

THE NEW with the old. Doug Robertson, builder of log houses and barns, uses a chain saw with Stan Robinson's help. The Eden Mills resident fisishes construction with authentic broad axes, adzes and chisels. The crew are working on reerecting a log barn in Nassagaweya.

Agricrew teams help 25 farmers

form of two Halton Agricrew to be available during August teams have benefited 25 until Labor Day weekend. farmers at this time, reports Farmers can hire one team Carolyn Bird, area co-ord- for one to five days at a fee of inator of the pilot project.

local youths working on North of \$35 per day. Halton farms.

Students were recruited for the government sponsored project with the aim to proide useful help to farmers and an educational summer experience job for the students.

enjoyed success, said Miss farming full time, or green-Bird. Students have done a house or nursery operators. number of farm jobs which One day is the minimum hire include rock picking, haying, period and five days the maxpainting and stable cleaning.

Student farm help, in the The two teams will continue \$90 per day for a group of five The program began six students. Farmers then weeks ago with a crew of 10 receive a government rebate

> Student teams are accompanied by a foreman who will be responsible for supervision, making sure the job is done and driving the crews to the farm.

Employers must be far-Thus far, the program has mers who are engaged in

Business flourishing pioneer roots credited

by Jennifer Barr Our national preoccupation with our pioneering roots is really paying off for Doug Robertson, who builds log

houses for people tired of the

laster and plastic palaces of

finds business flourishing and when he isn't putting up an authentic pioneer house, he's building barns, making new ones out of old.

It's cheaper to take down an old barn and re-build it

The Eden Mills resident somewhere else, he says, Trustees approve new report

having a new report card sent home with their grades noted report cards are for kindergarten to five children parents, not teachers and next year.

Thursday, after considerable debate, Halton Board of Education approved a new primary and junior student report card.

The new report cards will be used for a period of three to five years in Halton and will be evaluated in 1981.

A regional reporting format the new cards will reflect Halton's core curriculum with students being graded on English, reading, speaking, writing, listening, viewing, presenting, penmanship, spelling, math, French, social science, science, music, physical and health education, visual arts and personal growth.

The administration advocated all schools which have developed their own report cards and those using anecdotal report cards be

allowed to continue. port cards are good, Milton Bill Lawson suggested the year end report eard be the same for all schools. He said individual school developed report cards could be used the rest of the year but the final report should be the Halton report.

Where a school has its own report card the Halton report card shouldn't be used even once a year because it would confuse parents, Trustee Judy Alexander predicted. The report cards which go

home should be simple and

clear Trustee Bert Hinton

Halton parents will start said so the whole spectrum of parents can understand it. He

administrators. Lawson said if once a year all pupils receive the same report card it would make transfer from one school to another easier.

He reminded trustees they

are always saying more

commonality of standardization is needed in student evaluation and a report is part of the commonality. Superintendent of Program Bruce Mather said there was merit in Lawson's proposal especially since the new report card will go in a child's

report. Trustees supported Lawson's suggestion.

records as his student

achievement and progress

Spelling wasn't originally supposed to be on the new report cards but Trustee Etaine Rhiem and Hinton were able to get it added.

Hinton said spelling should While school developed re- be on the report card so parents would know it has a place in education. However, the board decided to outlaw anecdotal report unless they are in addition to the regular report card.

bequest

The generosity of a rural Ontario woman will benefit agricultural education and research in Canada through a half million dollar bequest to the University of Guelph. Three annual fellowships of \$12,000 each will be awarded for Ph.D. (Doctoral) studies in agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, as the result of a bequest by Edythe P. Soden, a woman who managed her 360-acre farm in Durham county, Ontario, un-

til she was nearly 90. The first Soden Memorial Fellowships will be awarded in the fall of 1978, a little more than a year after Mrs. Soden died at 92 years of age. They will go to graduate students with high academic proficiency and a demonstrated ability in independent study.

quoting the cost as three dollars a square foot compared to five or six dollars a foot for new construction.

Doug is also responsible for several of the log buildings at the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton and has been working there for a year and a half. By the looks of the jobs he has yet to do for the museum, he'll be there for some time to come.

Student of Mackie Starting in irrigation work at golf courses, Doug found himself framing barns in the

Fascinated with basic construction methods, he took a one day seminar in log construction given by Allan Mackie, high priest of log

He was hooked. Doug then apprenticed under Jamie Cook, a Mackie student, and built a log house at Sharbot Lake, He joined John Simpson, heading up a erow of men building log barns and houses. Simpson is also doing much of the building at the Agricultural

Museum. Within a year, Doug was itching to work on his own and now has his own business, Canadiana Construction, with a crew of three to five men of his own.

Likes new logs

He likes building new log homes feeling he can produce the best kind of house with new logs. But as new log homes are in limited demand Doug keeps his crew busy other ways.

Next to new houses, he likes moving barns. He works on a time and material basis never knowing what he'll run into. One old barn his crew took down was put together with eight-and-a-half inch

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remove. If the job was a contract job, he would have lost money, he says.

Some of the problems with using old buildings for new are dry rot and insects. "We check the sill logs on the boltom and look for rot

under the windows and in the notches," Doug explains. "It's important to make log buildings very water tight. If water gets in (between logs) and sits, rot will develop. Many logs are "full of

bugs", the powder post

beetle, and therefore are

unuscable. Robertson hires flatbeds and cranes to help with removal and replacing beams. It's faster and cheaper than manpower. these days. He recently moved two barns from Oak-

ville to Mount Forest Once a building is being reerected, old methods are used with new technology. Chain saws take care of the rough work being much faster than the old way.

broadaxes and a variety of tightly together. old tools.

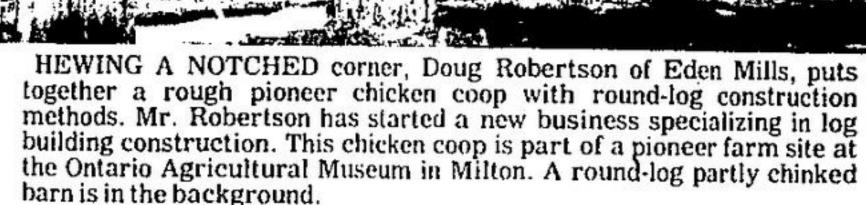
"They (pioneers) had the right tool for the right job." Doug uses new tools for finishing, buying strong axes, adzes and chisels. The old ones he collects are too valuable to risk on a job-"They're too precious.

Farm site for museum Robertson is currently building a complete pioneer farm site for the Agricultural Museum. The barn is complete and now Doug is working on a log chicken coop. Hog barn and sheep pen will

Mary Robertson, Doug's wife, is educational officer at Headache is one of man's the museum and helps with



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The Robertsons would like to build a new log house of own using Allan Mackie's chinkless method, a method whereby logs are shaped with a half moon trough fitting together with Country Mart in Acton. Pres- meeting was adjourned. Finishing work is done with minimal insulation, shrinking ident John Reid opened the

Doug prefers to work with new green logs, which he gets from Parkinsons Saw Mill, Eramosa. If logs are cut at the same time, he says, they

have the same shrinkage. But until that time, Doug is content to live in the newly renovated Eden Mills home. leaving every morning to travel to the eighteenth

THIS IS CHIROPRACTIC

most common ailments. No headache should be taken lightly. Many are warnings of deep-seated disturbances.

There are many types of headaches, arising from many causes including nerve irritation, serious pathological disorders, sinus, migraine, or tension. Headaches may occur in any part of the head. They may be localized or general, and may vary widely in frequency, intensity and duration.

Never ignore a headache. It is important to determine the underlying cause.

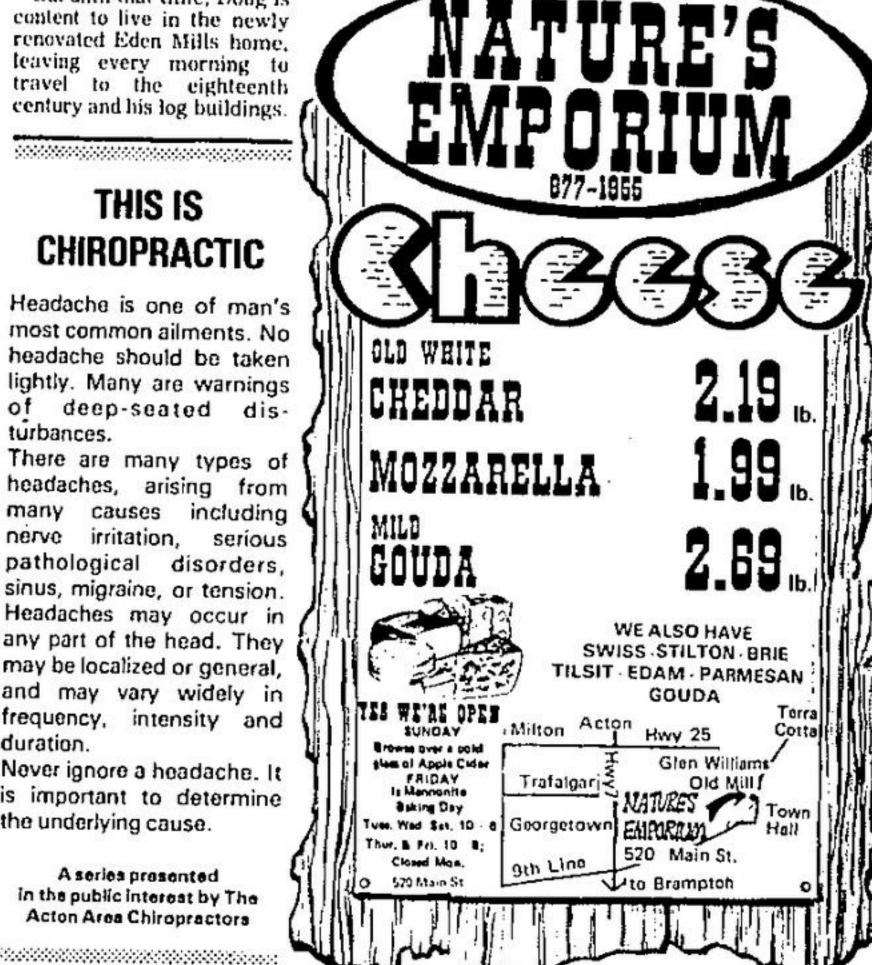
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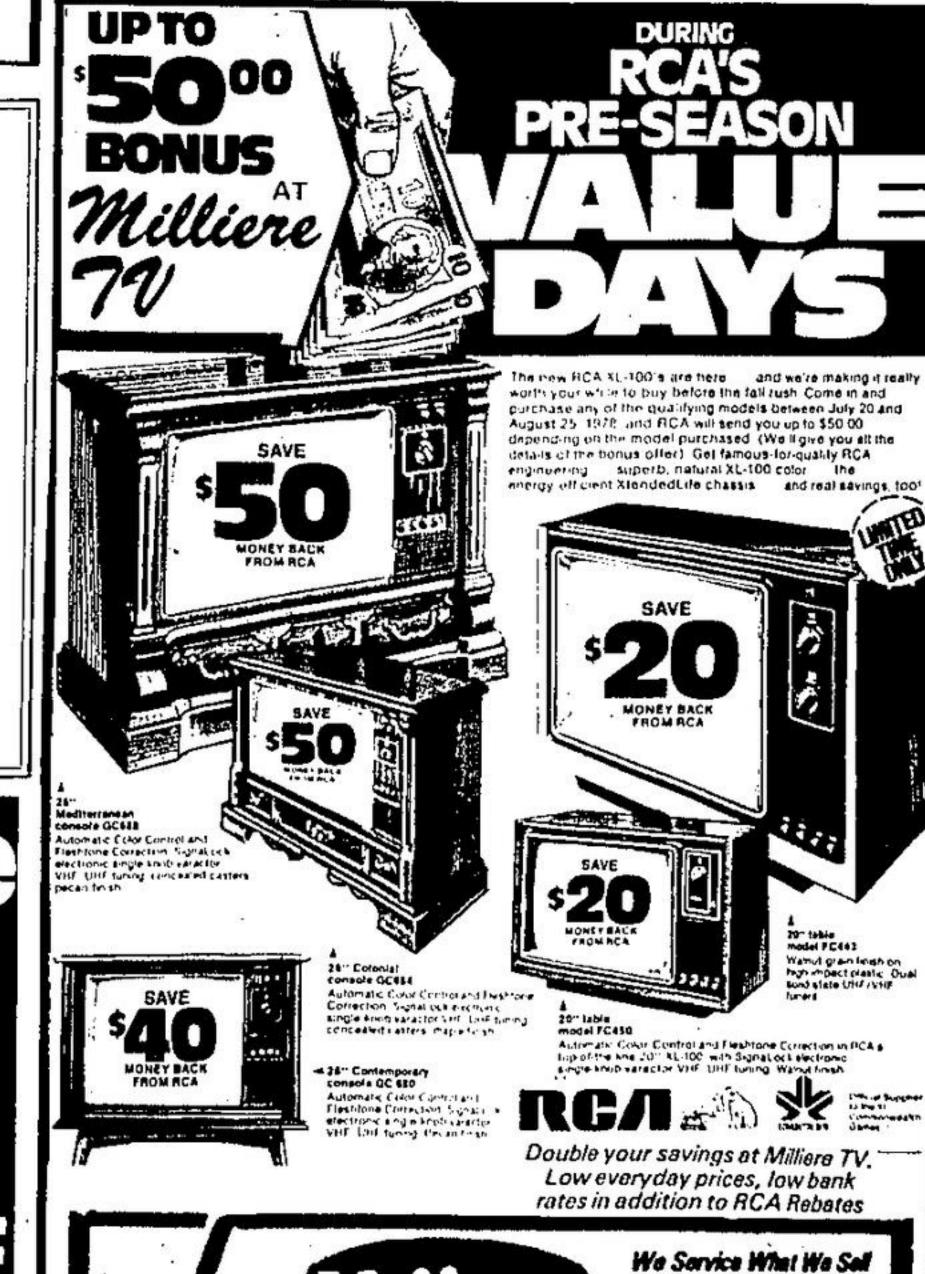
Halton 4-H tractor club

By David Agnew The July meeting of the on the engine of a tractor and Halton 4-H Tractor Club was held July 19 at John Deere meeting with the 4-H Pledge. The roll call and the minutes of the last meeting were read. The meeting was turned over to leaders Russell Murray

and Bill Lasby. We had a quiz the hydraulic system. We took up the answers and the

The rain on the weekend was a welcome sight.





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Acton recently. Jane Johnston and Nancy MacInnes were in charge of the van and display, which is sponsored by the federal government.

Proper lawn mowing vital

Proper lawn mowing techniques are important all through the growing season, but they are particularly vital during the hot summer important. You should never months, according to hor-

ticultural experts. Grass makes its food in the leaf. Cut most of the blade away and the grass will starve. Weeds will take over in the bare spots and create roots, cut at 112 inch spring problems.

Mower condition and height of cut are the primary considerations in mowing a lawn. The mower must be sharp, otherwise it will fray the

ragged appearance and a better, and help retain grayish east to the lawn moisture.

Height of cut is also very remove more than one-third of the total grass blade at any

proportional to the blade length; short blades, short and fall, but raise the mower blades to 2 inches during the hot weather.

Not only do the longer grass blades help the plant survive during the hot weather, but grass ends, and the result is a they also shade the ground

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Always cut grass when dry to avoid clogging up the mower. When using a gasoline-powered mower, fill and oil it away from the grass Grass roots are normally surface, as spills will cause dead spots and sterilize the

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