

FRIAR'S FRIES! Towne Friar co-owner Harvey Yurich and manager Bonnie Townsley inspect a batch of french fries.

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BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

It may not be Easy Street, but Harvey Yurich finds the drive down Dublin Line every morning much easier on his eyes - and his blood pressure - than his former commute across the 401, en route to his gardening job with the City of Toronto.

And after living in Mississauga for eight years, the 40-year-old Yurich has found peace of mind in Acton.

Yurich, along with his wife and business partner Debbie and their three children — No. 4 is on the way - recently assumed ownership of the Towne Friar fish and

chip shop.

"What better place to raise kids than in Acton," asks Yurich, who lives next door to Blue Springs Golf Club. "It's a great view, and can see the whole town. You couldn't find a better place."

Harvey and Debbie, a special investigator with Allstate Insurance, certainly couldn't. They spent two years house hunting, from Kingston to St. Catharines.

Not only did they see the business potential of running the Towne Friar, but most important to them, they saw Acton as the model environment to raise their children.

"The schools in Mississauga are

not adequate and we both felt it was not the place for our kids to grow up," Yurich says, adding he feared his children running around with all kinds of kids and smoking by age 11 or 12.

Providing a quality life for his family is No. 1 to Yurich. Next is quality food and service to fish and chip lovers in Acton.

While most of the menu will remain the same, Yurich confirms, he plans to revamp the lunch menu, complete with homemade items such as chili.

"I want food with no preservatives and nothing artificial from top to bottom," says Yurich, who ran a deli in Calgary for six years before moving to Mississauga. "I want this place to be like an English pub—where everyone knows everyone, where you can tell jokes and enjoy a muffin and coffee."

Starting yesterday (Tuesday), a muffin and coffee sells for 99 cents at the Towne Friar. As well, one can purchase Friar's Favourite fish and chips at lunch for \$4.95 and get another order for half price.

Yurich also takes over Friar's Friends next door. He notes the emphasis will be on country crafts, along with the addition of country clothing (i.e. jean shirts and jack-

"No matter what business you're in, you're in business to satisfy customers," explains Yurich, who is looking forward to working with local charities. "The people are much friendlier here.

"You can get to know them on a much more trustworthy basis. It's much more materialistic in the big city — I'll never go back to Mississauga."

Musical here in

March

Dance - Danse - Dance, a new toe-tapping musical love story, is coming to the Acton High School cafetorium on Thursday, March 30.

Sponsored by Acton Support Services, tickets for the event are \$6 each. You can get your tickets by calling 853-3310 or by visiting ASSIC's 19 Willow St. N. office.

A press release outlines the play's theme: "Love is the language as Michael speaks only English and Lucie speaks only French."

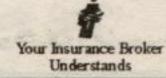
The musical will be presented by Toronto's Smile Theatre, the troupe which performed the popular plays Slap! and The Light in Winnie's Window here in the past year.

Show time is 7:30 pm and all members of the community are invited.

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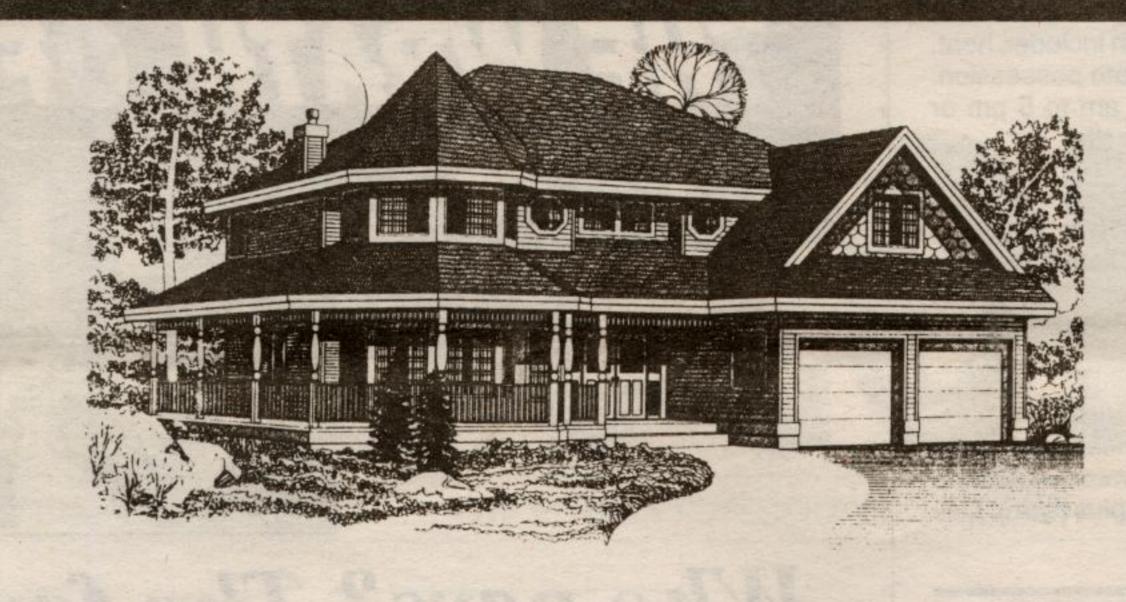
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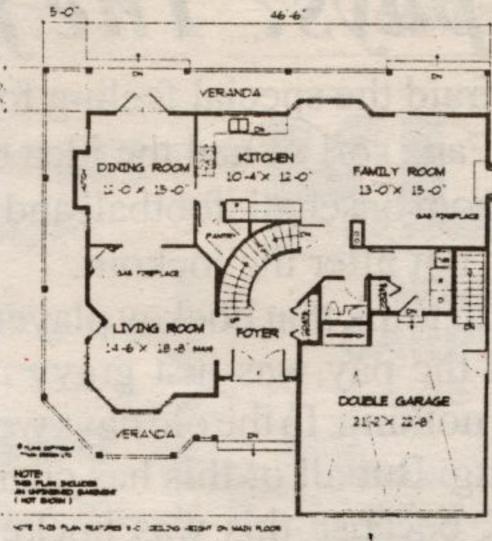
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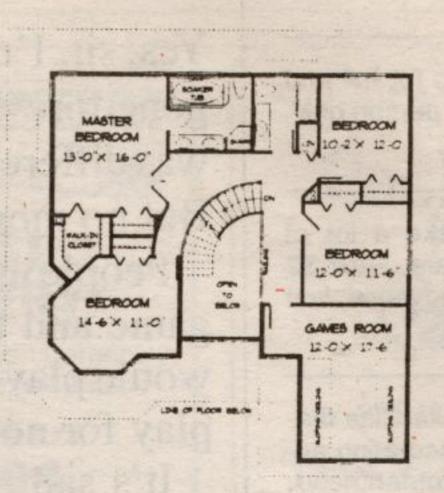
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