

Eden Mills architect's designs earn rave reviews

Eden Mills architect Charles Simon has been receiving a lot of attention lately for three buildings completed in the Waterloo region last year.

The Kitchener-Waterloo YMCA's Environmental Learning Centre caught the attention of CBC's national Morningside radio program and led to an interview which was broadcast twice during the year. Simon prepared the master plan for the first two buildings which are receiving rave reviews from visitors, environmental experts and the client.

Currently, Simon's firm

has also been selected by the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery to display three buildings in a 40-year retrospective entitled "Modern Architecture in the Waterloo Region." The exhibit runs until Jan. 26. In addition to both buildings at the Environmental Learning Centre, a joint worship centre called "The Cedars" will be displayed.

The Cedars, in Waterloo, is the first building in Canada to have been conceived from the outset as a place of worship for both Jewish and Christian faiths.

Simon's firm has also just

received a Merit Award from the American Wood Council for the Earth Residence, one of the buildings at the Environmental Learning Centre. This is an international competition which attracted entries from more than 280 architects from around the world. Of 10 awards, Simon's was the only one going to a foreign entrant.

"The great thing about this award," says Simon, "is that the building won for its design qualities... It shows that green buildings do not have to look weird and wacky, but can also be beautiful."



ALL LIT UP: The Farmer's Parade of Lights lit up Rockwood streets shortly before Christmas as area farmers continued the annual tradition of decorating their farm implements with Christmas lights and ornaments. (Karen Wetmore photo)

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BY TED ARNOTT, MPP
Special to The Miller

Dear Friends:

Another year is coming to an end, bringing a time of reflection and a time to take stock of the year.

I know that some people in Wellington are surprised at how quickly our government has been implementing its policies over the last year. Ideally, it would be preferable on some issues, to take more time.

However, it is absolutely essential that we act now, and that we act quickly, to get the large debt we inherited under control. We must work toward reducing and eliminating the amount we borrow each year, so that we can begin to reduce our debt. We cannot afford to wait. To do so would be to bequeath to our children a far lower standard of living than the one we currently enjoy. We must attempt to maintain the high standards that Wellington residents have come to expect in health care, education and social services now and in the future.

When I look back on 1996 as a member of the provin-

cial government, I recognize that the steps we have taken have been difficult for many people. However, we are reversing the trend of reckless spending that has occurred in the past so that we can have hope and prosperity in the future. We are attempting to create a climate that allows the private sector to generate the economic activity that puts people to work in real and lasting jobs.

There is still a lot of room for improvement. While our unemployment rate in Wellington is lower than many other areas in Ontario, I will not be satisfied until every person in Wellington who wants to work has the opportunity to work.

I continue to feel very privileged to serve and represent the people of Wellington and to live in a province like Ontario. Although we have problems and challenges to overcome, I am confident, that, working together, we can ensure that Wellington and Ontario will continue to flourish.

From my family to yours, all the best for a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to contest winners

ERAMOSIA P.S. NEWS

BY SHANNON DODGE & KELLY WOODS

The students at Eramosa Public School did some really interesting things before the Christmas break.

On Dec. 18, our school put on a Christmas concert. It was a huge success and everyone enjoyed it.

Two students in our school have won a Remembrance Day poster contest.

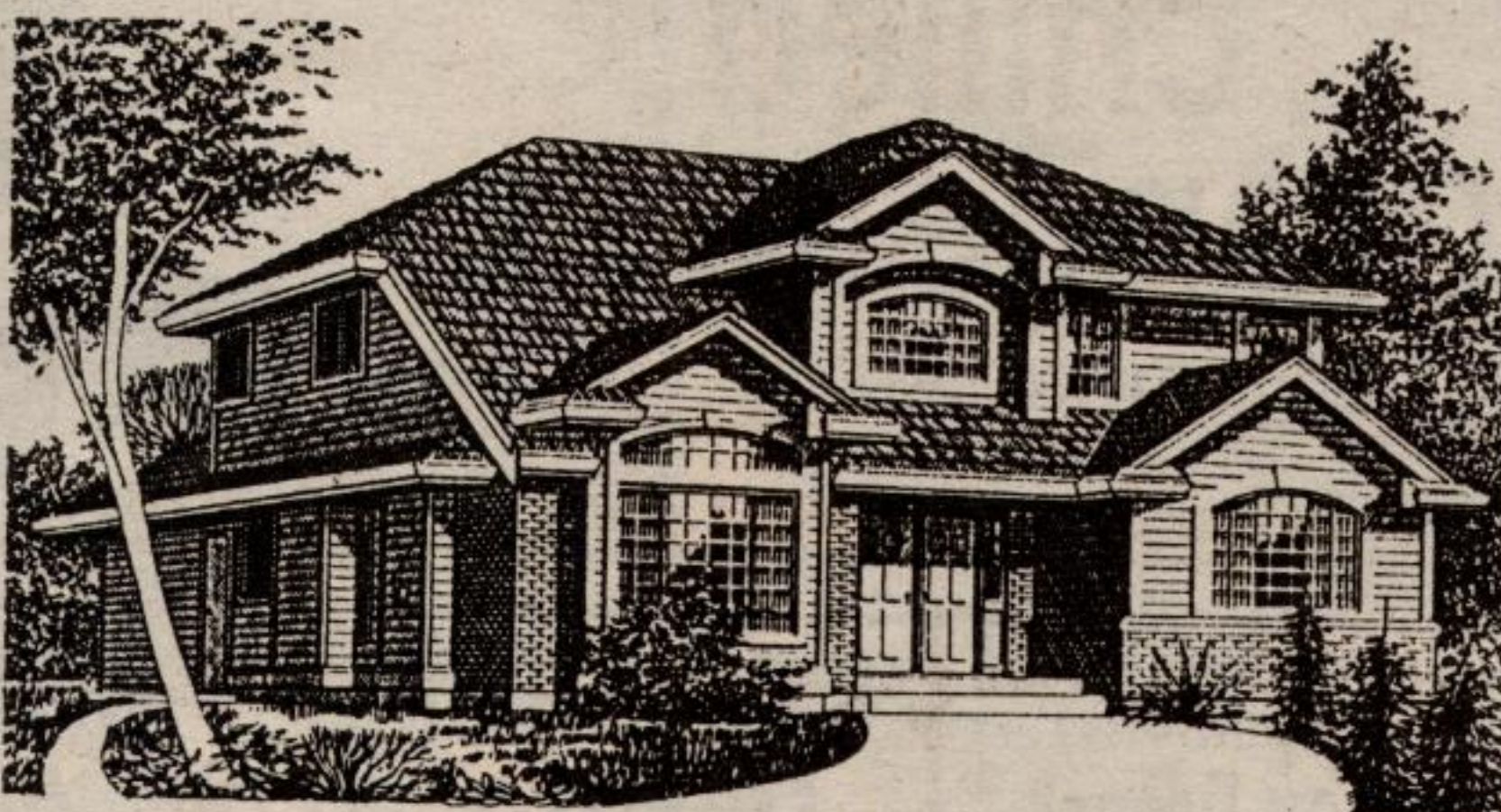
Congratulations to Sarah Parkinson and Joshua Hamilton! Joshua won \$30 and Sarah won \$25.

The junior children were busily working on their speeches for the February contest.

See you next week!

HOMEPLAN OF THE WEEK!

Stylish family home suits rear access

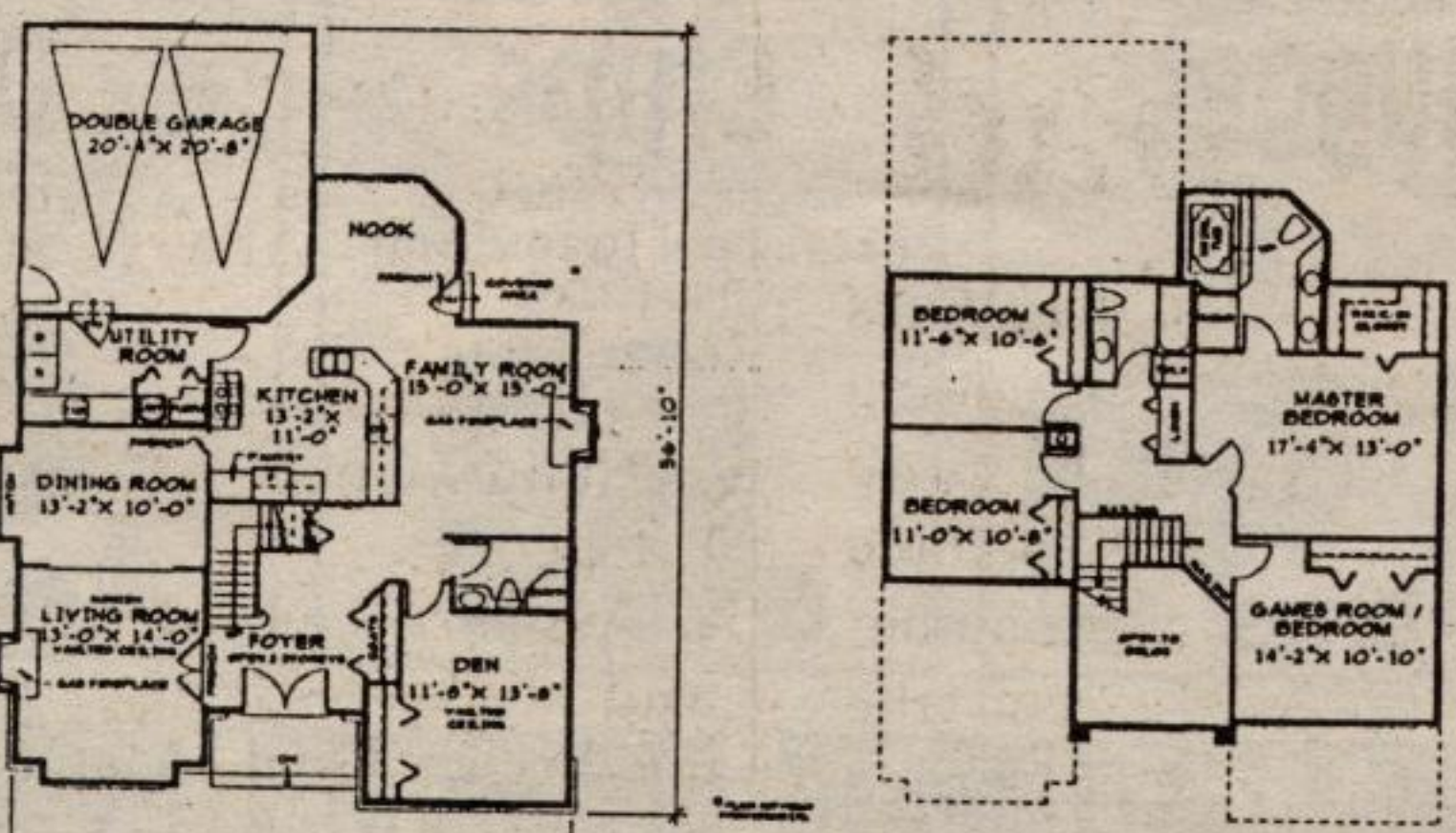


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