

## No 'prairie home' for him

# Keillor's cabin will be in the woods

RIVER FALLS (AP) — Radio humorist Garrison Keillor, who returns to work in St. Paul this fall, has taken out a building permit for a pioneer log cabin west of River Falls, officials say.

Keillor announced in March that he would end his five-year exile and return to Minnesota with his variety show, "The American Radio Company."

But Clifton Town Clerk Starla Deiss said Keillor took out a building permit on a site on an 80-acre wooded lot a quarter of a mile east of the St. Croix River

in the town.

Building contractor Joe Lawler, of the River Falls-Prescott area, said he found in the Grantsburg area the century-old log cabin Keillor will live in.

"He had looked at some of the newer types of log cabins," Lawler said. "But he likes the flavor of the old log cabins."

"Whoever lived in it must have lived in it 50 years ago. I saw an ad for it in the paper and picked it out."

The cabin needs renovation on the roof, insulation, log replace-

ment and other repairs, Lawler said.

"The porch is bigger than the house," Lawler said, laughing.

The 1½-story, 1,300-square-foot cabin should be moved in place by late summer, Lawler said.

The land is being cleared and excavated in preparation for installation of the cabin.

"It's a pretty isolated area, and I hope it will stay that way," Lawler said of the farming community.

Lawler said he met the radio host last winter after having done work for the former owner of the property Keillor now owns.

Because Keillor had once lived in Marine on St. Croix, in Minnesota, he was familiar with the area and wanted another place on the river, Lawler said.

Keillor was born in Anoka, Minn. He created "A Prairie Home Companion," a live weekly radio show that originated from the World Theater in St. Paul from 1974 to 1987.