



By the end of harvesting season, it's not likely this bunch of students will have cravings for corn on the cob or crunchly apples. The summertime crew at Carl Laidlaw Orchards (left to right) Rich Lawson, 15, Calum Munro, 16, Nick Parker, 18, Andy Hill, 11, Jennifer McLean, 17, Ron Campbell, 15, and Marc St. Pierre, 16, have been busy picking apples and corn as well as doing some summer pruning and clean-up chores at the Norval orchard. Last Thursday, the Georgetown students and their boss farmer Carl Laidlaw received an award of merit from Christine Cleave of the Canada Student Employment Centre. The award recognized Mr. Laidlaw's contribution to the student bring program. Halton Hills Hydro and Varian also received awards of merit.

Credit rating deserves highest grade: Rinaldo

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

A credit rating of "AA High" isn't a fair reflection of Halton, according to the region's treasurer and director of finance.

Joe Rinaldo is asking regional councillors for \$1,300 to travel to Montreal where the Canadian Bond Rating Service has its office.

The treasurer intends to try to convince the rating service that Halton deserves a triple A rating instead.

The ratings are used by corporations, government and individuals as a guide for investing and indicate the level of security an organization offers.

"Triple A rating is the highest grade, providing maximum safety. Double A rating also offers high grade security, differing only slightly from the triple A rating.

"It is my opinion that Halton's rating has been based on a limited amount of information and that an AAA rating is a better reflection of the region's credit worthiness," Mr. Rinaldo reported to councillors.

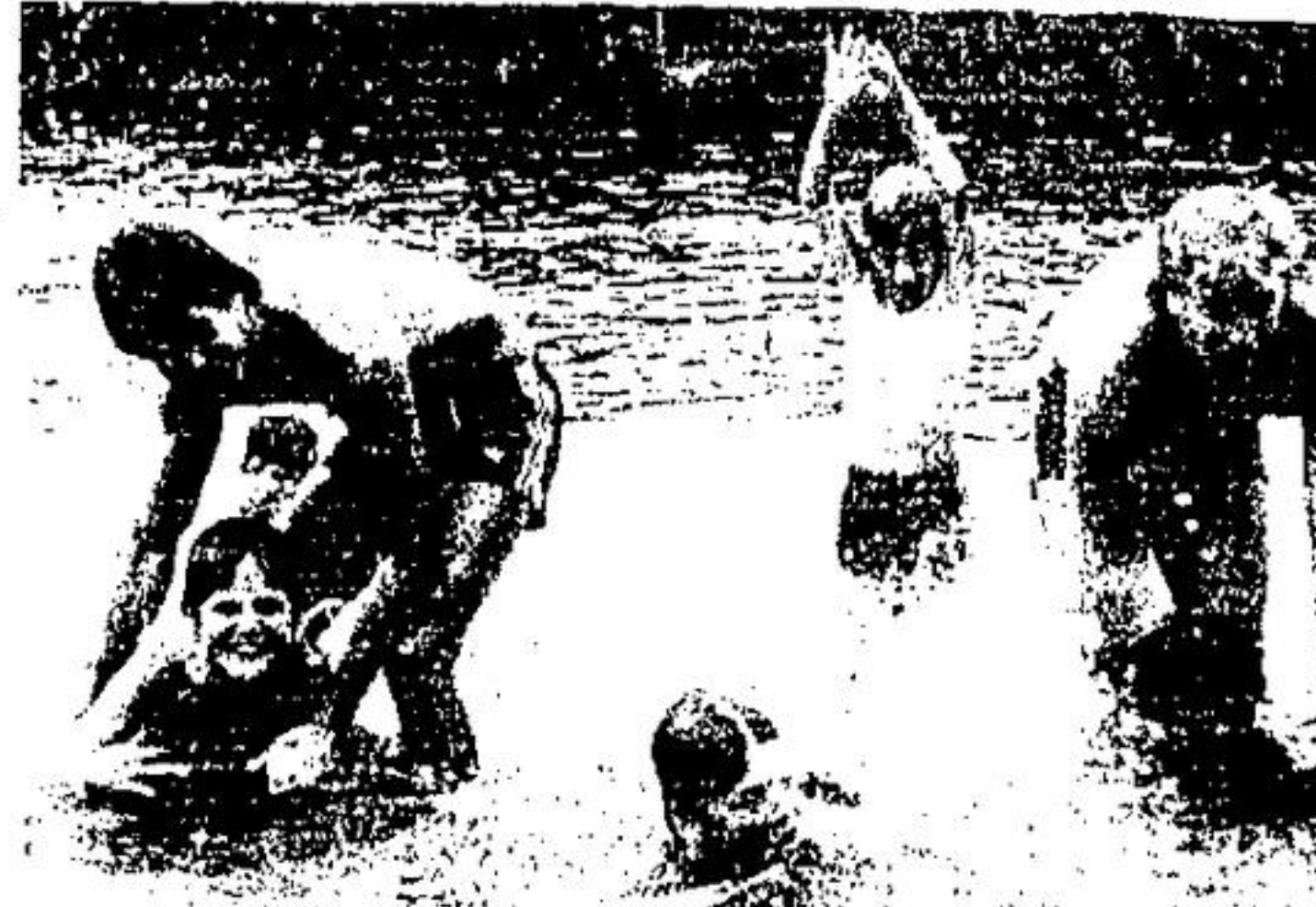
IMPROVEMENT
He said Halton's financial analysis was undertaken on financial statements up to 1982 and doesn't take into account the considerable improvement in the region's financial position in 1983.

Many municipalities start filing their information late in the year, after the rating service has done most of its background research. Mr. Rinaldo said, explaining why 1983 information wasn't used. The rating was released early this year.



FUN AT Y CAMP

Posing as Egyptians are Sarah Cherlin, Erin Melnyk and Craig Forsyth, (back row) Jeff Chin, Matthew Dow, Jennifer Barrand, Kyle Thomas and Kevin Cummins. These children took part in a session where they were made up as Egyptians at the Y Day Camp held at Kelso Conservation Authority.



Learning to swim can be fun, especially when after your lessons you get a chance of practising what you were taught. Here 10-year-old Michael Mason, 12-year-old Jason Miles, nine-year-old David Ferguson (standing) and ten-year-old John O'Neill use paddle boards while counsellors Mark Puskak (left) and Mike Daquano (right) help out.

Special services foster care: It repatriates Halton children

Herald Special
In an effort to repatriate Halton children currently in group homes outside the Halton region, the Halton Children's Aid Society (HCAS) has developed a program to serve those children.

Called Special Services Foster Care, the program is unique in its structure, and, if successful in its first year, may be a prototype for similar programs within the province.

Developed by CAS Manager of Residential Services, Margaret Morrison, the program

got the funding nod from the Ministry of Community and Social Services late in 1983 and has been given a year to prove its benefits.

Based on the philosophy that Halton children are better served in Halton, and cognizant of the exorbitant cost of

outside placements, Ms. Morrison constructed a program that uses a home environment with specially trained foster parents.

There are currently four of these special foster families, who receive clinical in service training, have support group meetings twice monthly, have a social worker assigned to their family, and have the unique component of a behavioural therapist assigned to the program.

Even though these families are well-subsidized, Ms. Morrison believes the program will save money because costs are substantially lower than those for outside placement institutions (OPI's). OPI's can cost up to \$100 per day per child,

and the child must live in an institutional environment away from relatives, friends and family places. There are currently 56 Halton children living in OPI's.

"The community is responsible for its down children," Morrison says, "and this program offers the chance to grasp that responsibility in a positive, proud manner. Communities should be proud of programs like this that allow the best possible environments for children from their region."

Approval for storage

Herald Staff
Nobody spoke for or against an application by farmer Julien Croteau who wants to convert a storage building on Side-road 15 into a home, Monday night.

Mr. Croteau and his family wish to take up temporary residence in an existing galvanized storage structure on a 50-acre farm property he was bequeathed.

The structure has its own well, septic disposal system and driveway.

The main farm house, on the property is occupied by a tenant family who were granted legal tenancy of it until (at the latest) 1995 by the

former farm owner. Mr. Croteau intends to operate an orchard and market garden on the property.

Approval, if granted is effective for three years. Town councillors will review it at their Sept 4 meeting when staff are to report on the proposal. Written submissions are being received from the public till Aug. 30.

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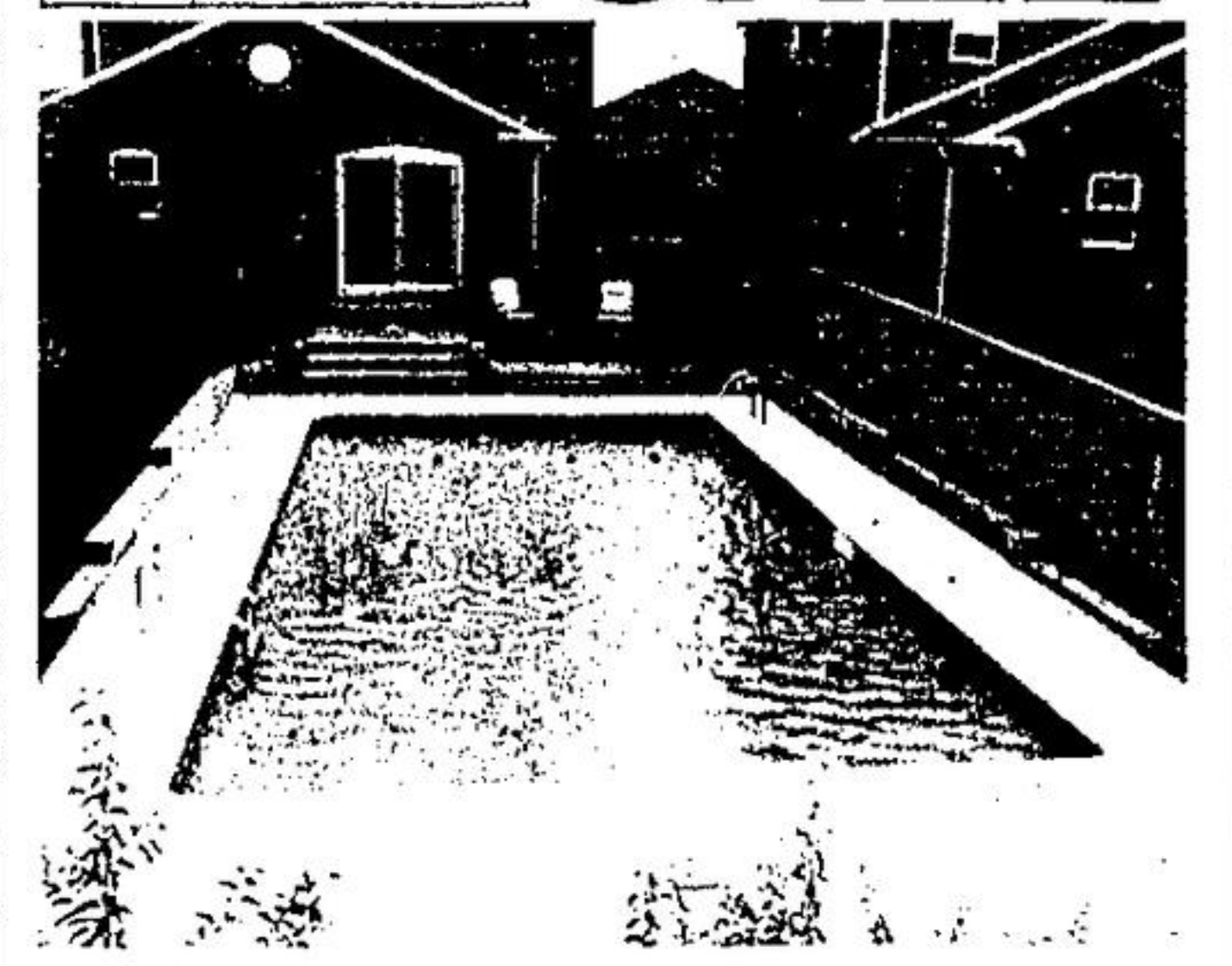
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