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 Champion and Dave Crayderman.

## 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

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

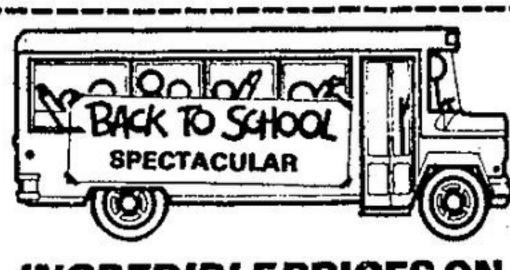
"It's definitely not in our interest to have such lot levies," he said. "We need incentives to attract Industry. Adding a \$2,000 levy to land which sells for \$12,000 an acre means the levy is a considerable chunk of the selling price. When you pay \$50,000 or \$100,000 an acre it isn't much but at 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 Raftis explaining how the levy will adversely effect industrial growth in Halton Hills and is also talking to Mayor Pete Pomercy.

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 undetermin-



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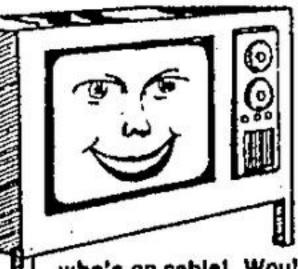
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# Wintario may revisit Acton

By MAGGIE HANNAR

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

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.

The Wintario draw is only one of several projects the committee are looking at, Mr. Petrillo said. Some of them, such as erecting plaques at stops on the walking tour of the town, will cost money. Others, such as a proposed fashion show and wine and cheese party would raise funds for the project.

Among the committee's promotions of Leathertown will be use of merchandise 'rom the Olde Hide House for rizes on major game shows produced on Toronto television stations.

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

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 Satur-

The three girls, who were hired through a government grant, have also done sketches of the 31 stops on the walking tour. The committee hopes to make the brochure pay for itself by selling advertising in it as well as possibly selling the brochure.

A complete version of the giris' research will be produc-. ed 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, outdone only by the Niagara Falls. If residents and merchants there could take an idea and turn it into such a success he sald he sees no reason for Acton not to be able

One of Elora's attractions is the look of the businesses, he said. He suggested Acton merchants need a slight push towards giving the area a more aesthetically pleasing look. He would like to see the committee hire landscape architects or similar consultants to do conceptual drawings of various businesses without the garish signs "and purple awnings". Merchants should also be presented with a rough cost estimate of making suggested changes.

"It would be a lot easier to convince them to make changes that will make their property aesthetically pleasing if they know the cost and can be convinced of how such changes

will benefit their sales," he industry-craft oriented type sald. "We're in a Catch 22 retailers in Actun, Mr. Petrillo situation. The dollars won't be said if local people aren't make the town more attract-

attracting of more leather- stores.

there unless the renovations interested in setting up such and cleaning up is done to stores then the committee may eventually look to inviting outside businessmen to come

Among the committee's to town and open such a store future concerns will be the or series of boutique type

cation regulations governing signs on roads.

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 communi-

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

One of the committee's longterm projects may be a high school reunion as part of a Leathertown weekend next

## AHS reunion likely in May

Leatherlown committee chairman Chip Petrillo announced Saturday that a proposed reunion of all former Acton high school students is a

The committee plans a blg weekend to kick off with the

sort of Sunday activity to finish second annual Monte Carlo night on a Friday, a day-long this time. Mr. Petrillo said be reunion complete with street

expects it to be set for early dances and activities for all May. More details will be ages on Saturday, and some available at the Leathertown booth at Acton fall fair so that former students can begin now Although plans are fluid at to plan to attend the town's

first such reunion.



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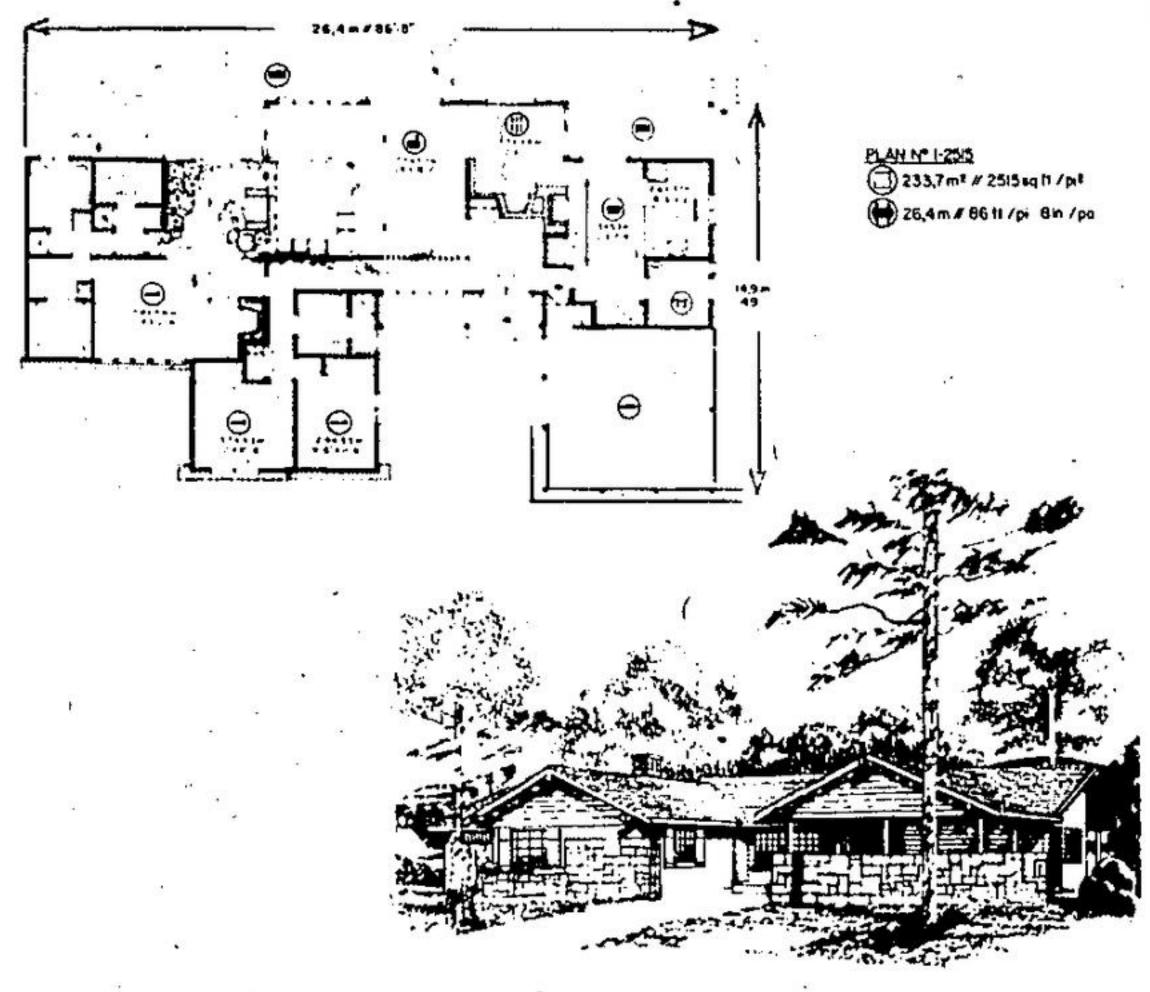
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