

New seniors' centre downtown?

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There could soon be one less empty storefront in downtown Acton.

The Town of Halton Hills received a letter last Wednesday from the Acton Seniors' Centre Committee, who fully endorse the exploration of the old FlightLine leather store as a temporary location for their centre.

Paul Stover, Town of Halton Hills superintendent of facilities, said on Thursday that he and Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks for the Town, are piecing together costs for operating and refurbishing the downtown

building.

He added that if the seniors do occupy the building, it will be for a period of under three years.

"The Town had a second review of the old fire hall and there are far too many expenses to be paid for to make it a usable facility," said Stover, who added that the costs to renovate the Bower Avenue building, which had interested the seniors since late last spring, hovered around \$500,000.

Stover said a building inspector must check the Mill Street building, which is owned by the old Hide House, since there are different rules with the fire code when

transferring from commercial use to public assembly.

While he says the former Flight Line building is in "fine shape" and feels repairs won't be extensive, Stover did add that plans to move forward are contingent on Town budget deliberations.

He continued by saying an application for funding to the Ministry of Health has been made.

However, Acton Councillor Gerald Rennie, who also serves as council representative for the seniors' committee, said on Thursday there are no grants available now, but that the application was made regardless.

"It would be downtown, fill in some empty space on the main street and help the appearance of

the downtown," said Rennie, who considers the possible site as a viable option.

"It's also wheelchair accessible and doesn't need an elevator," which he estimated would save between \$40,000 and \$50,000 with access grants.

With restaurants, banks, shops and grocery stores all within walking distance, the potential site seems attractive.

"The place is immense and definitely suited for use as a centre," said Golden Age Club president Pat Giguere, speaking for the seniors in her *Tanner* column last week.

Stover and Shepard are scheduled to meet with the seniors on Jan. 27 for a financial update.

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Bannockburn Womens' Institute enjoy Christmas

BANNOCKBURN W.I.

BY EDITH MEDLAND

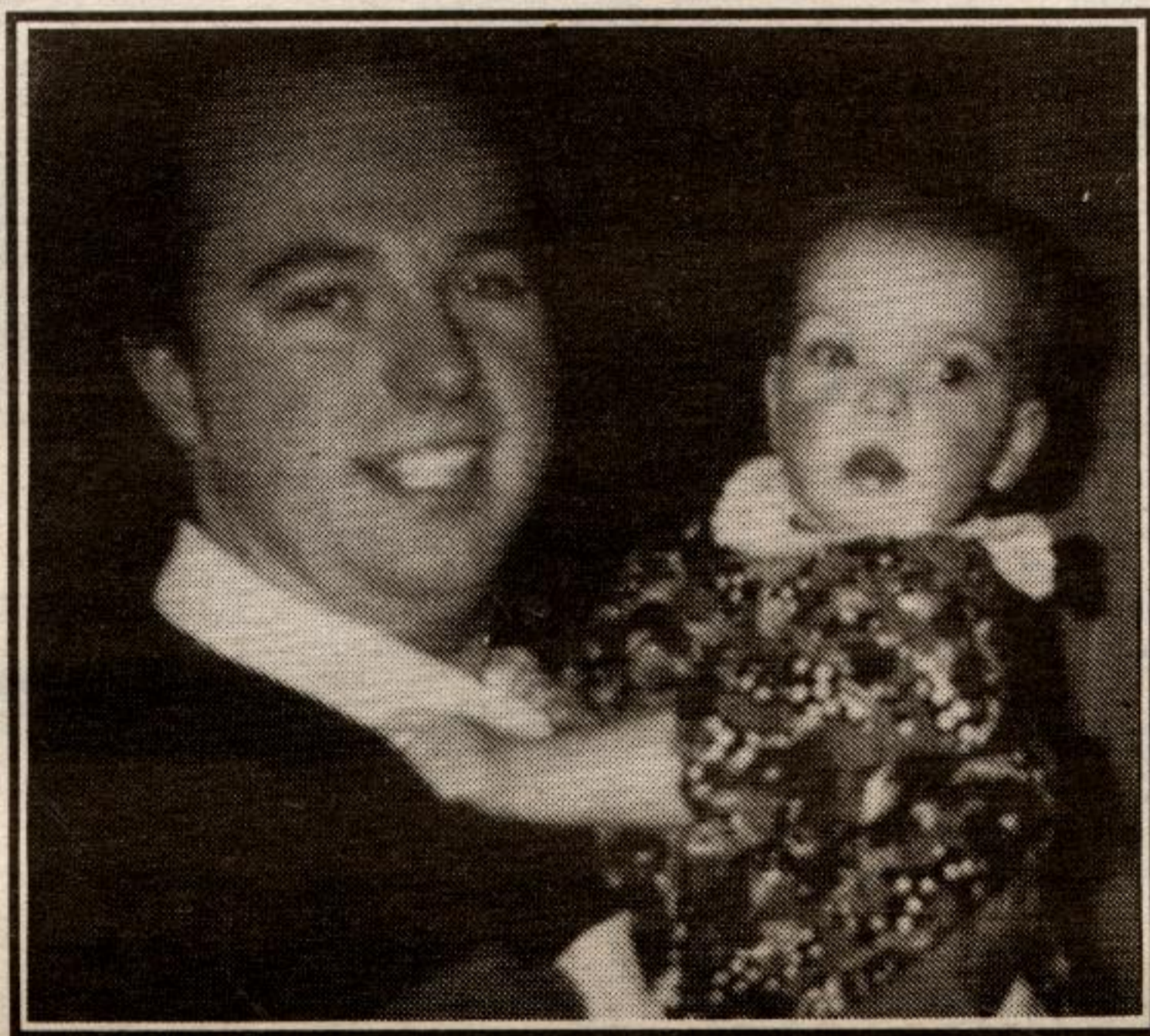
The weather was fine for us as we held our Christmas party at the beautifully decorated home of Linda Cairns. Twelve members and guests sat down to a festive table for a delicious turkey pot-luck supper. Many thanks to Linda for cooking the turkey and all the other ladies who supplied the vegetables, desserts and trimmings.

"Share a favourite Christmas recipe" turned up some super recipes. Glenda Benton, our District

president, was a guest at our party and a letter from Glenda to all members was read by Ruth Linham.

Isabel and Ina took over the entertainment and Ina read a poem entitled "A Kiss," then Isabel read a Christmas story. The two of them then dressed up like Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and sang. What a jovial pair they were. It was very enjoyable.

Gifts were exchanged among the ladies and a jolly time was had by all. Greetings to each and every one and all the best in 1994.

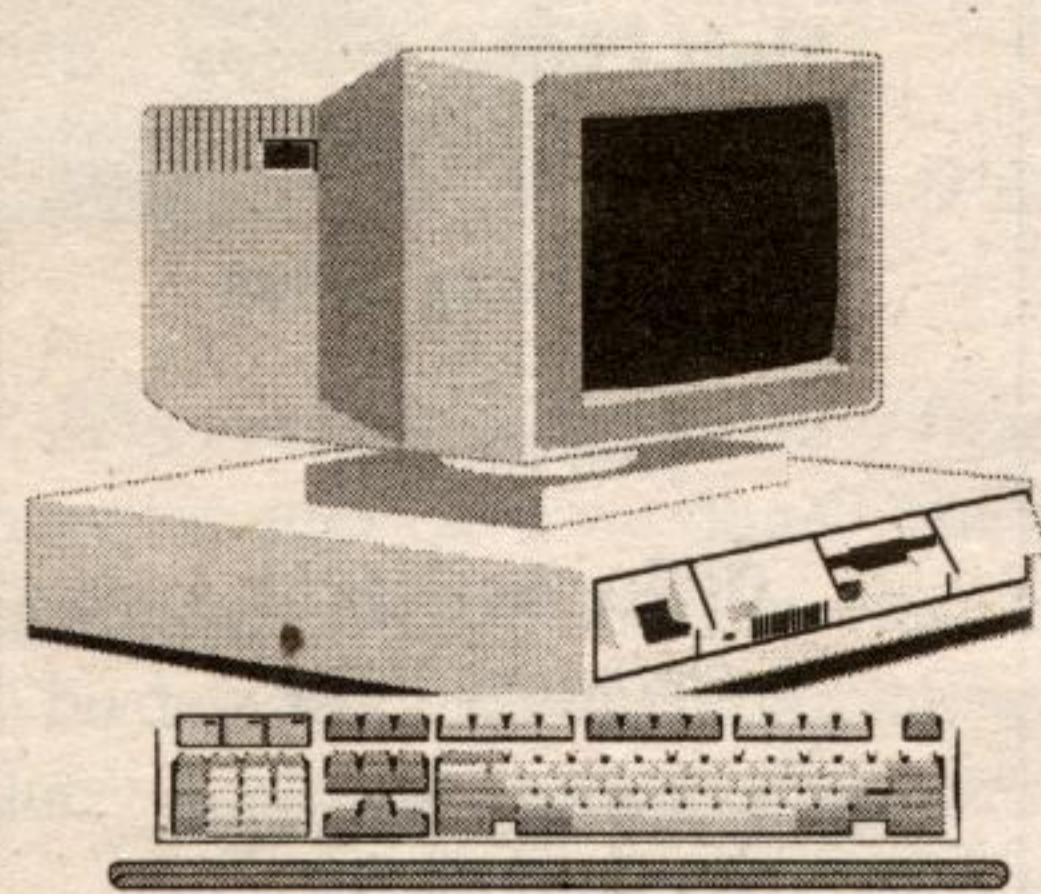


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Love, Brenda & Rachel

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DON'T LET THE SURGE WIPE YOU OUT

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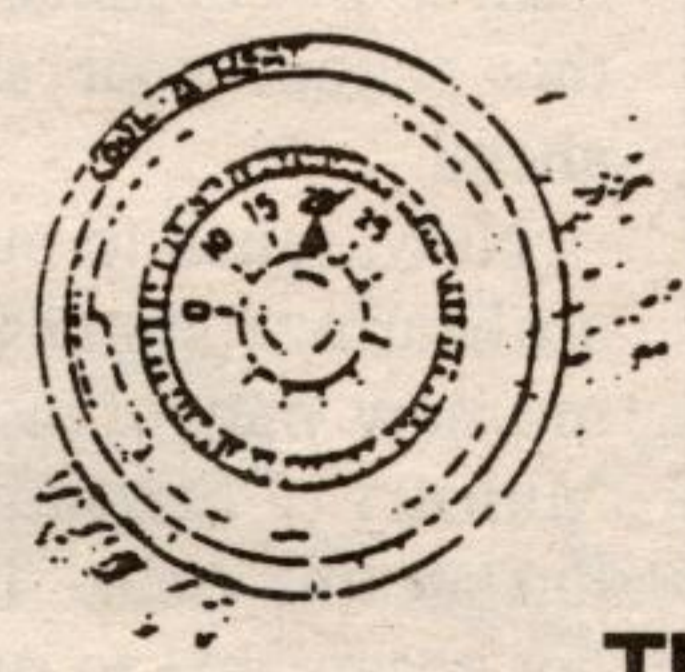
Depending on the level of protection you need, you can buy a range of protection devices from low cost voltage regulators to uninterruptible power supplies.

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Don't Overheat Unused Space

Close doors leading to unheated parts of the house.

If you have a spare room that's not being used, close the hot air register or turn down the baseboard heater and close the door to that room.

