



**BIG DAY FOR LOCAL 4-H'ERS!** Proud members of the 4-H Club (Halton Beef Club) pose in front of those fine hunks of beef (still on the hoof of course) at the gathering held on Sunday at the Swackhamer farm. The event was great preparation for the forthcoming cattle showing season. Left to right are Acton residents Bradley Swackhamer, Ruth Lasby, and president John White. (Jim Warrington photo)



## ACTON FIGURE SKATING CLUB

### REGISTRATION

Registration will be held at the Acton Community Centre (the Arena) on Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 12 noon

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

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## September — happy days are here again?

September and school. The two words are almost synonymous. Eager children look forward to the joys of learning and parents welcome the return of a routine.

For pre-schoolers, it is sometimes harder to find ways to keep them stimulated and amused. The Rockwood Nursery School which has been operating for 22 years is the answer. A cooperative nursery school is a group of parents working together to give their children a richer pre-school experience. The parents contribute by participating in the building/repairing/cleaning of toys and equipment. Because of parent participation, fees can be kept to a minimum; they cover rental of school space, teacher's salary, equipment purchase and supplies. Parents who choose the non-helping group pay a higher monthly fee but still participate in committees, meetings, field trips, etc.

Good communication is essential and parents maintain it by issuing a newsletter and having regular meetings where nursery school business is discussed. They also have guest speakers and parents are welcome to suggest topics of interest.

The school's objectives for the children include the opportunity for each child to:

1. gain a sense of self-worth and pride.
2. learn to trust the teacher, other adults and other children.
3. develop skills, such as cutting, pasting, climbing, singing, etc.
4. foster independence through being able to choose one's own activities, use materials properly and creatively.
5. learn cooperation with others through sharing, waiting for one's turn, being part of a group etc.
6. learn colors and concepts.
7. observe and learn about things around him through a love and appreciation of nature and consideration of others.

### Around Rockwood

With Debbie Tilson



Four separate classes are held weekly in the Rockwood Town Hall.

Group "A" - Mon. Wed. Fri. mornings - 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Group "B" - Tues & Thurs mornings - 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Group "C" - Mon & Thurs afternoons - 1:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Group "D" - Tues & Fri afternoons - 1:00 - 3:15 P.M.

Each group has 16 children, with one teacher and three assisting parents with the exception of group "D", which will have two teachers and A helper, as there are no helping parents.

Field trips are arranged throughout the year, and past trips to places such as Saunderson's Bakery, Bronte Creek, Long Lane Orchards, The Arberetum, Schneiders Reliable Sweets Factory, to name just a few, have all added to the children's learning experiences.

Creativity takes many forms in many different areas of the classroom - dramatic play, block center, creative movement, singing, imaginative floor play. The nursery school's classroom and program is set up to challenge and stimulate the child's creative imagination so that no matter where the child plays the potential for creativity exists.

If you would like to see your

child involved in the nursery school there are still openings available in all 4 groups.

An orientation night is planned for Wed. Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. If you're interested, please plan on attending, or call the registrar at 856-9442.

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Anyone interested in auditioning for a part in the Eramosa Community Players upcoming one-act plays should call 856-4872. Auditions will be held Sept. 2, 3, and 4, each evening at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Rockmosa community Centre. Copies of the three one-act plays will be available at the library prior to auditions, along with rough character sketches and other general info. Onstage or backstage, ECP wants you!

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Rockwood Lions hold their Jackpot Bingo from 7 - 10 p.m. the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Rockmosa Community Centre.

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A barbeque chicken dinner, a musical mystery performed by a company of professional actors and a dance by Rockwood's Tom Semanyk add up to one terrific evening. Mark your calendars now and get your tickets soon for Fri. Sept. 11 at Rockmosa Community Centre.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 by advance sales only. Please call Jane at 856-4073. Presented by St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood.

## Town's fire department warns parents — matches are tools

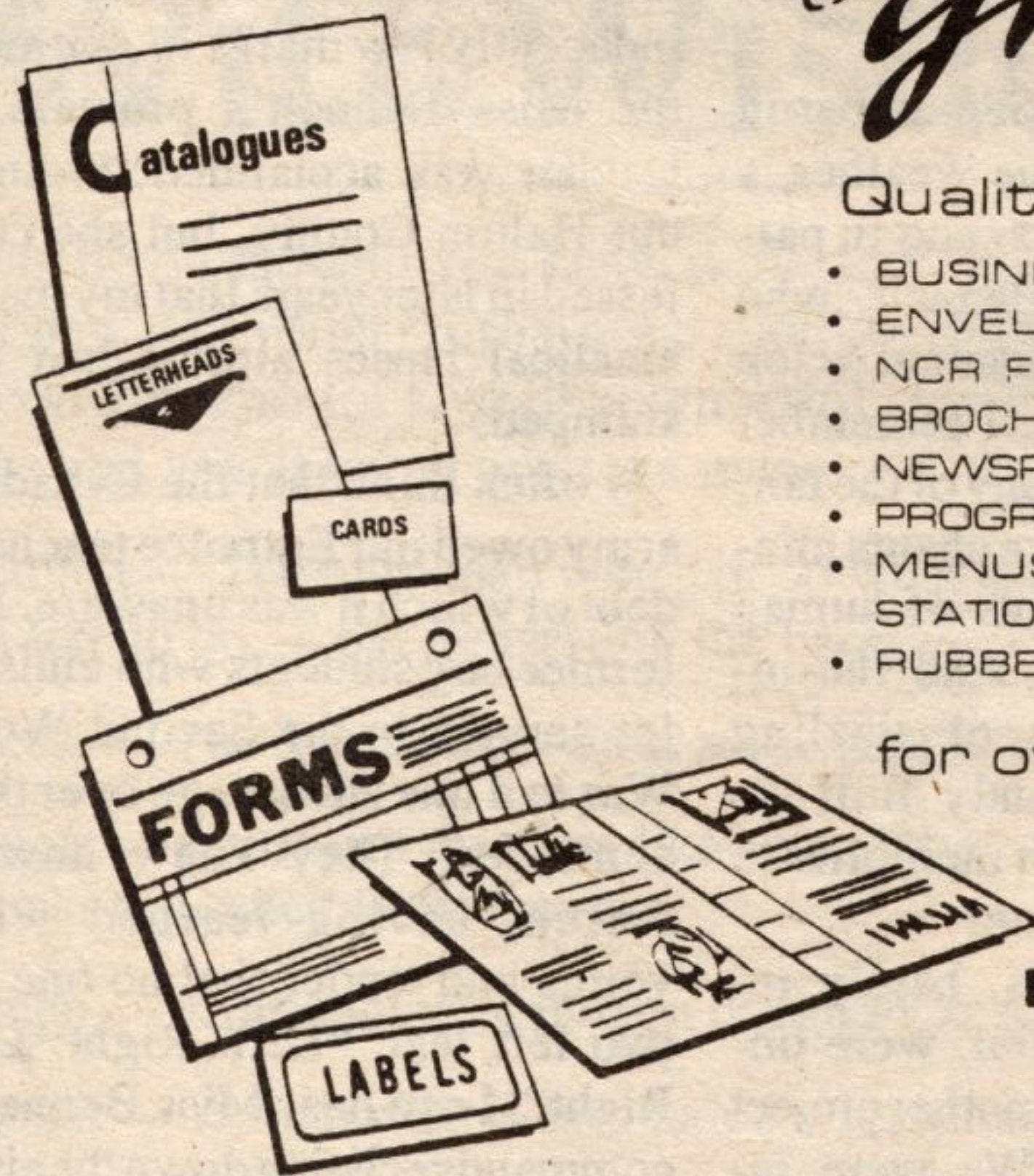
Every child is curious. But curiosity about fire can be deadly. Teach your children the dangers of playing with matches and lighters. Teach them that matches are tools — not toys, and that they are safe only in the hands of an adult.

Keep matches, lighters and candles out of the reach of young

children. Remember, the child who plays with matches or lighters may NEVER grow up.

If you have a concern about how to handle this problem please contact the HALTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT at 873-2600, Ext. 207. We are always happy to assist.

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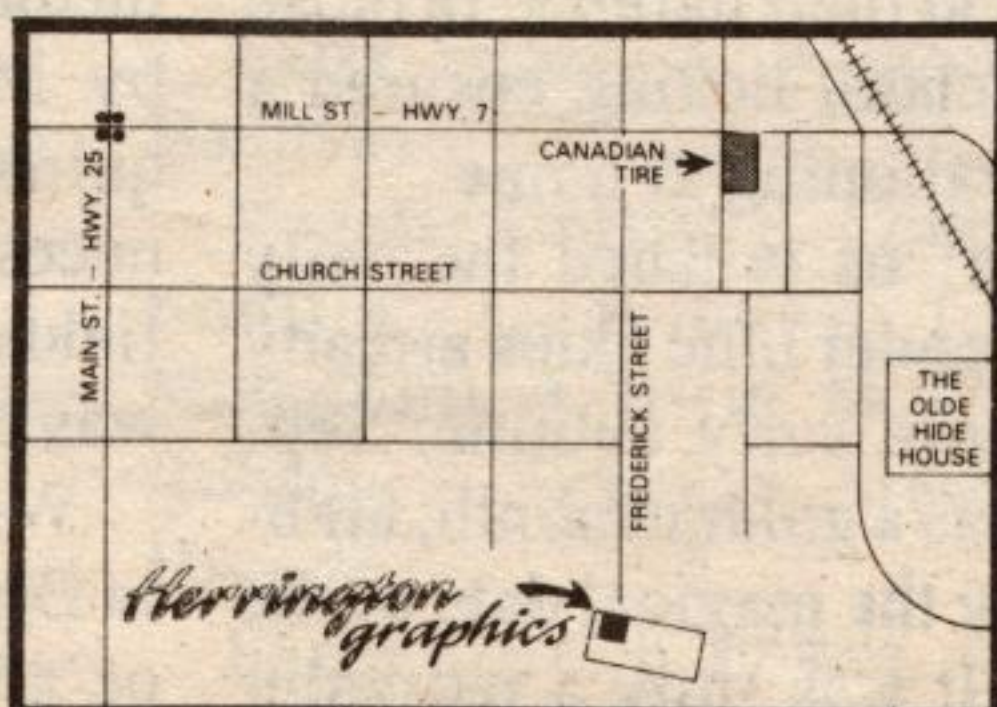
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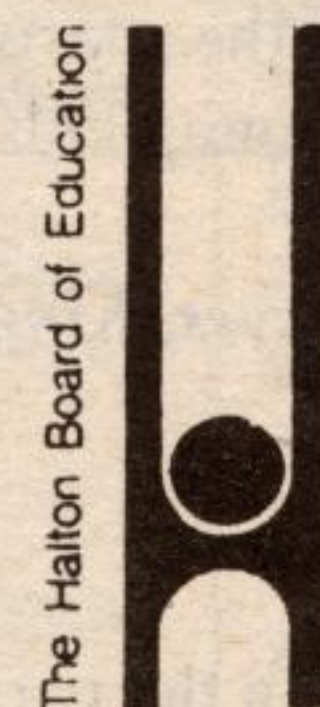
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**Tuesday, September 8**

If you have any questions, call your local Public School.

Remember:

**School's Back. Please Drive Safely!**



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