

ONE PART COW, and one part buffalo and you end up with a atallo, which is exactly what this young calf is. The animal was the end result of an experiment conducted by the University of Guelph at Halton Region Conservation Authority's Mountsberg Game Preserve. The young calf was born late Monday night. As the catallo stands unsteadily on its feet, its mother, a befty Holstein, looks on.—(Photo by D. O'Reilly)

## Baby "cattalo" born part cow, part buffalo

Local news sources received a birth notice on Tuesday morning. but the report didn't come from Milton District Hospital. It came from Frank Timmermans, manager of the Halton Region Conservation Authority's Mountsberg Game Preserve. The "baby" is a dark colored, close to 100 pounds, female "cattalo."

A catallo is a cross between a cow and a buffalo. The conservation's catallo is the result of almost three years of experimentation by Dr. P. K. Basrur and the Animal Science Division of the University of Gueinn.

Bulls too young

According to Timmermans, past experiments to produce such an animal by the University were unsuccessful, because the bull buffals being utilized were not mature. They don't come of age until they are three years old, he says. The catallo isn't entirely new states the manager, as there were about 300 such animals in North America as early as 1910.

The conservation's ward is bigger than either a buffalo calf or a regular calf would be at birth, suggests Timmermans. "It Holstein - is also reported doing is at least one and one half times

as large as a buffalo calf."

The Game Preserve's new addition looks more like its father than its mother, according to Timmermans. "It definitely looks like a buffalo-it has the same hump, color and hair." Best of both worlds

The catallo should have both the advantages of a cow and a buffalo and should not suffer any special diseases. One of the reasons for creating a catallo is that they are bigger and meatier than regular calves. However Timmermans says the main reason for the University's experiment was to conduct a study on chromosones.

Birth of the new animal was unofficially recorded at about 11:30 p.m. Monday night. There were no special problems, although the manager had Dr. Cliff Young, a Campbellville veterinarian on stand by in case of complications.

Timmermans' new ward is directly related to "Bashful Bobby" a well-known buffalo the conservation authority keeps at Rattlesnake Point. Oh yes, the baby's mother-an approximately 1,600 pound

## Scouts, Cubs take part in Tree project

the Georgetown district, which tree they sell and collect their includes Georgetown, Acton, pledges after planting. Planting Scotch Block, Milton, Limehouse, Day is April 22. Glen Williams, Norval, Ballinafad and Ashgrove have undertion that could be nation wide by

in which the Scouts and Cubs will solicit pledges per tree from the project.

The 600 Boy Scouts and Cubs of public. The boys will plant every

The Scouts, in co-operation with the Optimist Club of taken a test project in reforestra- Georgetown, students and faculty of Sheridan College, Halton County and Credit Valley Con-"Trees for Canada" is a project servation Authorities expect to make a huge success of the

## NOTICE TO PARENTS

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for admission to Kindergarten in September, 1972, in the Elementary Public Schools of Halton County, will take place on Friday, April 28, 1972, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon; and 1.15 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. In the school which serves the attendance area in which the child resides.

Public School supporters may register their children who will have attained the age of 5 years on or before the last day of February, 1973. Proof of public school support will be accepted in the form of the 1972 tax-bill or 1971 assessment notice, or a declaration from the Municipal Clerk's office. A birth certificate or baptismal certificate will be acceptable as proof of age.

If further information is required, call the School Principal or the Chairman of the North **Education Centre below:** 

> J.N. Morrison North Education Centre Tel: 878-4154

E. Bodnar, J. W. Singleton Chairman of the Board. Director of Education.

## Approve one quarry object to another

Esquesing Council has approved the application of David Anderson for a license to operate a quarry on Lot 24, Con. 11, but at the same time objected to a bid by Springbank Sand and Gravel to operate a quarry on the Thomas McGee property, Lot 6, Con. 10.

Council passed a resolution objecting to the issue of a permit to Springbank by the Department of Mines and Northern Affairs at the present time. However, they

promised to reconsider the application, after the township's official plan and zoning by-law have been approved by the OMB.

Treat same "Springbank has to be treated

the same as everybody else, while the plan is still down at the department," Reeve Tom Hill explained. Council has several other applications for the establishment of small businesses, which have been set

aside temporarily, until the plan receives OMB approval.

Council raised no objection to the Anderson application, because the quarry is already designated on the official plan.

Mr. Anderson told council Monday night his quarry first opened in 1967, but that it has never been licensed, since the new licensing system was introduced last year.

The 4-H Agricultural Clubs in Halton County held their organization meetings during the school spring break.

Attendance at the various meetings was encouraging in most cases. The enrollment to date in the clubs is as follows: Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club 23, Sheep Club 19, Holstein Calf Club 20, Shorthorn Calf Club 15, Field Crop Club 8, Livestock Judging Club 13, Environmental Club 5, Acton Calf Club 22 and Acton Field Crop Club 6.

## 4-H groups need more new members

Need members

Three of the above clubs have fewer than 10 members enrolled in them. In order for a club to operate successfully, it should have at least 10 members.

Anyone who is 10 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1972 and who will not be 21 years of age by Dec. 31, 1972 and has the facilities to carry out a 4-H project in one of the above clubs, is eligible to join. If you are interested in 4-H and have not yet joined or know of someone else who may be interested, please call the Ontario Department of

Agriculture and Food, Milton, 878-2314 for more information.

There is one more club to be organized the All Breeds 4-H Horse Club and this will be done on Tuesday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m. in the Agricultural Office,

Anyone wishing to join any of these clubs may do so up until

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