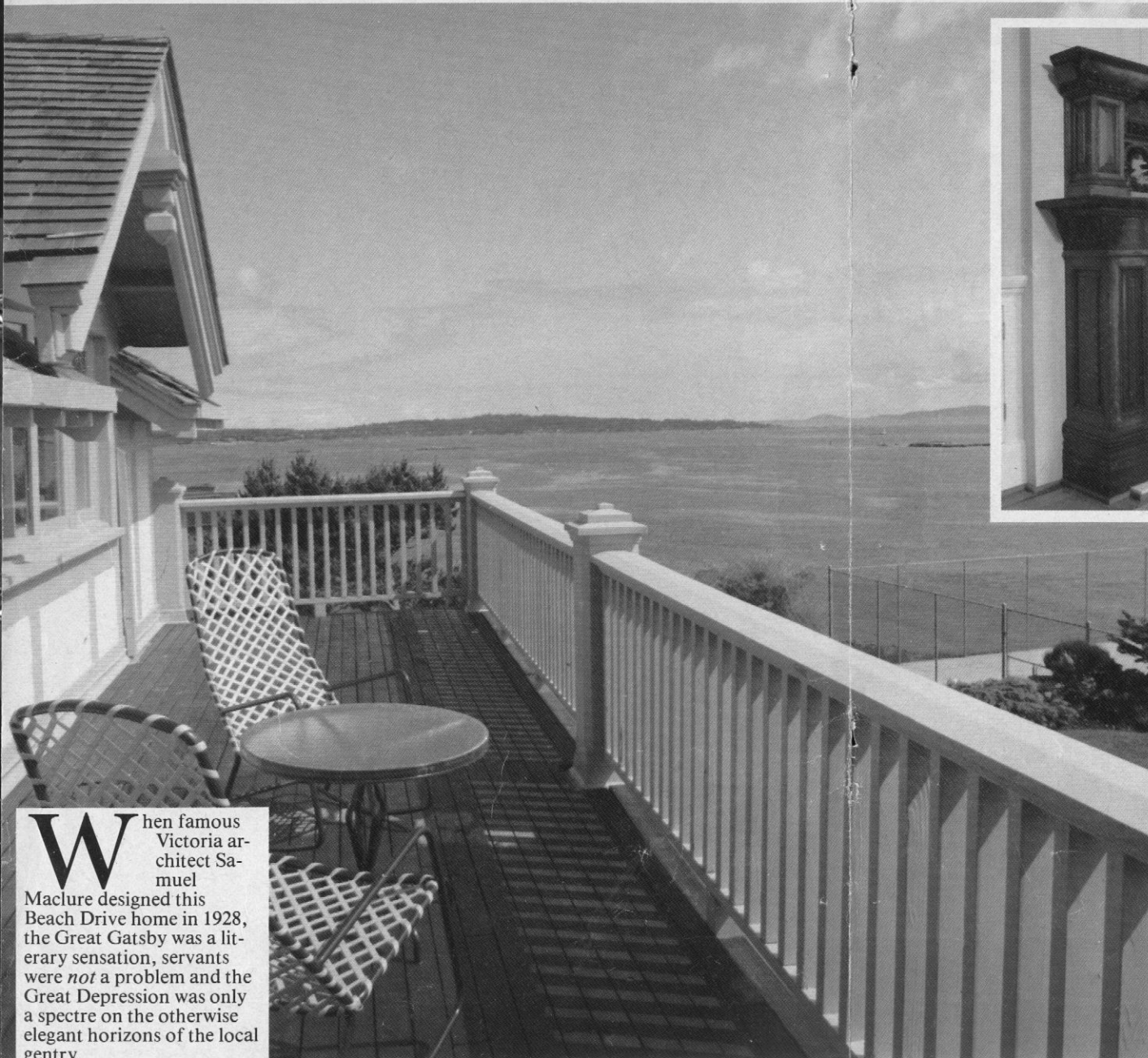


1029 Beach Dr.

A vintage Victoria home is lavishly restored



When famous Victoria architect Samuel Maclure designed this Beach Drive home in 1928, the Great Gatsby was a literary sensation, servants were *not* a problem and the Great Depression was only a spectre on the otherwise elegant horizons of the local gentry.



Photography by Jeff Barber

1029 Beach Drive crowns one and one-third acres of beautiful oceanfront property, in an area considered to have the most pleasant and mild climate in Canada. The property invites superlatives: The views from the massive windows are spectacular, the English-country-garden reminiscent of those at Butchart. A tennis court borders the waterfront side.

Most recently in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Murray McCann, the house has undergone three years of meticulous restoration and renovation, at a cost of about \$400,000. Full attention was paid to the tiniest details, in order to maintain the original character of the place. Even Maclure's design for the moldings was used.

Included in its 6,000 square feet of lavish, painstaking craftsmanship are living room, dining room, den, sun room and kitchen on the main floor; four bedrooms, four fully equipped bathrooms with marble and gold fixtures, and laundry room on the upper floor; and an attic games room, fully finished. The lower level of the house contains one bedroom with a four-piece ensuite bathroom, storage and mud room.

The only room which deliberately bears no resemblance to its 1928 predecessor is the kitchen. It now boasts windows galore to take full advantage of the sea view, and all the modern amenities one would expect from a \$53,000 remodelling job. The house is equipped with a sophisticated security system.

In the market for a Victoria property? This beautiful, stately home was for sale at time of writing. Asking price \$975,000. Serious enquiries to John McCann (598-9922).

