



Ready to kick off another hopefully successful arthritis fund-raising campaign are Knights of Columbus (left to right) Bill Kent, publicity chairman, Jim Langedyk, campaign co-ordinator, Doug Tucker, campaign co-ordinator and Bill Kent ("number two"), campaign chairman. The Knights of Columbus hope to raise \$6,000 in their two-week campaign to raise funds for the Arthritis Society from Sept. 14-26. (Herald photo)

## Knights of Columbus take arthritis battle to the streets

Over 200 canvassers will be knocking on doors throughout Georgetown for two weeks in September as part of the Knights of Columbus campaign to raise funds for the Arthritis Society.

From Sept. 14-26, members of the Knights of Columbus, the Halton Hills Huff and Puffers Oldtimer Hockey

Club and other concerned residents will be beating the paths of Georgetown and Glen Williams in their quest for \$6,000 for the Arthritis Society.

Campaign chairman Bill Kent said it's the tenth year the Knights have organized a fund-raising program on behalf of the Arthritis Society

and they already have many successful campaigns under their belt. Last year they raised over \$5,300.

In addition to their residential canvassing, the Knights have organized a commercial-industrial campaign and a letter campaign. They have spent six months in preparation for their two-week blitz

and hope residents of Georgetown and Glen Williams will welcome their canvassers.

In addition to notifying the news media, the group will also be putting up posters around town to promote their cause and to prepare people for when the canvasser knocks on their door.

## Special IDs for the disabled ensure sales tax exemptions

The region's health department will produce identification for disabled residents allowing them to get provincial sales tax exemptions on aids for the handicapped.

The Retail Sales Tax Act exempts equipment designed solely for the use of blind persons, chronic invalids and crippled individuals. The Act does not exempt all equipment used by chronic invalids, a letter from the provincial revenue ministry says, but only equipment which is designed solely for them.

Taxable items include elastic bandages, hair pieces and wigs, hypodermic needles (except for diabetics), medical alert bracelets, ordinary walking canes and sticks, sunglasses (unless prescribed) and

support hosiery. However, there is a lengthy list of items exempted from the tax, including seeing-eye dogs, artificial eyes and specially-made walking canes and sticks, tub rails, wheelchairs and even hospital beds.

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### Approval expected this fall

# New Health Protection Act funding up to Queen's Park, region says

Halton region is expected to push for 100 per cent provincial funding for any municipal health programs legislated by the proposed Health Protection Act which will be introduced for a first reading during the fall session of the legislature.

Currently, the provincial health ministry pays 75 per cent of the cost of most health programs, while the municipal board of health makes up the remainder. Some programs, such as home care of invalid or elderly residents and family planning, are completely funded by the ministry.

In a letter to the region's health and social services committee, chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin pointed out that the new legislation—replacing the existing Public Health Act—will insist that municipalities in Ontario provide basic health services.

In addition to the types of programs required by the Act, the municipalities will be responsible for maintaining a mandatory level of service. However, Mr. Perlin states, programs which the municipality offers beyond those legislated in the Act should be funded entirely by the municipality.

Under Section Five of the Act, every town (or regional government) will be required to ensure safe sanitation for its residents, control of communicable diseases, including the providing of immunization services to children and adults and some kind of municipal dental care program.

Municipalities will also have to provide programs for family health like counselling services, family planning, services to pregnant women, infants and senior citizens, nutritional counselling and general public education on health care.

Local health departments will also have to maintain

records on any epidemic diseases found in their areas and municipalities will have to provide pre-school and school health services and home care which is insured under the Health Insurance Act.

A large part of the Act establishes the health officer's responsibility in conducting inspections, determines what are to be considered health hazards and who can be held responsible for them.

Ultimately, the owner or occupier of any place where a health hazard is found must pay the board's expenses in having the hazard reduced or eliminated.

In another section, the duties of members of the medical profession and the medical officer of health to report on discovered cases of communicable diseases are outlined. The same provisions binding them to this responsibility also apply to school principals as well and notes that prompt action will be taken against anyone not complying with an order to seek treatment.

The Act states that people preventing health officers from carrying out inspections can be charged. Owners or occupiers of buildings that become the subject of a health officer's inspection have the right to a hearing afterward and inspectors can only come on the property with the owner's permission.

People found guilty of breaching the regulations in the Act can expect some pretty hefty fines. Violators may face fines of up to \$5,000 a day. Corporations may be held liable for fines up to \$25,000 for failing to comply with the Act.

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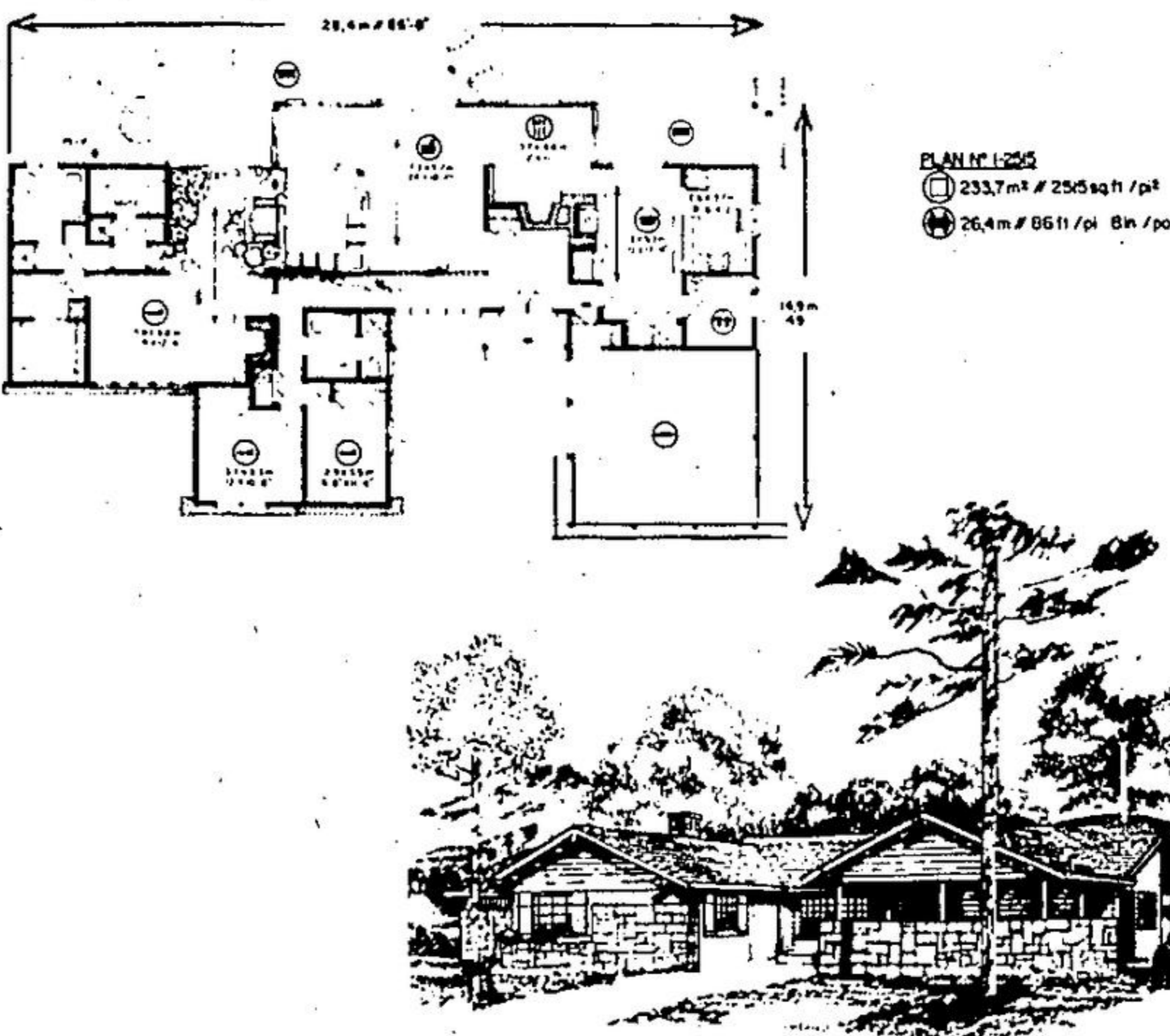
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