

Santa Claus is coming!

To the Eramosa Community Library.

Come to the Eramosa Community Library in Rockwood on Saturday, Dec. 14 between 10 am and 12 noon and have your picture taken with the Man in Red.

Pictures will cost \$3 each and hot chocolate will also be served.

For more information, call the Library at 856-4851.

Merry Christmas!

Interculture Canada students visit Eden Mills

BY TIM MOSHER
Special to The Miller

Where would you gather in the district to meet if you had 23 high school students from 17 countries, their host families, returnees and volunteers from across Ontario, if you wanted to give them a taste of local hospitality, autumn colour and a view of the Canadian landscape?

Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre, Eden Mills was where A.F.S., Interculture Canada chose to have their fall meeting of Ontario members and visitors totalling 80 in number, the weekend of Oct. 18 to 20. The winterized cabins, spacious dining hall and warmth

of the lounge fireplace greeted the enthusiastic international group while the cool fall air, drizzle and fire-red leaves of the camp remained outdoors.

The American Field Service, Interculture Canada originally found its roots well beyond Eden Mills. They began in the trenches of France during the Great War of 1914. Under the worst conditions a group of volunteer North Americans banded together to help rescue the wounded from the battlefield. This continued through World War II until 1947, when A.F.S. changed direction and began to promote cultural exchanges and inter-

national friendship.

A large grant from the Donner Foundation in 1978 gave birth to the non-profit Canadian affiliate, and in 1984 Interculture Canada was added to the name, to reflect its national mission. Over 200,000 students and host families have participated in A.F.S. since its inception and there are now 54 member countries.

Interculture Canada's hosting facility, Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre, is well known to local people. In the early 1920s, Edgewood Park was a tourist site, operated by the late Duncan 'Mac' MacDougall, of Eden Mills. Couples

courted in the timber dance hall and kids paid a few pennies to dive in the very rare in-ground "swimming tank."

In 1944 the Lutheran Church, Canada Synod, purchased the park on the southern perimeter of the hamlet and has operated it since as a summer camp. Since 1973 Edgewood has replaced or renovated about 20 of its structures for year-round, overnight retreat and conference use. Its 56 acres of mixed woods, streams, and a small lake provide an idyllic setting for individuals and groups to enjoy.

What are some of the impressions of the students from Hungary, Brazil, Italy, Australia, Japan and others about their visit to the area?

"The people are friendly;"

"We have coloured leaves too, but not like here, where there are so many different colours;" "Your country is much more multi-cultural - especially Toronto;" "Everything is so big, the country, the cars, sometimes the people;" and "A lot of your English language TV programs are shown in my country with English subtitles. Now when I watch TV with my host family, I have to listen closely, but I'm learning quickly" were a few of the comments.

Further trips, weekends and A.F.S., Interculture Canada events are planned before the students return home in mid-July. They hope to return again to Edgewood, Eden Mills with a new group of students for their autumn 1997 conference.

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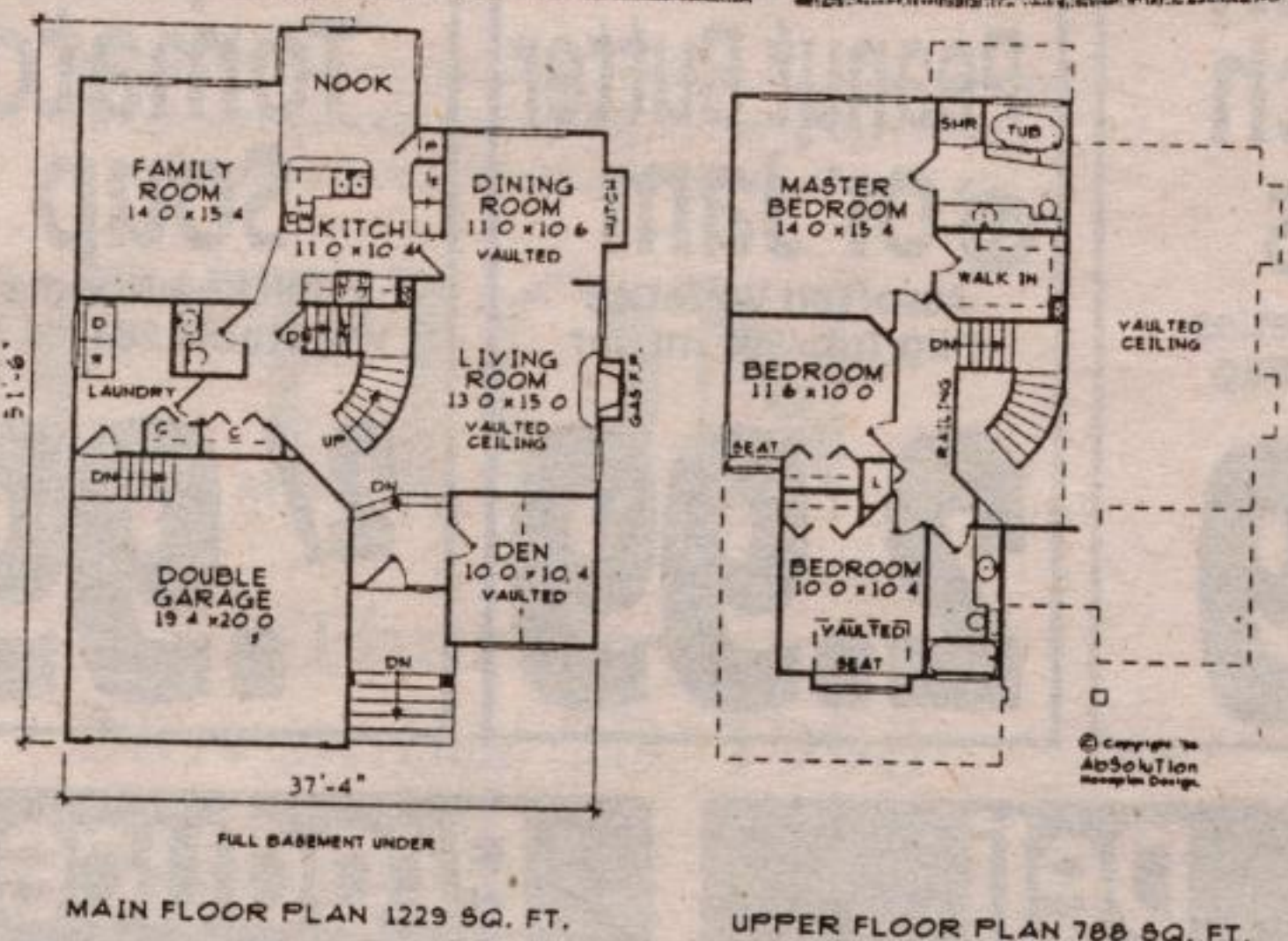
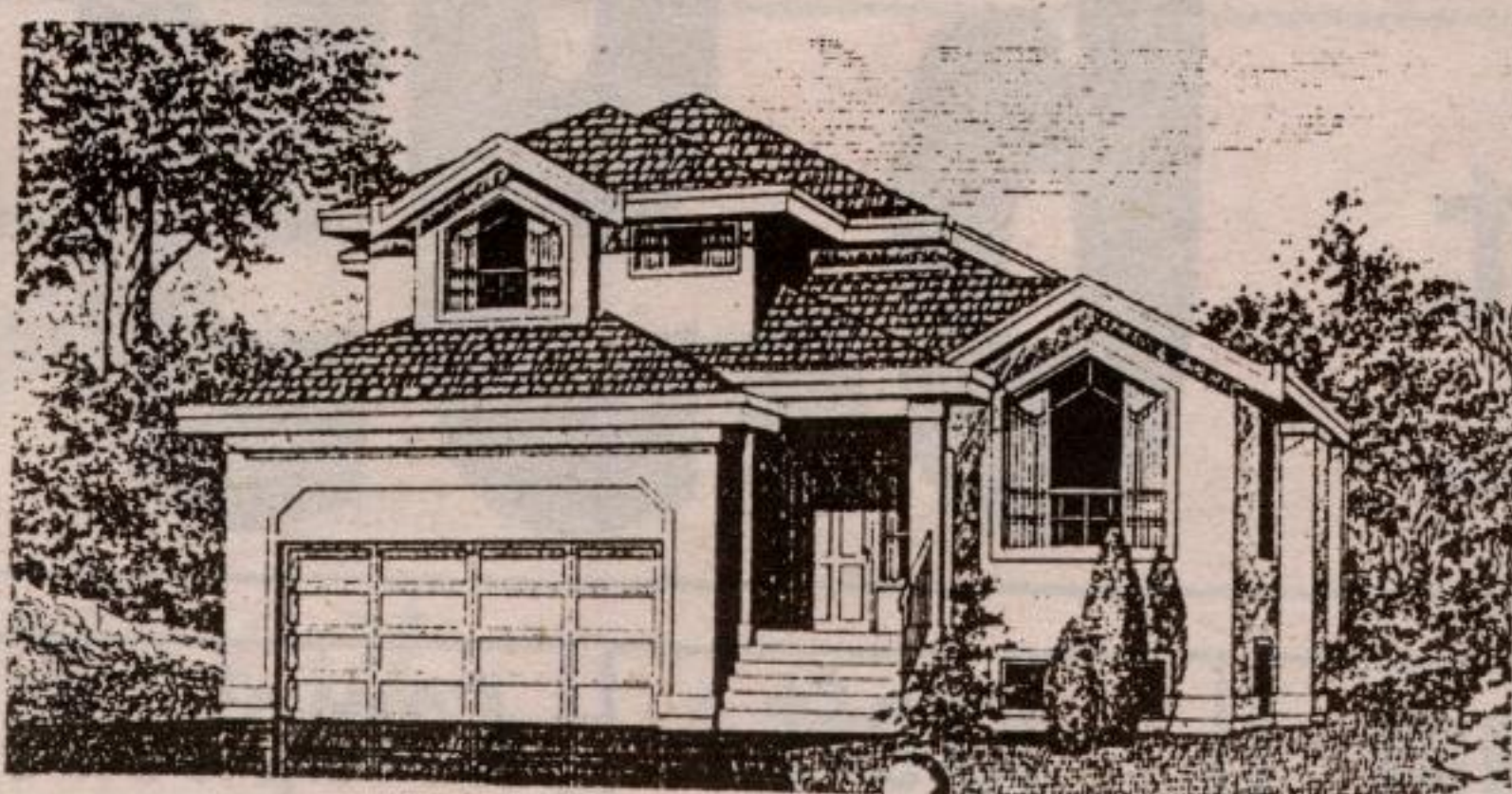
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ERAMOSA P.S. NEWS
BY SHANNON DODGE & KELLY WOODS
It's been another busy week at Eramosa Public School!

We have two new basketball nets at the school. Some kids are having fun playing games like "Twenty-one," while others just like to try to get the ball into the net. Each net is eight feet high and for some, it's a challenge getting

the ball in. We have started playing Indiana Basketball thanks to Mr. Crozier. We have four teams, and everybody is having a fun time playing at the morning recess.

Our Grade 5-6s have finished their genealogy projects and are starting a unit on flight. Everyone learned a lot about their family and had fun completing the assignment.

Walk, ceremony planned for World AIDS Day, Dec. 1

On Sunday, Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County (ACGWC) and the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit would like to invite the community to join them as they unite with other communities

around the world in raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, and in remembering the millions who have died.

The community is welcomed to a candlelight walk and vigil which will end in a short ceremony and celebration of remembrance. Red ribbons will be available at the sight of the vigil. All donations received for the ribbons will go to support the programs of the ACGWC.

The red ribbons have been adopted by international HIV/AIDS organizations as a symbol of caring. It symbolizes hope for a cure, support for those living with HIV/AIDS, and it honours the memory of those who have died. Wearing the ribbon shows support to increase HIV/AIDS awareness.

For details about time and location of the vigil, call the Health Unit at 821-2370 or ACGWC at 763-2255.

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