Root fences and stones provide fun for pupils

pull this one over here and put this one on top this time," holler the children as they play together outside at Speyside public school grounds. Passers-by, viewing structures with small forms climbing in and out, diligently scrambling over and under to build their own play places, are amazed.

Close inspection would show children from grade one age to the higher public school levels, working industriously creating buildings and improvising new games out of old tree roots and stones which, at one time, were the rubble boundary fence between nearby roadway and the school playground.

Idea of using the unique

themselves. They proached school principal Norm Howell a year ago, and asked permission to make things out of the old roots.

Principal Howell, who himself enjoys an aptitude for creating, could see value in the experience and gave his pupils the go-ahead. Since that time principal and teachers have seen various shapes, sizes and effects being formed, broken down rebuilt and replaced by other structures just as ingenious

youngsters. Besides physical activity required of pulling, tugging, lugging, crawling and climbing, there

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day morning.

are social aspects to using the unique play equipment. Mr. Howell sees it as a total play experience where children are utilizing unmanufactured materials to provide their own fun as opposed to exinstalled on playgrounds.

"They have to use their own imaginations," he explained. The principal feels that, with so much of such materials to be found around the countryside it could be similarly placed on other grounds at a great saving in cost, but providing more mental exercise and fun for the children.

Besides the delight of creating, the youngsters also stimulating social learning. Leaders are produced as they engineer the buildings; give-and-take opportunities provide lessons in co-operative effort. The children also learn tenacity, knowing if they don't keep at their particular structure, it will not be finished.

Not for all

At Speyside, not al children get involved in the particular type of play. Some work at it for a while and move on to something else. Older boys play soccer and football but at least 40 to 50 children, every recess and noon-hour, are to be seen heading for the play area as soon as the school bell rings.

authorities is that some wellmeaning people will decide the masses of sticks and stones are an eye-sore on the school playground and authorize removal. Hope is they will first investigate the advantages, taking time to drop in while youngsters are

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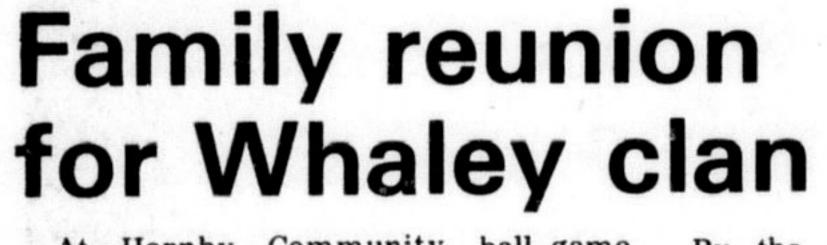
at play on the amazing handbuilt contraptions, and hear the excited and enthusiastic chattering of the young builders. Mr. Howell hopes they will understand what it means to any youngster to have the opportunity to

says Principal Howell, and the children hurry back and forth happily lugging rocks and roots in an effort to get their newest structure completed before next bell.

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At Hornby Community ball game. By the sixth Centre, on Sunday Sept. 8 the inning, the Hamiltons had a family of Mrs. Gordon substantial lead but with Whaley gathered for their some fancy manipulation fourth annual reunion. There (not only by the players but were 67 present, the eldest by the scorekeeper) the being Mrs. Campbell Wilson Whaleys recovered all but of Milton, sister of Mrs. three runs. Final score was Gordon Whaley, and the 14-11. youngest was Jeffrey Lane, three month old son of Terry and Nancy Lane

Georgetown. The afternoon began with a smorgasbord lunch. Then a short meeting was held. Ray Whaley was elected president for the next two years. Also Ray and Bernice will be host and hostess for 1975. Pictures and news items were added to the family record book. **Hilarious contests**

Everybody then proceeded to the sunny outdoors for games. Adults as well as children participated in many hilarious contests. Prizes were awarded.

The gathering then moved to Hornby ball park where the George Hamilton family challenged the Whaleys to a

> MILTON Municipal Council

During a meeting of Milton Council's Community Services Committee Monday night the committee:

-Joined members of the administration committee to listen and watch a film presentation by King Seagrave concerning advantages of having an aerial platform truck for the Milton Fire Department. The machines cost from \$125,000 to \$135,000. Councillors expressed much concern about the escalation clause which could increase the price between the placing of an order and delivery months later. Specifications for tenders were approved.

-Recommended an easement over a strip of land 33 feet by 363 feet be given J. Neil on the Appleby Line road allowance. Mr. Neil needs the land in order to install a septic system for his home.

-- Agreed to recommend an in-camera meeting of council to choose a name for the new

-Authorized staff to obtain information concerning price and boundaries of about five and a half acres of land owned by Glen Biederman. The land would be useful in forming a walkway and park system stretching from the Mill Pond south to Derry Rd. on the west side of Ontario St.

-Agreed to send two employees of the Public Works Department to a course offered by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

recommending regulations to govern all day parking on town-owned parking lots on Mary St.

-Deferred discussion on ways to encourage recycling in town until councillor M. Powys was at a meeting.

-Referred a number of items to works superintendent Bruce McKerr for written reports.

-Recommended council increase the budget for the tree program from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Earlier in the year the committee increased that budget from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and that was later cut to \$1,000 in budget committee.

-Approved construction of gravel walkway from Churchill Ave. to the Robert Baldwin Public School through Kinsmen Park.



OLD ROOTS AND TREE STUMPS make exciting play materials for children at Speyside public school who enjoy the fun of imaginative games and building with what was once the rubble bounday line between the nearby roadway and school playground. Seen building their house are Brian Kramer 8, Ian Paul 8, Tommy Tucker 5, and Lorne Buckrell 5, all district children attending the school.

group-build at an early age. As well as assisting with the

been have meticulously placed, outlining houses with room divisions made by rows of other stones.

"Creativity at its best," numerous root forts and minicaves, the girls at the school have made their special con-



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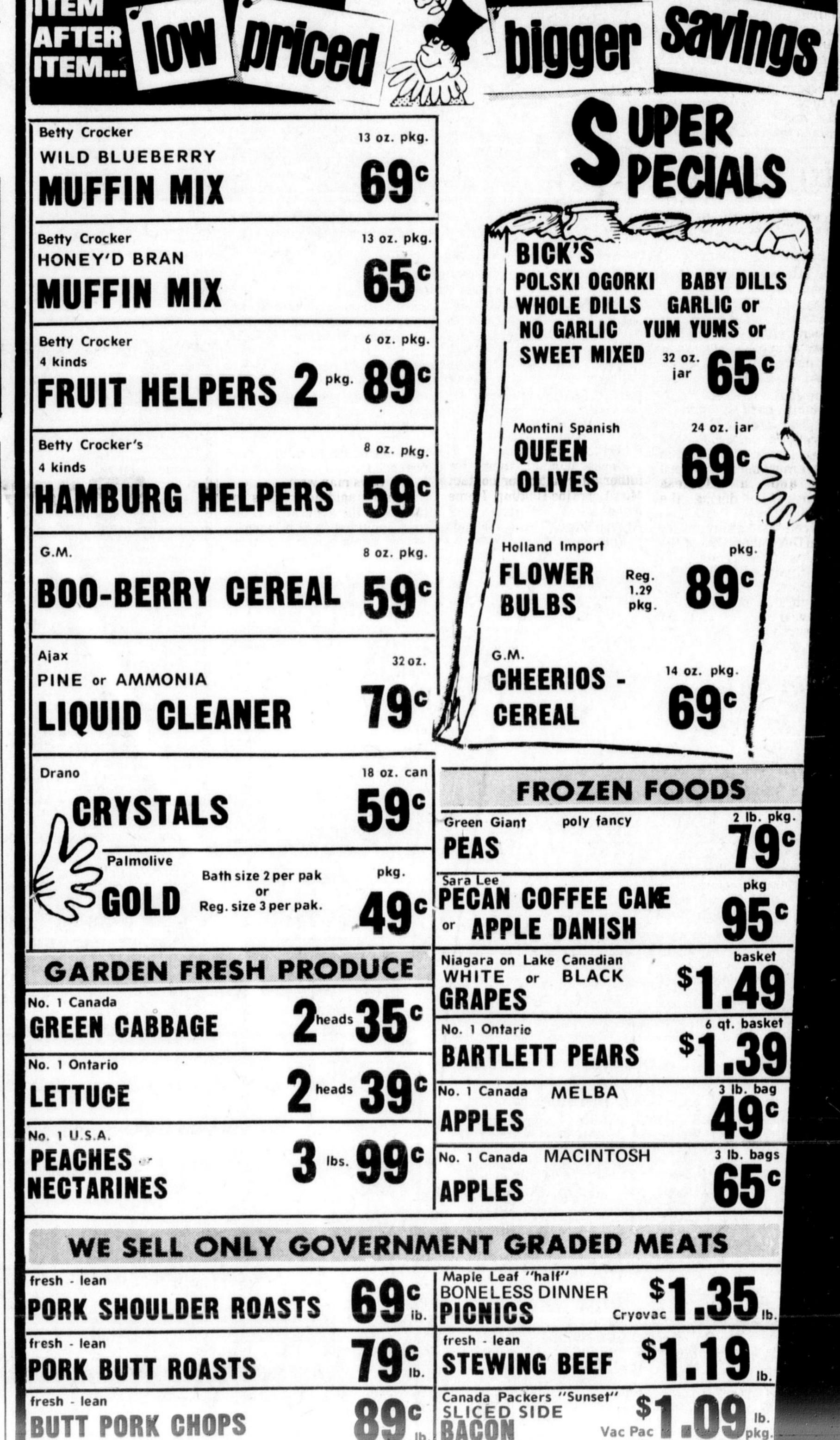
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