



CAPTAIN'S SON EDITS BOOK

Rev. Chuck Beaton, minister at Acton's Trinity United Church, displays a copy of the recently released book, *From the Wheelhouse*, which he and his father co-authored. Bill Jerrard, owner of The Book Nook, is carrying the new book and an autograph party will be held in Trinity Church next Sunday with both authors present to sign their work.

Minister sets sail

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Herald staff writer

Two years of work by a couple of authors, including Rev. Charles Beaton of Acton's Trinity United Church, has resulted in the release of a book on the life of Great Lakes shipping captain Horace Beaton.

The book, entitled *From the Wheelhouse*, was published by Boston Mills Press and is available at The Book Nook in Acton as well as other book stores.

Rev. Beaton told The Herald this week he heard his father telling stories of his days sailing the Great Lakes for many years, and his own three children love to hear their grandfather's tales.

A couple of years ago, he heard Roots author Alex Haley tell an interviewer that every family has at least one story. Haley advised people to look for the story-teller in their own family and record it.

"I realized Dad was living history, and I felt his experiences shouldn't be lost," he said.

Rev. Beaton tried to get his father to retell his stories for a tape recording session which only made Captain Beaton nervous, however, and had to be given up. In the end, Rev. Beaton suggested that his father make a list of all the boats on which he had sailed, when he had been aboard them and any interesting events that occurred during that time.

That worked, and the result is the book released last week.

Captain Beaton filled two school scribbled with details of his career on the lakes. These Rev. Beaton took to publishers with an explanation of how he intended to re-write the manuscript. They advised against this, suggesting instead that he edit his father's work and let Captain Beaton tell his own tale.

It took six months to punctuate and re-organize the manuscript and Rev. Beaton credits his secretary, Valerie Johnston, for helping him not only by typing the manuscript but also by having the sensitivity to warn him that "that page sounds more like Rev. Chuck than Captain Horace" and thus to preserve his father's stories more accurately.

Many books have been written about the Great Lakes and disasters which occurred on them, but few are written by the men themselves who were part of the sailing community. Rev. Beaton feels this is because most of these sailors were uneducated and lacked the skill to write down their adventures.

Rev. Beaton said he edited his father's material and wrote a beginning and end for it. His mother, Marjorie Beaton, contributed the pictures with which the book is illustrated.

Captain Beaton had pictures of all but a few of the boats on which he had sailed and these were found in collections.

Rev. Beaton praised Boston Mills Press for its help, pointing out it managers were much more receptive to an unknown author than a big company would have been. They also helped him apply for grants which kept the cost of the book down.

Book Nook owner Bill Jerrard says he has already sold 40 copies of the book.

Anyone interested in having their copy autographed is invited to an autograph party in Trinity United Church on Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m. Both Rev. Beaton and his father will be present for the occasion.

Rev. Beaton and his family have lived in Acton for four years. He also served as a student minister at the joint Churchill and Ballinafad charge between 1960 and 1962.

DRAW WINNERS

The Delrex Smoke Shop has announced three winners in its renovations draw. First prize, an electric train, was won by Mrs. O. King of 7 Moultrie Crescent. Second prize, a radio, was won by Mrs. Luana Johnson of 35 Baylawn Crescent. Third prize, a stuffed coyote, was won by Mel Tamblin of 21 Baylawn Crescent. The winning tickets were drawn by Allan Fudge.

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Wind-powered heat planned for home

Herald special
A \$2,000 heating bill last year prompted Mike Brozic to build a windmill on a hill next to his home on Highway 25, north of Acton.
After a year of work, he hopes to have the windmill operating by this weekend.
The house, heated electrically, has two furnaces. Mr. Brozic expects to run one of them through the windmill.
If it is a success, he plans to build more, and perhaps be able to cut his hydro bill to nothing.
Mrs. Brozic explained that windmills have become a passion for her husband since he began plans for his own.
"Whenever he sees a windmill, he stops and talks and takes pictures," she said.
The stopping and talking works two ways.
VISITORS GALORE
The Brozics have never had more visitors than since the windmill went up, with people stopping to take pictures and dropping in to talk.

One man from Belfountain, said Mrs. Brozic, had a windmill which he talks about as if it were a woman. "He loves it."
The Belfountain windmill only lasted about two weeks before it blew over, she said, but the Brozics have taken precautions to insure the success of their effort.
Thick steel I-beam girders were anchored in cement early in spring to keep the structure steady.
There are no plans available for building windmills, Mrs. Brozic added, so her husband had to figure things out for himself.
"There really isn't any kind of a blueprint you can use because all situations are different."
Mr. Brozic spent the winter reading "oodles and oodles" of books on the subject before he started.
The two have never put any precise price on the project, because materials have been bought at odd times and places



RIDING IN STYLE

Blayne Hillock stands in front of the new 1980 Lincoln added as a special feature to his catering business. Mr. Hillock said the limousine was added late in November "to provide some extra elegance to the service we provide". Mr. Hillock said that the limousine can be used to make a bride's trip to the wedding a little more special or to add that extra touch to any catered affair. (Herald photo)

all over the province.
"Some of the stuff we had, we've bought bits and pieces new and gone to scrapyards for some of it," explained Mrs. Brozic.
Because Mr. Brozic is an electrician, he has an edge when it comes to figuring out

the wiring systems, but still, matching cycles in the generators was a long job.
"It took lots of tests and a lot of burnouts before we got it," laughed Mrs. Brozic.
Should the project prove successful, Mr. Brozic is planning to build more windmills to

charge batteries. Right now he is just using generators.
For the Brozics, a year's worth of work will be fulfilled this weekend when the windmill, if all goes correctly, springs into life, and one family can say goodbye to back breaking power bills.

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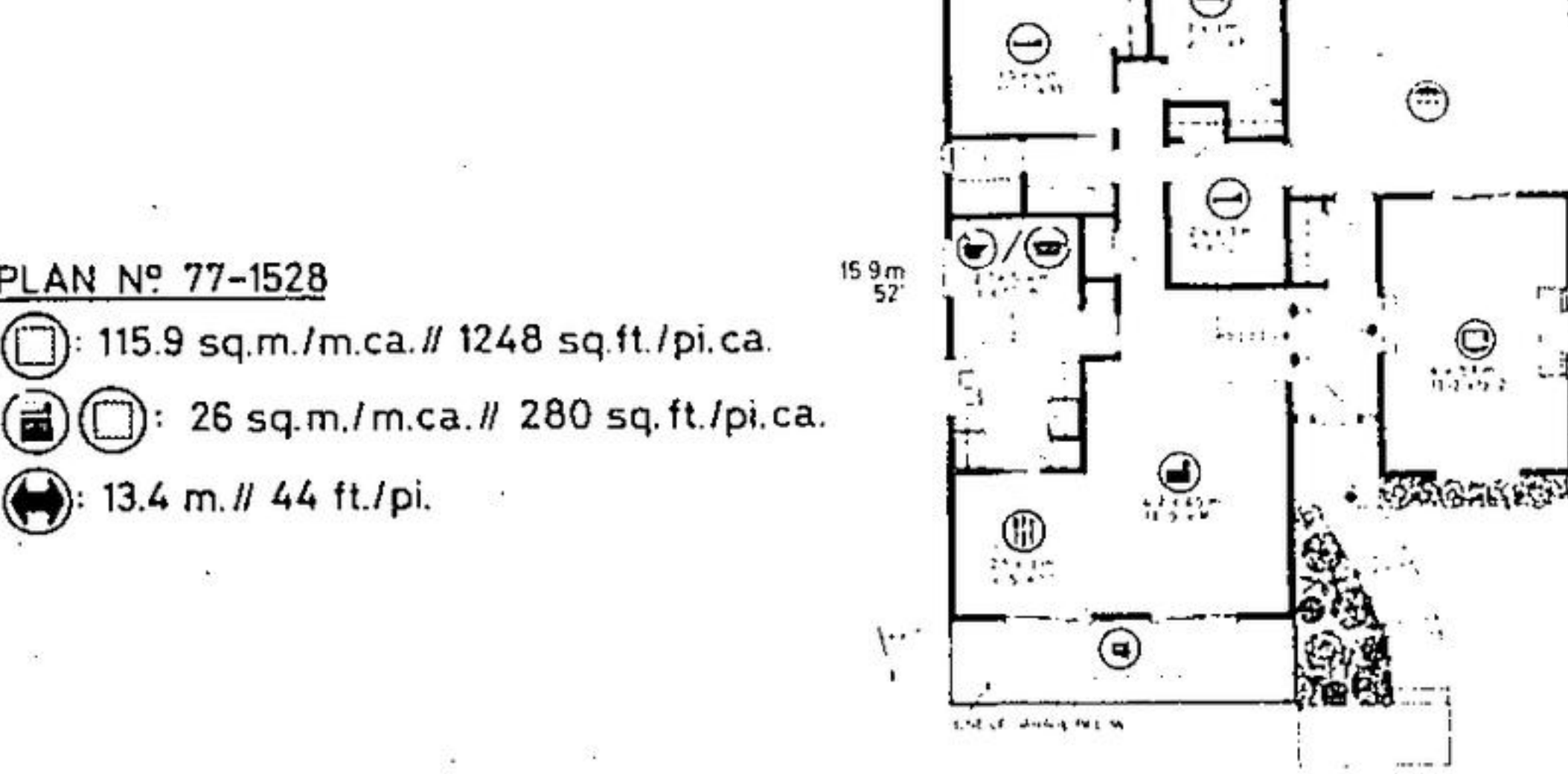
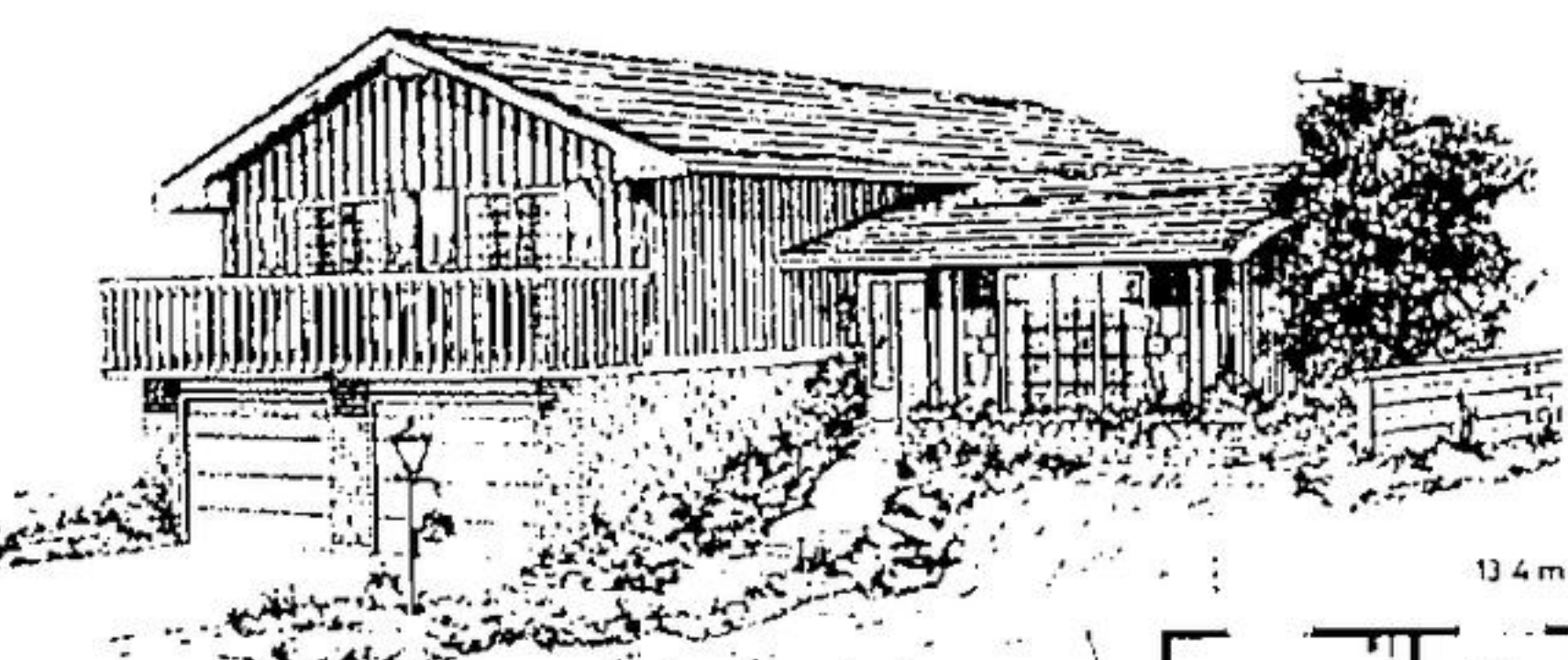
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HOME OF THE WEEK



SPACIOUS SPLIT ENTRY

This eye-appealing design provides abundant usable living space and immensely practical interior layout in an attractive package which is perfectly suited to the narrow-to-medium frontage residential building lot. It would make an excellent home for the medium-size family which requires convenience and space for future development. The unfinished lower level provides roughed-in plumbing for a three-piece bathroom, and space for the development of a large recreation room or additional bedrooms, as preferred.

The elevated weather-protected entry leads into a spacious reception foyer and closet storage area, which faces the large sunken family room, on the right, and the twin stairways which lead to the lower unfinished area and the main living level.

The main landing leads directly into the large L-shape living-dining room combination, which features wide sliding glass doors leading onto a full-width front balcony.

A well-planned galley-style kitchen separates the casual dinette from the more formal dining room, for a convenient division of entertainment dining and relaxed family meals. The kitchen has an excellent work triangle, generous cupboard storage and ample countertop work surfaces.

The large sunken family room has a cantilevered hearth masonry fireplace and sliding glass doors to a large rear patio.

All three bedrooms are positioned well away from the main entertainment area for freedom from disturbance. Each has generous closet storage and excellent exposure for natural lighting. The master bedroom has pocket door access to the master bath, allowing it to do double service as an ensuite. The master bath features twin vanities and separation of tub and toilet from the vanity area.

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