

# Acton students visit Bermuda

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You've probably seen the commercials. White sand, pastel houses that are low to the ground, smiling people bathed in sunlight: Bermuda, a semi-tropical paradise.

Keith Black, a history teacher at Acton High, had the enviable opportunity to travel to that sunny isle over the March Break, along with a group of 15 lucky students and citizens from Acton.

Unfortunately, the sun rarely showed its face for most of their stay, though they enjoyed comparatively warm temperatures.

"Most of the time it was around 65 degrees, 70 degrees at the best,"

said Black. "Windy and rainy for the most part, but the sun did show up on the last day."

The group stayed in a hotel a convenient few minutes walk away from the city of Hamilton.

They toured the east and west sides of the island, taking in St. Peter's — the oldest church in the western hemisphere, the Bermudan Parliament, and one of the lighthouses that sit on the island.

"The island is the top of a volcanic mountain. There are only two ways deep enough for ships to pass," said Black. Hence the need for lighthouses.

Aside from intellectual pursuits,

the group filled their leisure time with trips to the beach, and the local hot-spots.

"We really enjoyed the nightlife," said both Dagmar Barbir and Deanna Wilson, two students who took part in the adventure.

Black found two words to describe the island: "Very classy." For good reason. Minimum wage in Bermuda is \$10 per hour, the average income is about \$27,000, and there is no income tax!

"A week is a great time to spend there," concluded Black, who is now looking forward to the summer, when he will travel to Ireland and Scotland with another group.



SO CIVILIZED! Acton High students Dagmar Barbir (left) and Deanna Wilson spent March Break on the lush island of Bermuda.

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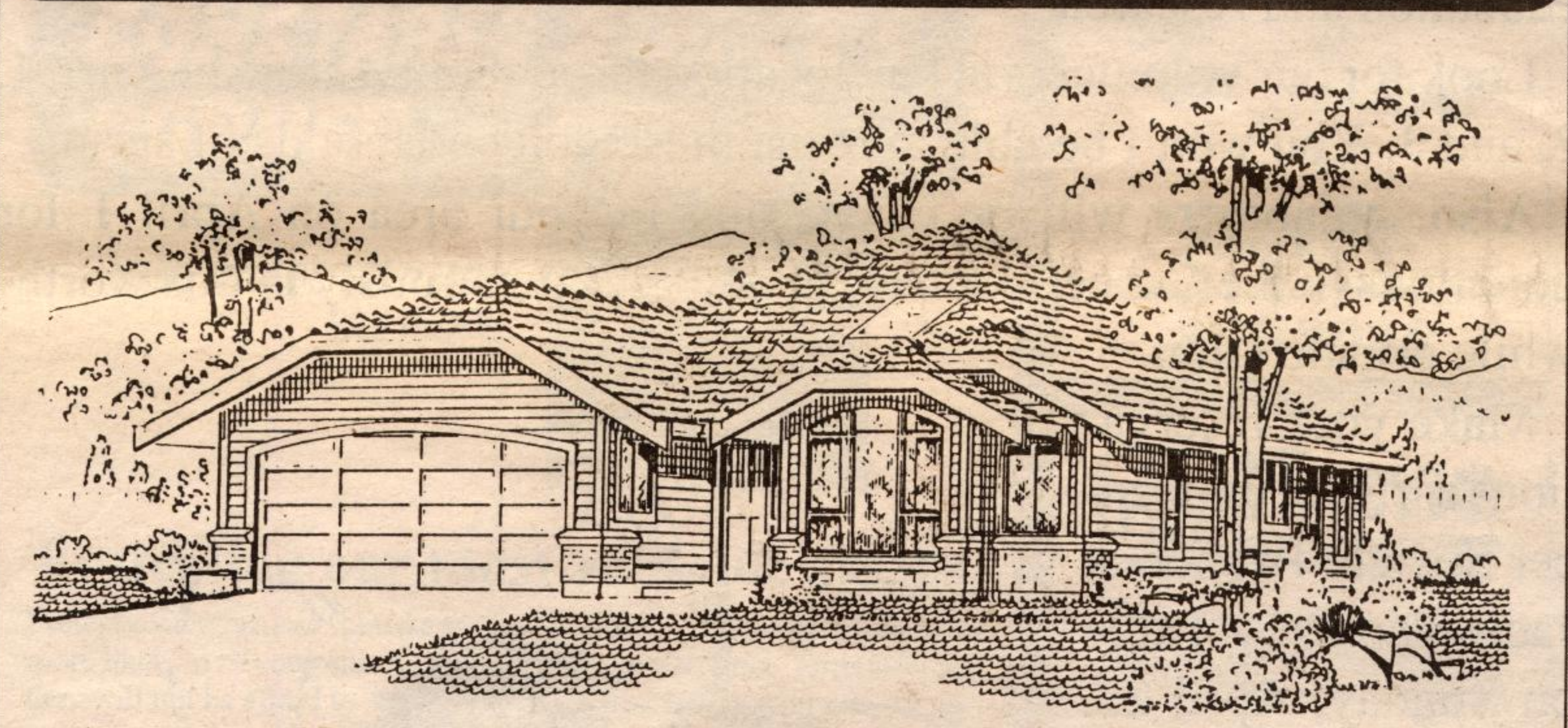
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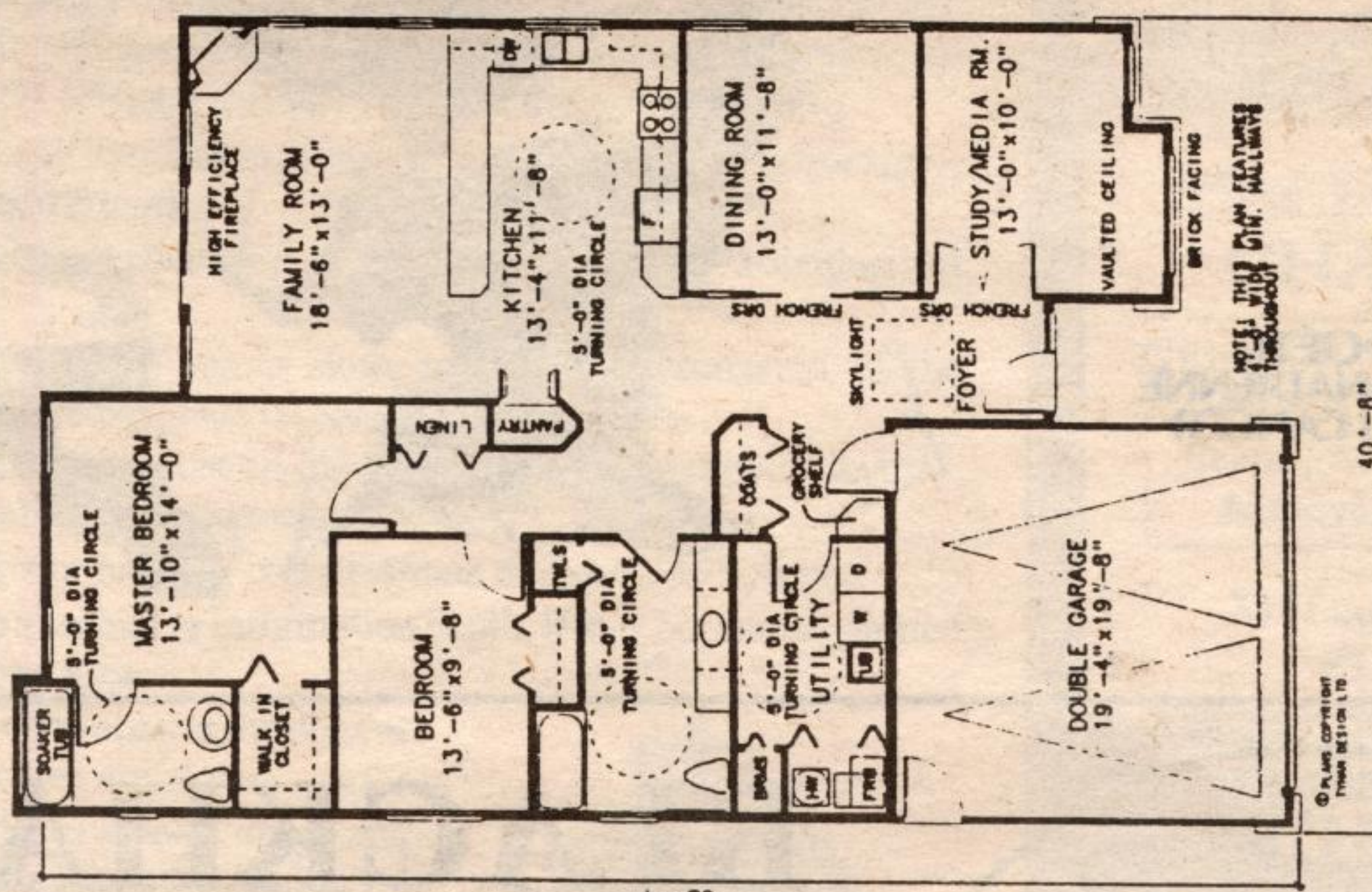
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