Arena seniors' centre will be 'well-equipped'

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

At times over the past seven years, Acton seniors were overwhelmed with despair in their fruitless search for a seniors' centre.

But last Wednesday, calls of 'hallelujah' emanated from the Golden Age choir and Actonites 55-and-over. The group at the Acton Legion was overcome with joy when they heard seniors' centre committee chair Gerald Rennie's update on the progress of their new home in the Community Centre.

He assured the group that the doors to their "temporary" home will open on April 1.

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"It's been a long seven years," the Acton councillor told the seniors at the information meeting. "Construction's going at a mad pace I understand. This is going to be a well-equipped centre."

After bids to occupy the old fire hall, the recently sold FlightLine building and the old McKenzie building on Church Street fell through, an approximate 80-foot by 30-foot space on the upper level of the Community Centre was approved by Town Council on Oct. 17.

Among the \$34,000 in renovations — of which \$17,000 will be paid for by Acton seniors—to the Park Street facility is the replacement of cracked walls and flooring, and the installation of a kitchen

Halton Hills mayor Marilyn Serjeantson dropped by en route to the Acton BIA's annual general meeting and offered her best wishes to Acton seniors on their exciting new venture.

"It's really exciting that both communities (Acton and Georgetown) are getting seniors' centres," she said. "It's going to spruce up the whole town. It certainly took persistence to get what you have and I look forward to touring the centre in April."

New seniors' member Shirley Broostad says the centre will pro-

vide another meeting place for seniors to socialize.

"It's exciting to know this is coming about. It's the fruits of a lot of people's hard work and it should be appreciated by a lot of people," insisted Shirley, who said her husband, Lloyd, is looking forward to playing cribbage at the centre.

Added three-year Golden Age member Stella Brunelle: "It's going to be great for seniors and Acton. We have a lot of good times and we're going to attract people who don't belong as sen-

The seniors, who already have \$40,532.55 in savings, will use a

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\$30,000 operating grant they received from the province in early August to pay their co-ordinator Adriana Lawless, hydro, water, rent and other costs, while \$18,000 of their \$21,000 Horizons grant has gone toward purchasing such necessities as furniture, a 31-inch TV, an audio system, microwave and refrigerator.

No union for Tim's

The 16 full and part-time staff at the Acton Tim Hortons are not joining a union, despite the move late last week by 70 employees of the three Tim Hortons franchises in Milton to join the United Steel Workers Union.

In a terse interview on Sunday, Acton franchisee John Malinosky said no union official had contacted his staff.

"I prefer to work one-on-one with my staff," Malinosky said when asked how he would react if his staff wanted to join the union.

"It's a small town and staff here are talking about the Milton move, but no one has joined anything."



LEGION NEWS

BY JOYCE BUCHANAN Branch 197 P.R.O.

Wednesday bridge had three tables; Lil Howson, Ward Hamilton and Mabel Barkman all won.

Thursday euchre had 18 tables with first place winner Doris Jestin, second place George Yates, third place Helen Jeffrey, fourth place Pearl Baker. Tied for hidden score were Doll Tournour and Stu Lantz.

Saturday meat draw winners were early birds Carl Fisker and A. Gordon. Regular draw winners. were John Hoare, Rupe, Ivan Wheeler, Wayne Briggs, Merle Dear, Ken Tarzwell, Marcel Poirier, Marjorie Merrikin, Peggy Harris, Annamarie Lowin, H. Badhan, and Rod Leech. Winner of the big draw was Ed Edison.

Four euchre teams will be heading to Cooksville this Saturday. The bus will leave the Legion parking lot at 9:30 am sharp. Better stay away from that green beer the night before and good luck.

Gary got lots of help refinishing the auditorium floor last week and it looks good!

Don't forget the blood donor clinic next Thursday.

You can still get tickets for the Anniversary-Awards event Sunday. Festivities begin at 1 pm, and awards will be presented beginning at 4. There will be lots of food and comradeship, so come early.

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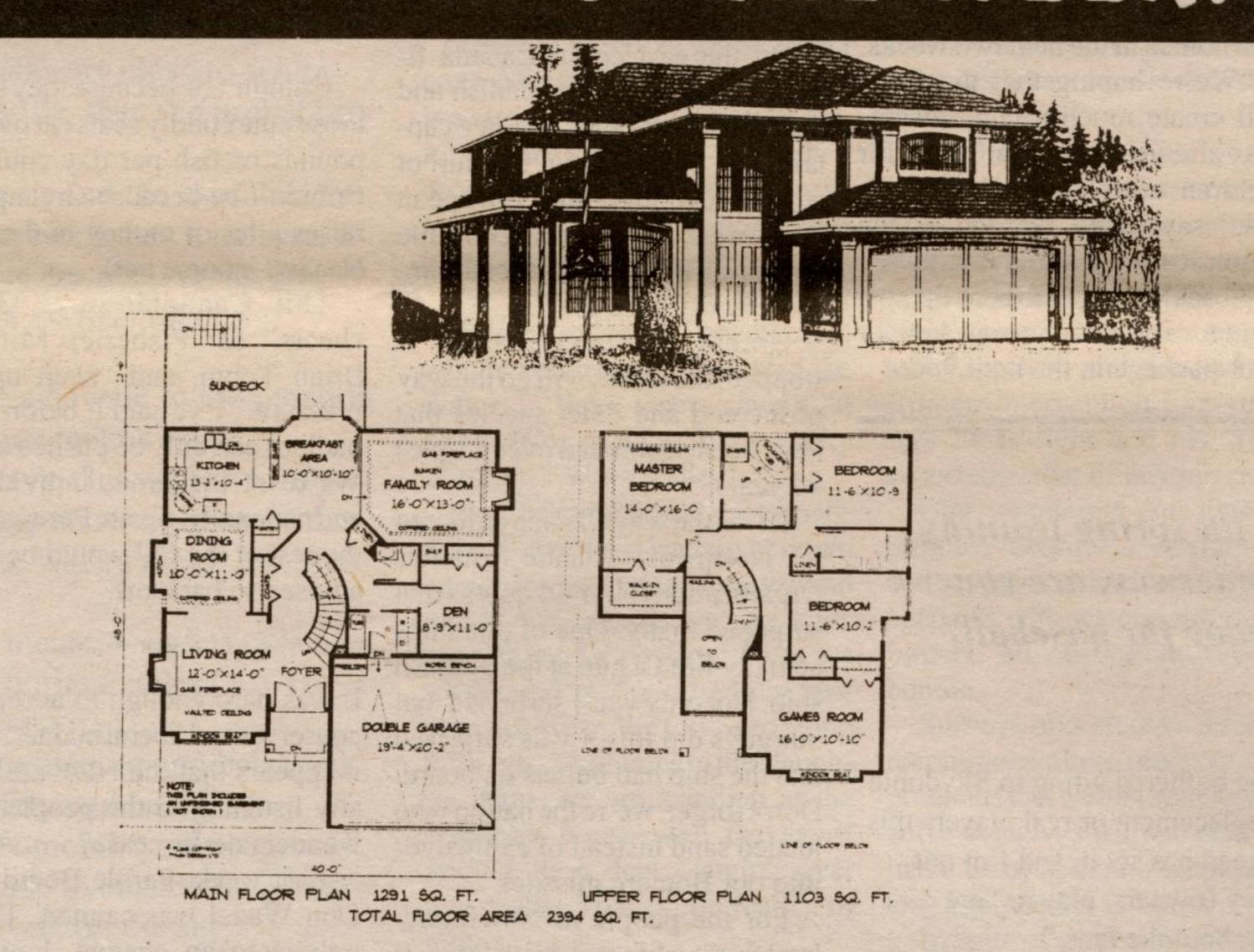
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Upstairs, all bedrooms are a good size. The master bedroom features a coffered ceiling, a large walk-in

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