

Breakfast Club has new home!

Next Monday the new and improved Dine & Dash Acton Children's Breakfast Club will open its doors at its new location. The children of Robert Little Public School will again be able to get a bowl of cereal and a glass of juice every day before school starts.

This program was started January 1993 at St. Alban's Church in response to the increasing demand placed on the FoodShare food bank in town. Children are the innocent victims of poverty and this is a way to help them.

The response to this program was tremendous: The Dine & Dash program has served over 4,000 breakfasts in just 18 months. They

were especially overwhelmed by the generosity of our town. Many individuals, businesses and churches donated food, money and their time to serve the breakfasts.

Breakfast Club organizers switched the location to better meet the needs of the children. They will now serve breakfast in the school from 8:30 am until school starts.

"We hope that by changing our location and hours of operation, we can catch those children who come by bus or walk to school on an empty stomach," explains Dine & Dash organizer Janet Cullen.

"Any child in Acton who comes to the school is welcomed to come

in for breakfast," assures Cullen.

"We offer breakfast to all the children of Robert Little School, so that there will not be any discrimination or stigma placed on children who come from lower income families and need this service.

"For those who can afford it, a nominal fee of 25 cents is charged for breakfast."

The Dine & Dash club would appreciate donations of breakfast cereals, milk, juice and volunteers to help serve the breakfasts.

If you could provide any of these or would like more information, please contact Janet Cullen at 853-2712.

Some tales from the Tax Trough

Some government expenditures are downright stupid. Consider the following collection of absurd examples of how the government wasted your hard-earned tax dollars:

- In 1990 the Department of Industry spend \$400,000 to promote the World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Quebec. That \$400,000 represents 89 taxpayer years! That is, 89 average taxpayers saw all of their federal taxes go to fund this project.
- In 1991 the National Capital

Commission spent \$10,800 to finance a poll to find out what Canadians thought about Christmas lights. That translates to two taxpayer years.

- In 1990 the Finance Department spent \$300,000 or 67 taxpayer years, to produce and distribute 40,000 videos explaining how the federal government spent... your taxes.

- The Prime Minister's Office spent \$840,000 — 187 taxpayer years — to monitor newscasts and newspaper articles.

- The federal government has earmarked \$220,000 — the equivalent of 49 taxpayer years — for a new carpet for Lester B. Pearson Airport's Terminal 1, despite the fact that it is likely to be torn down in the near future.

- Under its Green Plan Eco-Research program, Ottawa has given 31 graduate students \$1.3 million in special doctoral fellowships — that's 289 taxpayer years. They include \$36,000 for a "bi-regional approach to the settlement story in prairie fiction."

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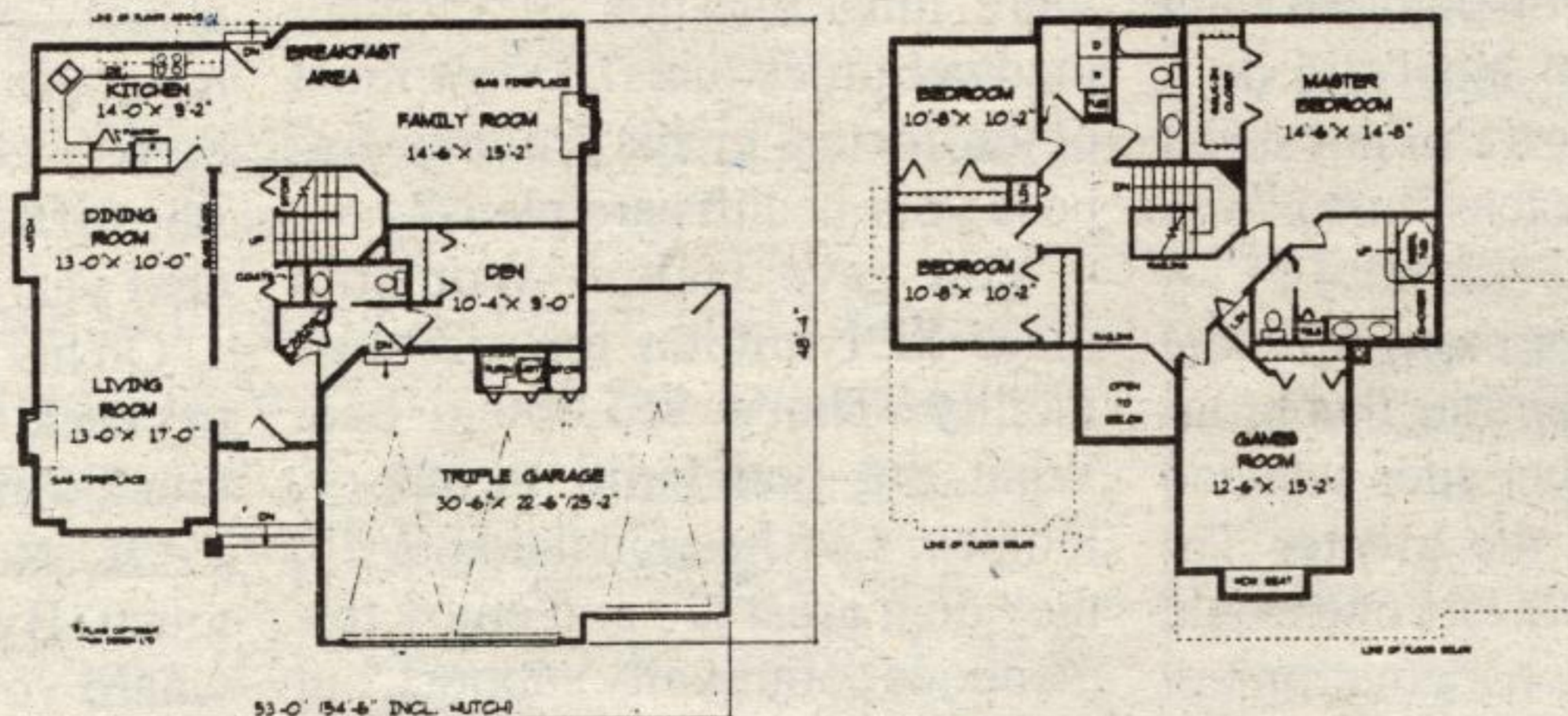
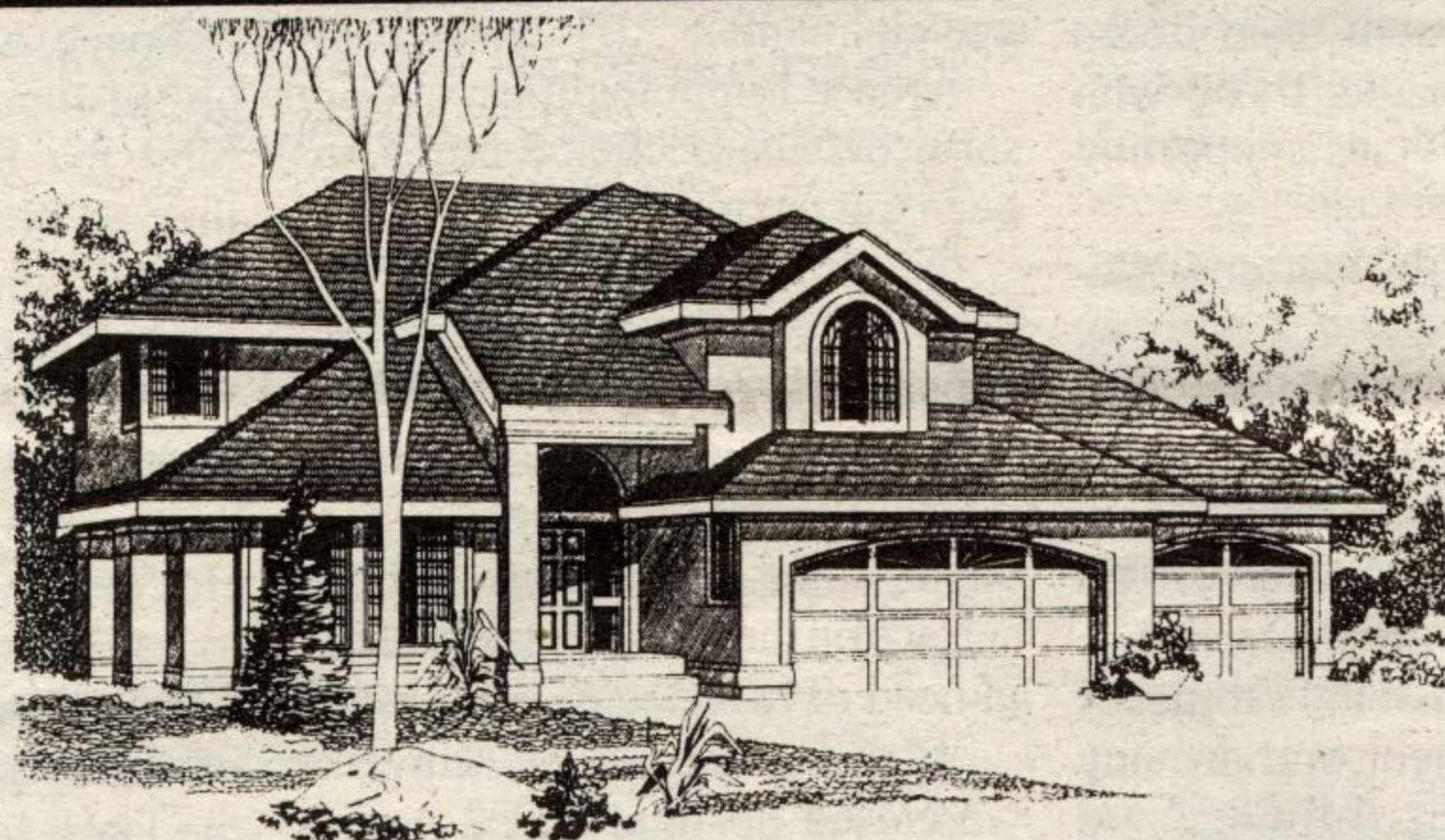
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