

MARKET DAY!



The Trinity Church craft display "came to life" thanks to the colorful antics of sisters Beverley and Cathy Bridge, who were busy helping their mother sell Christmas decorations and small gift ideas for the winter season.



Those avid fishermen who perhaps wished they were trolling on some undiscovered fishing mecca this weekend could find solace in browsing through the variety of rods and reels offered by proprietors (left to right) Greg McCullough, Robert Champlon and Dave Crayderman.

Wintario may revisit Acton

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special
If final tests of Acton High School prove satisfactory, Wintario will hold a draw in Acton Nov. 26.

Leathertown committee chairman Chip Petrillo announced last week at a committee meeting that Wintario will be at Acton High School Sept. 14 running a survey of the facility with a view to holding the draw there in November.

The Leathertown committee, established by the Acton Chamber of Commerce in February, is attempting to create a tourist image for the town based on its historic, and continuing connection with leather. There are three active leather industries operating in Acton.

Bringing the draw to town will probably cost the committee \$300 to \$400 he predicted, but the program's advertising of Acton's Leathertown project should be well worth it, he felt.

Mr. Petrillo said the Leathertown committee has completed its first objective which was to establish the concept and just stay alive. Now it's time to work on the second objective, providing something for any visitors to town.

The three summer students have begun work on the final report on Acton's history. A concise version of that will be compiled and turned into a brochure to act as a guide to the proposed walking tour of the town, which started Saturday.

A complete version of the girls' research will be produced in a book form complete with pictures, which will also be put up for sale.

Mr. Petrillo reminded committee members that the Village of Elora is the second largest tourist attracting place in Ontario, outside only by the Niagara Falls. If residents and merchants there could take an idea and turn it into such a success he said he sees no reason for Acton not to be able to do it too.

will benefit their sales," he said. "We're in a Catch 22 situation. The dollars won't be there unless the renovations and cleaning up is done to make the town more attractive."

Among the committee's future concerns will be the attracting of more leather industry-craft oriented type retailers in Acton. Mr. Petrillo said if local people aren't interested in setting up such stores then the committee may eventually look to inviting outside businessmen to come to town and open such a store or series of boutique type stores.

The committee will also proceed with erecting Leathertown signs at the entrances to the town. The project was mentioned several months ago and shelved because of problems over ministry of transportation and communication regulations governing signs on roads.

The signs now will be placed on private property to avoid the complications encountered in previous attempts to get them up.

One of the committee's long-term projects may be a high school reunion as part of a Leathertown weekend next spring.



AHS reunion likely in May

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"definite go".
Leathertown committee chairman Chip Petrillo announced Saturday that a proposed reunion of all former Acton high school students is a

The committee plans a big weekend to kick off with the second annual Monte Carlo night on a Friday, a day-long reunion complete with street

dances and activities for all ages on Saturday, and some sort of Sunday activity to finish it off.

expects it to be set for early May. More details will be available at the Leathertown booth at Acton fall fair so that former students can begin now to plan to attend the town's first such reunion.

Acton chamber protest region's new lot levies

Herald Special
No date has been set for a delegation from the Acton Chamber of Commerce to appear before Halton region council to protest the proposed new industrial-commercial lot levies to be imposed on industrial land in Halton Hills.

The committee is scheduled to appear at regional council in early September but the agenda was changed and they were moved to another, as yet undetermined date.

Paul Neilsen, head of the Chamber committee investigating the levies, said that Oakville, Burlington and possibly Milton already have such levies on their industrial and commercial lands. But they aren't suffering for lack of industry as Halton Hills is.

"It's definitely not in our interest to have such lot levies," he said. "We need incentives to attract industry. Adding a \$2,000 levy to land which sells for \$12,000 an acre means the levy is a considerable chunk of the selling price. When you pay \$50,000 or \$100,000 an acre it isn't much but at our land values it's considerable and will be a deterrent."

The idea of the new levy was put forward in a 1979 report to regional council but most people were unaware of it, Mr. Neilsen said. He found out accidentally by being present for another item when it was discussed.

The committee has sent a letter to regional chairman Jack Rafits explaining how the levy will adversely affect industrial growth in Halton Hills and is also talking to Mayor Pete Pomeroy.

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