



Randy Walker, R.R. 3, Acton, holds the remains of a balloon and its message from Detroit. Mr. Walker found the balloon when he was hunting groundhogs Saturday afternoon.

### American balloon lands in farm field

One never knows where one's balloon will land.

Detroit elementary pupil James Martin released an orange balloon around the beginning of September last year. Where did it land?

In one of Randy and Barb Walker's R.R. 3 Acton fields north of the golf course, Randy found the remains of the balloon and the note which James attached with a string.

"Hi, Balloon Finder!" was the note's greeting. James' school participated in something called the Weekly Reader Writing Pals program. James asks the finder to return the note to his

### Halton 4-H News

ACTON CALF CLUB  
By Brad Ottaway

The Acton 4-H Calf Club held its meeting at the Acton Community Centre on April 10.

This year's president is to be Karen Brown, vice-president Stephen Lasby, secretary Marie Murray, and press reporter Brad Ottaway. Elmer Pemberton is a new dairy leader.

For each junior members' calf, record books were distributed, and calf identification sheets were given out to everyone. These identification sheets must be at the Agricultural Office in Milton by May 1.

Special projects were discussed and alternative topics were chosen. Each 4-H participant is to complete one special project, regardless of how few or how many clubs they have joined.

Marie Murray's participation and enthusiasm provided entertainment in any dull moment. The club is all fired up and ready to go. Everyone is looking forward to another successful year.

### Rotary back Industry '80

Acton Rotary club will be supporting the Georgetown Rotary Club in hosting Industry '80' this May.

The 96 booth industrial trade fair will be held at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on Highway 7 across from Georgetown Market Centre, May 15, 16 and 17.

The week has been declared, by the town, "Industry Week." It will be showcase of more than 200 manufacturing and service industries in Halton Hills.

Booth space will be for sale at \$130 a booth, giving first priority to Halton Hills firms and then branching out to cover outlying areas. Milton Rotary Club also supporting the venture.

The fair will be open to the public Friday night and Saturday.

## Reality of rural life in publication

by Diana Waltmann  
Did you know there are 177.5 miles of roads in Halton Hills?

Not only that, but 120 of them are rural.

Those are just a few of the facts, figures and stories found in Ruralities — a wealth of information for the rural dweller found in a 20-page tabloid publication.

Ruralities is part of the Rural Development Outreach Project (RDOP), which set up a com-

munity volunteer organization called the Halton Community Pulse Group (CPG). There are similar groups in Huron County and Moose Factory.

The CPG, made up of farmers, farm wives, businessmen, youth and ministers, discussed problems, issues and ideals of rural living and decided lack of communication between people's expectations and realities of living in the country was one of the

major concerns.

Out of the CPG came the Rural Living Task Group in Halton, of which Pam Sheldon, a Speyside resident, is chairman. She and four other members of the task force have spent the last six months gathering information and writing articles for Ruralities.

Mrs. Sheldon says people born and raised in rural areas automatically assume everyone knows how to live in the

country. However she added, many don't know what a septic tank is, or that gravel roads are always bumpy in the spring or that dogs should be leashed or they'll attack sheep.

Ruralities looks at the reality of rural living, spotlighting the agricultural scene.

Mrs. Sheldon said the task force spent countless hours on countless more interviews and research, talking to groups such as Women's Institutes, farm women and agricultural advisory groups, for their stories.

The articles include the role of the small town in

rural areas, rural taxes, and isolation of rural housewives with small children.

The task force isn't putting out a newspaper, says Sheldon, although it's in the tabloid format, nor is it a book.

In fact, it's the only issue of Ruralities that will be published. It will be available at real estate offices and municipal offices, chambers of commerce. Welcome Wagon and any other group which would like copies.

Best of all, copies are free since the project was funded through the community.

Besides Mrs. Sheldon,

who did most of the interviewing and actual composition, Mary Lou Olah, farm wife, mother and university student who's relatively new to the rural life of Silver Creek, Jean Everett, who's a farm wife from Milton, Les Bunker, a realtor from Milton and Val Walters from Georgetown, the RDOP regional liaison worked on Ruralities.

The one and only issue should hit the streets by next week.

### Division St. dumping upsets homeowners

Two Division Street residents are upset by garbage being dumped in front of a barrier at the end of the street.

Lynn Koprowski and Barbara Downs went to the ward one councillor's drop-in Friday to voice their concern about the illegal dumping and press the town to clean up the creek running through the area.

They reported people are dumping home improvement materials like cement and wood as well as gardening waste and grass clippings in front of the barrier figuring the

town will clean it up. Division Street is in two halves with a small unopened portion between. Both sides of the unopened portion of road have barriers but on the side where dumping is taking place there is only a sign stating it's a dead end.

On the other side of the unopened portion of road there is a "no dumping sign" and none is taking place. The ladies

feel a no dumping sign would stop the problem on the side where dumping is taking place.

After checking with the works department Councillor Ed Wood announced the garbage will be cleaned-up this week and the creek clean-up will be soon. He added the works department says the unopened portion may be opened later this year.

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### Ear lost in mishap

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