albert.

The total value of the seven building permits issued so far this year in Alma is \$141,800 and includes one new unit.

The total value of the three permits issued for 2004 for Riverside-Albert is \$10,640.

Forty-five permits worth \$2,550,889.75, creating 18 new units, were issued in the region's unincorporated areas last month. The total to date is 261 permits worth \$12,389,264.90, creating 96 new units.