

# Popular AHS teacher honoured by colleagues

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Just call Keith Black the travellin' man.

The Acton High History and Geography teacher of 22 years, who has whisked students along 63 trips across the world, is on the road again — however, this time, it's into retirement.

The 57-year-old Black began his teaching career in 1957 at Robert Little Public School. He later moved to Milton District High in '65 until June of '71. From that time until today, he's been instructing at Acton High.

"It's incredible; a human signature day," said Black prior to his retirement party at the school last Wednesday. "All my colleagues from 36 years ago to last year. People coming as people, leaving their thanks. It's really precious. Very moving and delightful."

The ardent traveller figures he's been outside North America over 100 times with 80 per cent of the excursions involving students.

"Travelling is a real learning experience for the students," said Black, who added that his longest venture included 320 kids and 21 teachers. "The students wanted to

learn and were really stimulated by what they saw. I think it rekindled their love of learning."

Some of the memorable trips included: a visit to Berlin in 1990 as the Acton conglomerate took their own hammers and chisels to help knock down the wall; Rome, where they touched Michael Angelo's pieta; and Vienna to hear the opera, visit the palace and travel the circular streets.

As for his immediate future, Black will be visiting Ireland in August and has already set aside August, 1994, for a trek to Australia and New Zealand. He also

plans to play his piano and pipe organ that he began in 1982, when he worked his way to a Grade 4 level. He's now aiming for a Grade 8 equivalent.

The former driver education instructor of 27 years would also like to dabble in writing, photography, art, carpentry and become part of the community.

What will the elementary and secondary school teacher take with him as he leaves the Acton High grounds for the last time?

"The strength of the people — in good times and bad — and the joy and passion of the young stu-

dents," Black explained. "Also, dealing with the students as they grow up and the good times with the staff and the students."

And they won't forget him, either. "He's probably one of the most giving men I've known," offered Head of Science Dr. Paul Tamblin, who has worked with Black since Day 1 in '71. "I don't think I've ever heard any critical remarks from the staff or students."

"He also saw education outside the four walls of the school, in terms of innovation and travel. He enriched the students' lives in a way the school system can't."

## BRADEN HOMES LTD

"We believe we build the most energy efficient and comfortable homes in Ontario."

ROCKWOOD  
519-856-9306

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

## ABR

ROOFING & ALUMINUM

Specializing in Re-Roofing  
Siding • Eavestrouthing  
New Roofs • Repairs  
Soffit • Fascia

ANDREW B. RAMSDEN  
Free Estimates 853-1452

## Total Home Improvements

- ◆ BASEMENTS ◆ BATHROOMS
  - ◆ DECKS ◆ PAINTING
  - ◆ INTERIOR RE-DESIGNS  
(New Room, New Washroom)
  - ◆ REPAIRS  
(Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, etc.)
- Call Mike 873-9956

## C.N.C. CONSTRUCTION

- Pooldecks
  - Patios
  - Sidewalks
  - Cement Drives
  - Chimney Repairs
  - Brick Pointing
  - Home Renovations
  - Installation of Above-Ground Pools
- FREE ESTIMATES with NO OBLIGATION
- CLAUDE NADON 853-0275



## DENNY'S INSURANCE

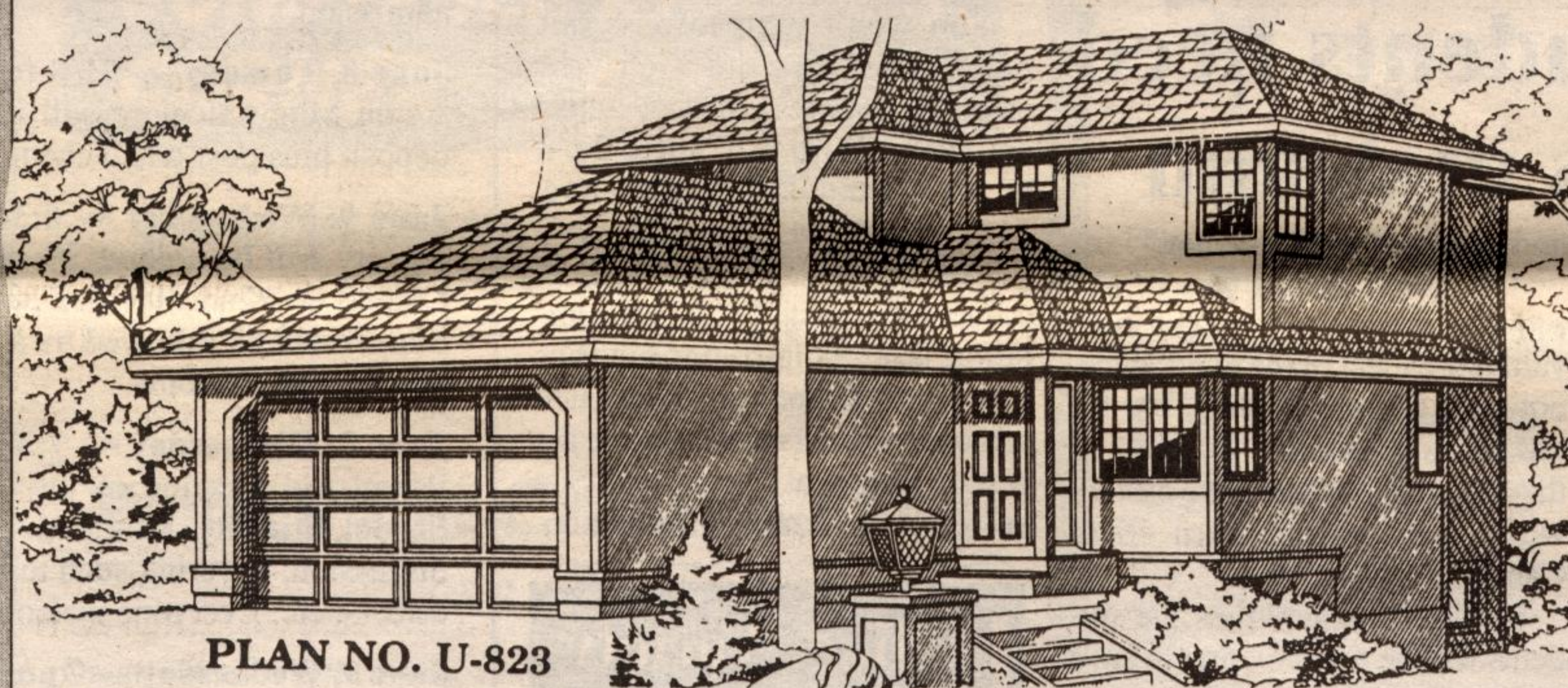
50 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
Serving All Your Insurance Needs  
Home • Auto • Business • Travel  
Life • Mortgage Ins. • Group • RRSP  
853-0150  
15 Mill Street West

## Leathertown LUMBER

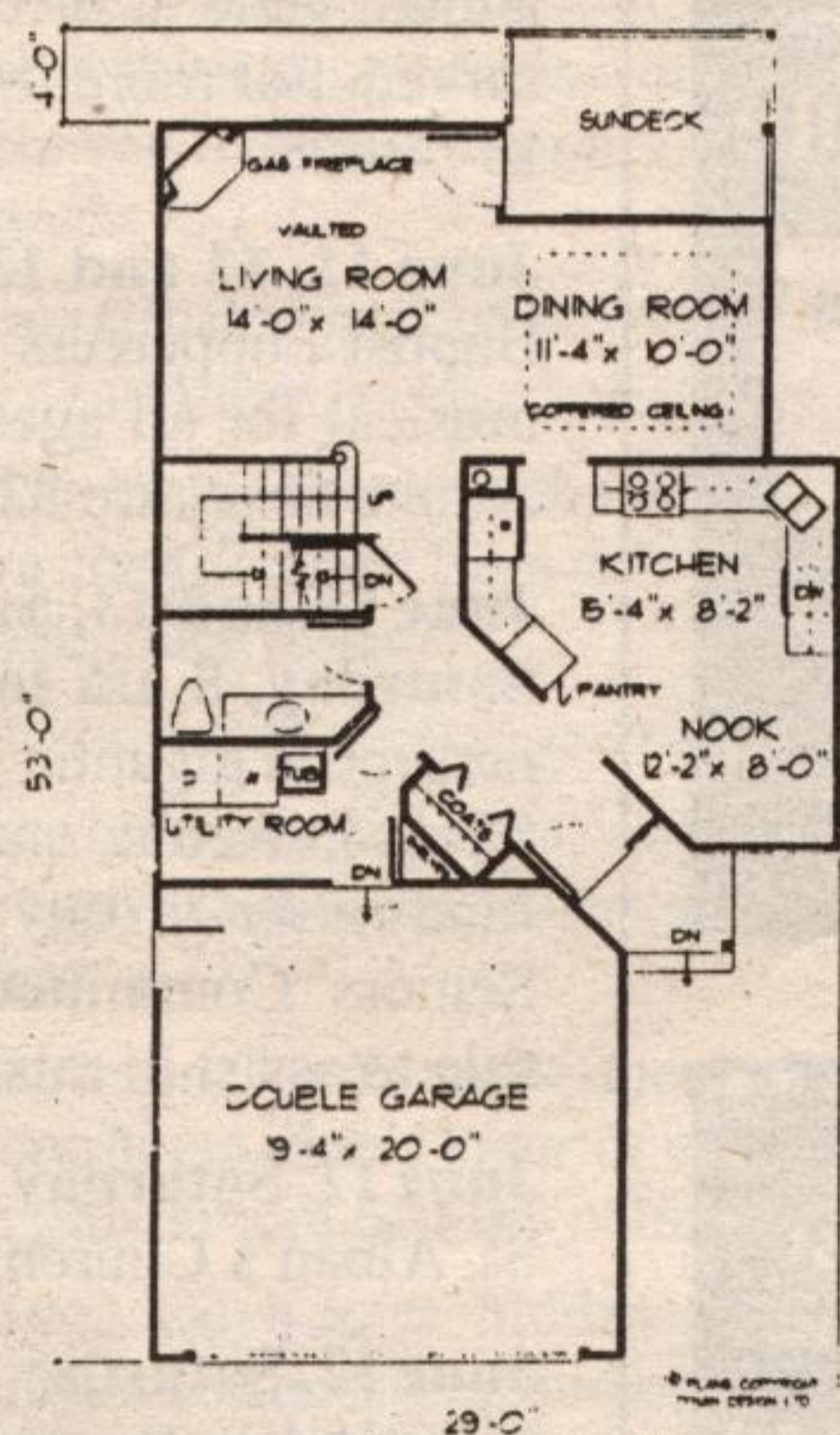
LUMBER, PANNELLING & PLYWOOD  
PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL  
HARDWARE, HAND-TOOLS  
PAINTS, STAINS, WINDOWS, TILES  
DOORS, TRIM & SIDING

"Everything you need to do the job right."  
Leathertown Lumber Inc.  
Main St. North • 853-1970

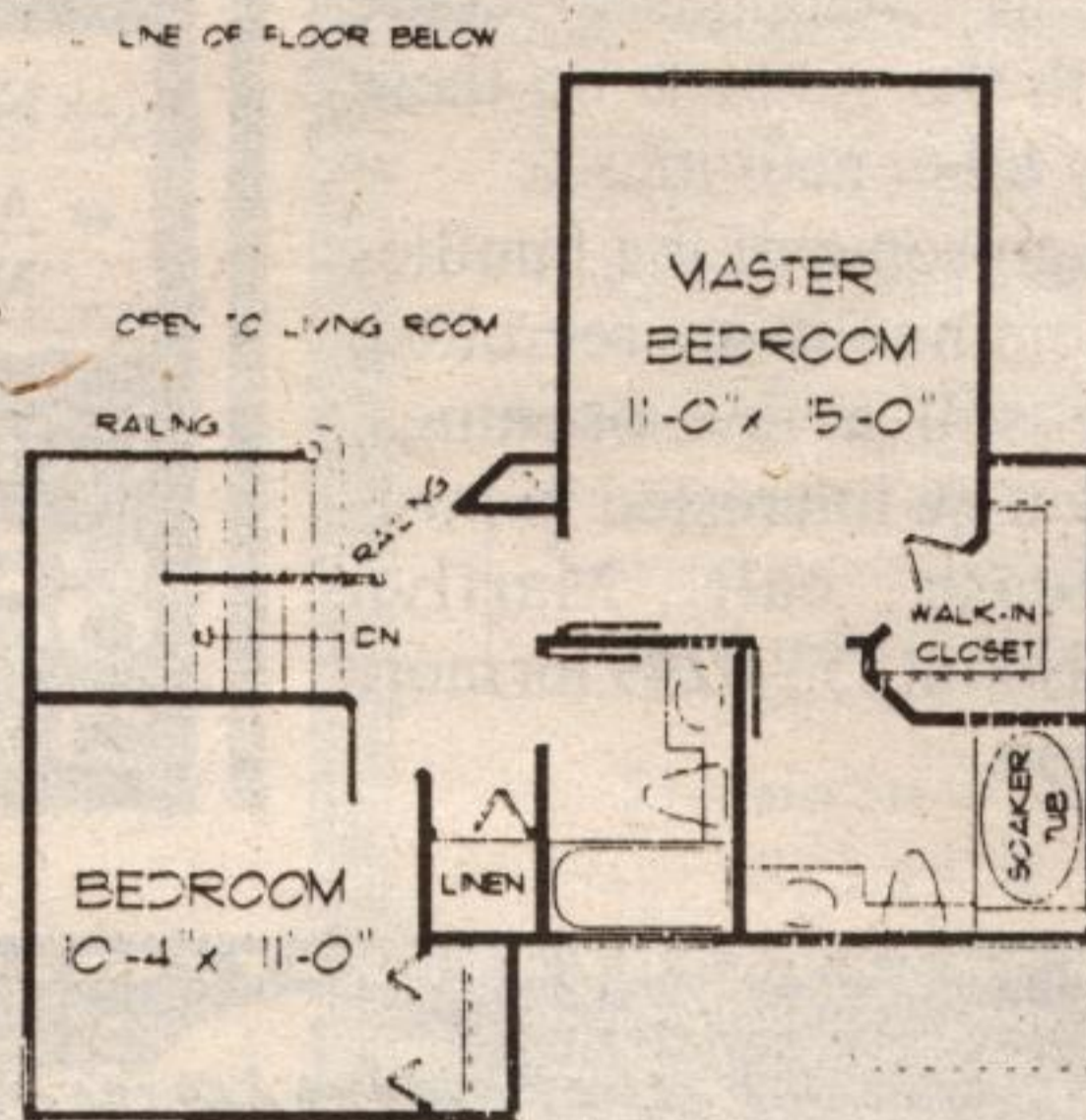
# HOMEPLAN OF THE WEEK!



PLAN NO. U-823



MAIN FLOOR PLAN 845 SQ. FT.



UPPER FLOOR PLAN 509 SQ. FT.

## Compact two-storey suits corner lot

An interesting irregular pattern along the right side, with corner windows and an angled entrance, make this home a visually pleasing choice for a corner lot.

Inside, an efficient kitchen layout provides ample cupboard and counter space, a pantry, and a good sized nook. An open plan for the living-dining room creates a spacious living environment, and features a vaulted ceiling in the living room and a coffered ceiling in the dining area.

Upstairs, a stylish master bedroom features a walk-in closet and a three-piece ensuite with a soaker tub. As unfinished basement awaits your own creative touch.

Plans for U-823 may be obtained for \$295 for a package of five complete sets of working prints and \$29 for each additional set of the same plan. Allow \$15 extra to cover the cost of postage and handling. All Canadian residents add seven per cent GST to plan total plus postage and handling.

This is one of our new designs. Many innovative plans are now available in our NEW two-storey plan catalogue for \$13.85 including postage and handling and seven per cent GST.

Please make all cheques, money orders and Visa or MasterCard authorizations payable to: The Acton Tanner Home of the Week, P.O. Box 150, Acton, Ontario, L7J 1G8.

## STRIDE'S General Contracting

Interiors & Exteriors, Additions & Renovations  
Specializing in Bathroom Remodelling  
Hot Tubs & Whirlpools  
23 YEARS OF TOP QUALITY  
GUARANTEED WORKMANSHIP  
DOUG STRIDE Res. 519-855-6717  
Hillsburgh Bus. 519-855-6201

## MCISAAC CONCRETE

RES. IND. COMM. FARM  
BASEMENT & FACTORY FLOORS  
• Laser Levelled  
• Floors, Curbs  
• Patios, Sidewalks  
• Footings, Forming  
• Retaining Walls  
• Reinforced Concrete  
CALL LEROY 853-1582

## B & K WINDOWS & Aluminum Products

EXPERTS IN THE SALE & INSTALLATION OF:  
■ ALUMINUM & VINYL WINDOWS  
■ PATIO DOORS & SHUTTERS  
■ STORM WINDOWS & DOORS  
■ PORCH ENCLOSURES  
■ SOLARIUMS  
■ THERMAL REPLACEMENT  
■ DOUBLE OR TRIPLE GLAZED  
■ FASCIA, SOFFIT, EAVESTROUGH, SIDING  
FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL TODAY: 877-3769

## PETER ZIONS CONSTRUCTION Ltd.

853-2464 • ACTON  
"A Family Building Tradition for 28 Years"  
◆ Home Improvements  
◆ Licensed R-2000 Home Builder

## APC ACTON PRECAST CONCRETE LIMITED

SEPTIC TANKS & WATER CISTERNS  
■ PVC SEWER PIPE  
■ WELL TILES & CULVERTS  
■ TRANSFORMER BASES  
■ STEPS & PORCHES  
■ YARD & PATIO PRODUCTS  
ACTON 853-1529

## GRAHAM WELL DRILLING LTD.

Canadian Water Well Association Ontario Water Well Association  
FARM, RES. COMM., INDUST.  
Drilling & Pump Systems  
Competitive Prices  
Free Estimates  
R.R. 5 ROCKWOOD 824-3690

## AK CARPENTRY & PAINTING

Quality 1st  
RENOVATIONS & ADDITIONS  
BUILDING RESTORATION  
DECKS, FENCING, TRIM  
ROCKWOOD  
856-2230  
105 MacLennan

## River Crest Painting

INTERIOR • EXTERIOR • RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL  
We Take Pride In Our Work and Clean Up  
20 Years Experience  
FOR A FREE ESTIMATE, CALL:  
MARK DURIE  
416-840-5616

## BALLYMARTIN CONTRACTING

✓ Additions  
✓ Renovations  
✓ Basement Waterproofing  
✓ Masonry  
✓ Concrete Work  
"18 Years Experience"  
G. GRAHAM  
416-873-8979