

No fat in public programs

Continued from Front Page wage controls.

"When I looked through the report there wasn't much I couldn't agree with," Elliott said of the recommendations to trim instead of chop the budget.

"I don't think there's a lot of fat in the public programs. Last year our Provincial grants were under \$10,000. The grants are way down from a few years ago.

"It's not a matter of us sitting down and saying let's cut this program or that program. Town staff have been very cooperative (negotiating their pay cuts) and it's an internal matter for municipal de-

partments."

Elliott said if councilors could pick and choose what they cut it would be easier but a lot of what they do is already legislated. "No

one can tamper with pay equity; the government made that clear."

Elliott said these are tough times and "we've never had anything like this in my memory."

Provide best services

Continued from Front Page to 12 days because this directly impacts community service, while creating "annual layoffs that would be institutionalized." The report doesn't rule out a system of unpaid leave days if all other budget trimming measures fail.

"Council was presented with a schedule Friday detailing how we

propose saving the targeted amount. One of the recommendations approved by Council was the Civic Centre will be closed Christmas through New Year's."

"Because we're trying to provide the best services possible the arenas will be open and obviously all critical services like the fire department will carry on."



TRAINING WHEELS: Last week was Joanie Weaver's very first week on her bike, but the 4-year-old was already riding like a pro, says mom Shelley. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

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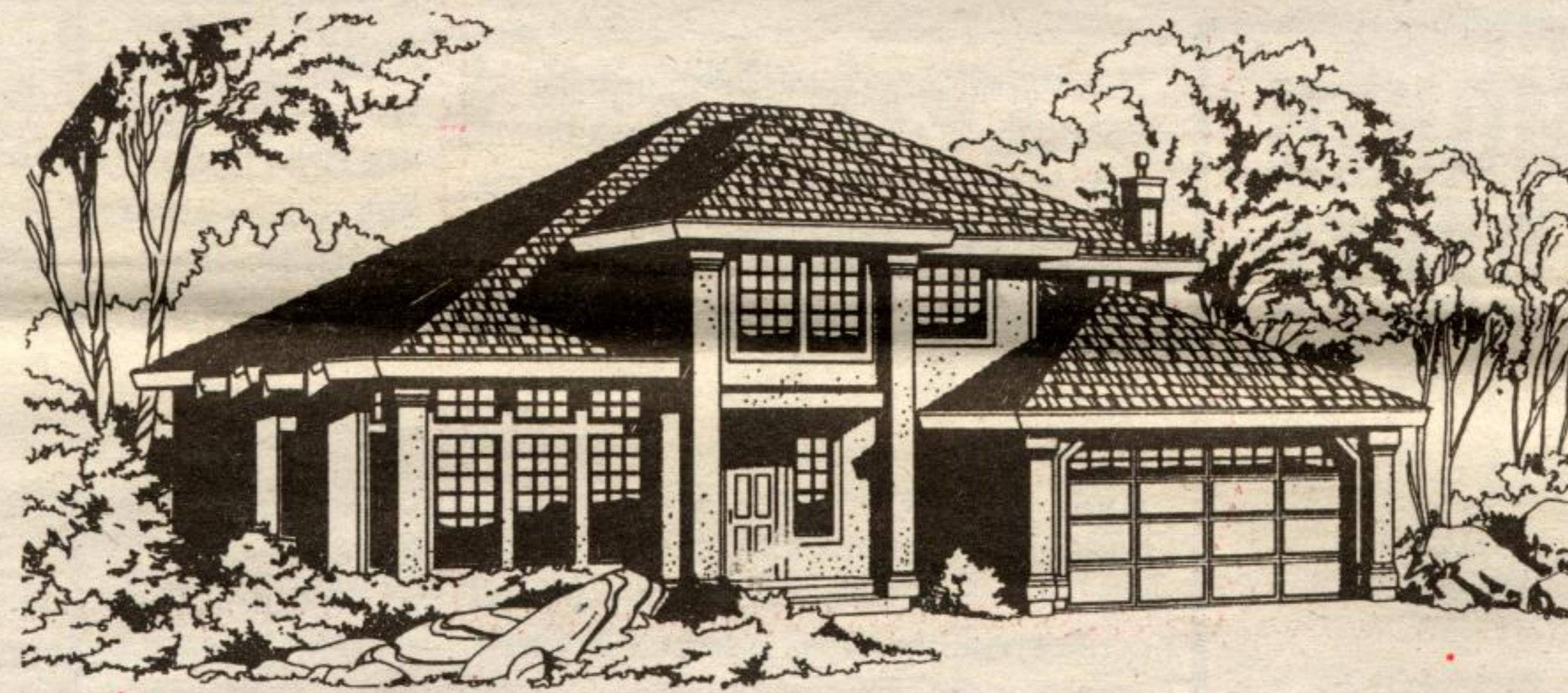
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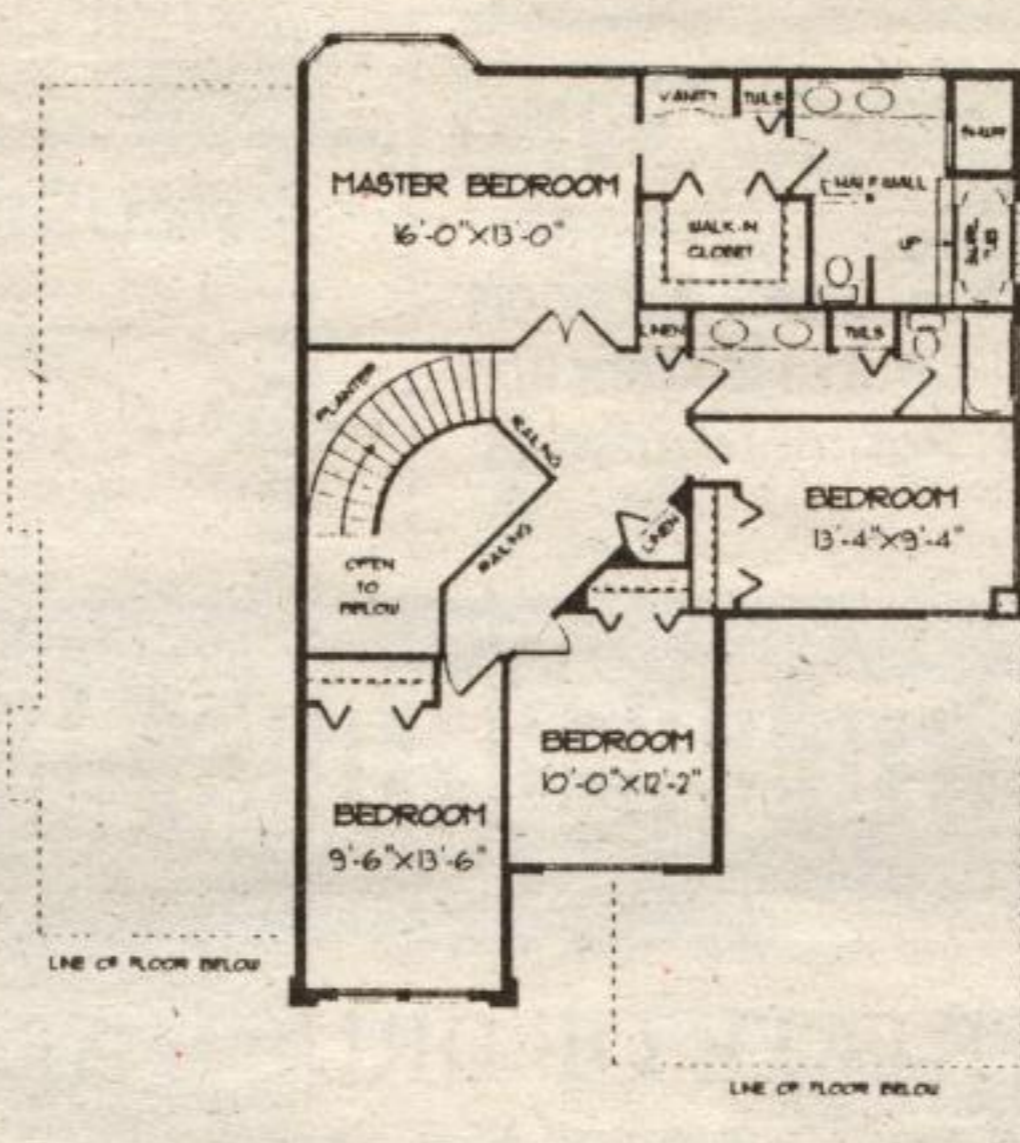
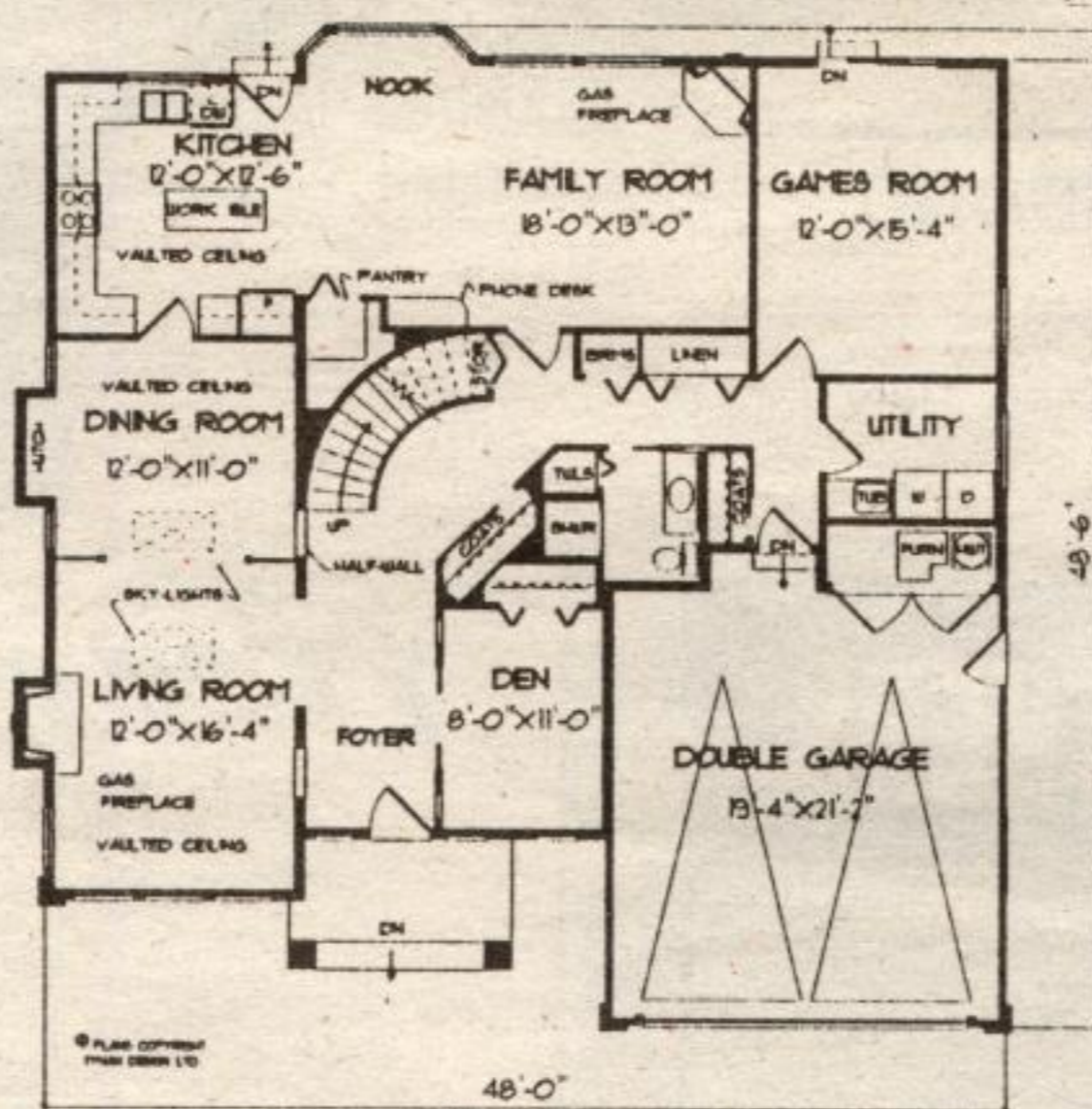
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