### Onwards--upwards

Right off the top, I would like to condolences over the unfortunate cancellation of the "Between the Willows" 5th Anniversary Picnic. would also like to acknowledge the many helpful suggestions about what to do with the caviar and champagne-including the rather tacky tip from a Mr. O. (Same to you, buddy!)

Well, folks, that's all behind us now. Ahead for me, a whole stack of blank pages. (Which reminds me of the sign which hung on the wall of my office when I was creative director of an advertising agency. It read "Where were you when the page was blank?'

Where indeed. I'm staring at such a page now. And it's as challenging this time out as it's

ever been. A reader asked me, not long ago: "How do you go about writing your column? I've followed it for years now and I never know what to expect. One week you're back in Toronto in the Thirties. The next you're chasing a baby rabbit around your house on Mount Nemo. Level with me, Don, did these things really happen?"

Rest assured. They all did. When I'm strictly digging for your funnybone, as I did when I quoted reports from the non-existent "Cragsview Chronicle", I always gave the appropriate reader warning.

Perhaps, some of the experiences I have shared with you were not all that damned funny at the time. But if we can't laugh at ourselves in retrospect, life can become pretty tedious. Gad. There is enough junk around to be depressed about.

To complete my answer to the reader, I try to write well ahead of time.

deadline, which is another reason l avoid current events. Dead fish become conspiciously unattractive

O.K. Changing gears in order to reach the top of the hill I've written myself onto, let's move along.

Occasionally in this space, I have been anything but sweetness and light. I'm not about to apologize for these rare occurrences, despite the Choose new fair queen personal mandate I established for "Between the Willows" five years ago-which was to present material that was not controversial; to entertain, and to make readers smile as they were reminded of similar events in their own lives. When you think about it we all have a column to about it, we all have a column to

Like you, there are times when stupidity and arrogance, in high, and not so high places are so flaming flagrant, I can't let it go unchallenged. Hence the odd bitchy column. "Yeh. Give it to them Don."

Let's wind this up on a positive note. It's been a good summer, as summers go (and they do so, anymore, at an incredible rate). If you are a regular reader of this space, you know that it was a special time for the Byers

With the postal strike resolved for now, I've been winging letters to Vanand looking forward receiving in return the latest news from Mr. and Mrs. Rick Byers.

Autumn is moving towards centre stage. Winter is waiting in the wings. And anytime now pre-Christmas advertising will launch upon us in all its hoary. Good grief!

Thanks for listening. See you next

# Historical Society tour to help restoration

for the restoration of five old burial grounds Milton, the Milt Historical Society has announced its first fall house tour will be held Saturday, Oct. 3.

The tour of 10 locations

day of this week.

winners are not eligible.

modern interest. The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a single \$5 ticket will allow admission to each home on the tour.

The new Queen will be crowned at a dance in the

Organizers report they have several entrants

now, but more would be welcome. You can still'

register for the competition by calling Ruth Bous-

field at 878-7462 or Hazel Reid at 877-8429 by Fri-

Entrants must be Canadian residents for two

Only those attending Milton high school; or serv-

ed by the Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Campbellville

or Hornby mail routes; or participating in any 4-H

club work in Halton are eligible to enter. Previous

They must give a short speech (under two

There's a host of 35 prizes available for the win-

The dance is \$5 per person and includes a late buf-

During the fall fair, a Princess will be chosen to

accompany the Queen. This contest is open only to

members of the 4-H homemaking clubs in Halton,

and they must be 12 to 17 years and have completed

ner, organizers said. About 20 local stores have

minutes long) and appear at a private interview.

donated merchandise for the winner.

years and a resident of the Milton district for six

months, aged 18 to 23, single, and of good character.

Poise, personality and charm will be judged.

Milton Optimist Centre this Saturday evening.

in seeing some restor ation work done on the rants have been asked to five old burial grounds. most prominent of which participate by featuring

inhabitants are buried. will be shown several times through the day. She hopes some form Historical Society of cairn can be built, president Valerie Grimncorporating shaw said council has remains of the stones in indicated it is interested the cemetery.

Hawthorne Lodge on produced by Jim Dills most of Milton's earliest storeys to its present day

other than a plant hanger, an individual size quiche,

Entry forms must be sent by Sept. 19 to either

Princess was Patti Haist, 16, of Hornby

while the Queen was Elaine White, 19, of

Campbellville (right). The new Queen

will be named this Saturday at a dance in

the Optimist Centre and the Princess will

be chosen at the fall fair Sept. 25-27.

or a small portion "Chicken with Chinese accent."

RR 4 Milton.

many years it operated man Pamela McLean is day of the tour. She can visitors and serving banquets in its homey

Mrs. R. Higgins on Mac-Arthur Dr. near Campbellville is a beautiful example of modern traditional. It sits on its hinting a trace of Ver-

day all the local chur-Who will be the Queen of Milton Fall Fair this macrame plant hanger, an article of macrame church historians.



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names have not been made public.

breaking provincial laws adding to water

Vic Lesnic, in charge waste disposal system said the only authority under which such firms could be prosecuted was the regional bylaw covering

water quality. "The Ministry of the even enter into this so far as to help us track

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said the region has the water if it does not.

are recom mended for prosecution.

progress is being made.

special interest in ensuring that the sewage it pumps into Lake Ontario is of a high quality charged with polluting

At this point, he added, none of the companies being monitored by the

reports provided to the

be bandied about in the press coverage,"

### The Princess will be chosen on the number of points accumulated in entries at the fair. They must compete in at least three classes of four offered - a **NEC** gives

the last two 4-H projects.

fet. It is open to all.

The Niagara Escarpment Commission has notified Milton Council of a number of approvals building

plications R. W. Harrington has received approval for a single family dwelling and barn. C. Birch has received

approval for a single family dwelling, access, sewage disposal system The Ontario Jockey Club has received ap-

received approval for a single dwelling.

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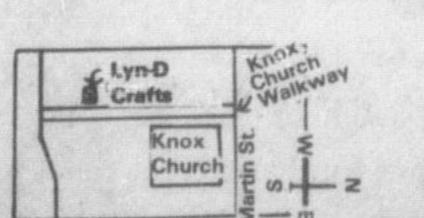
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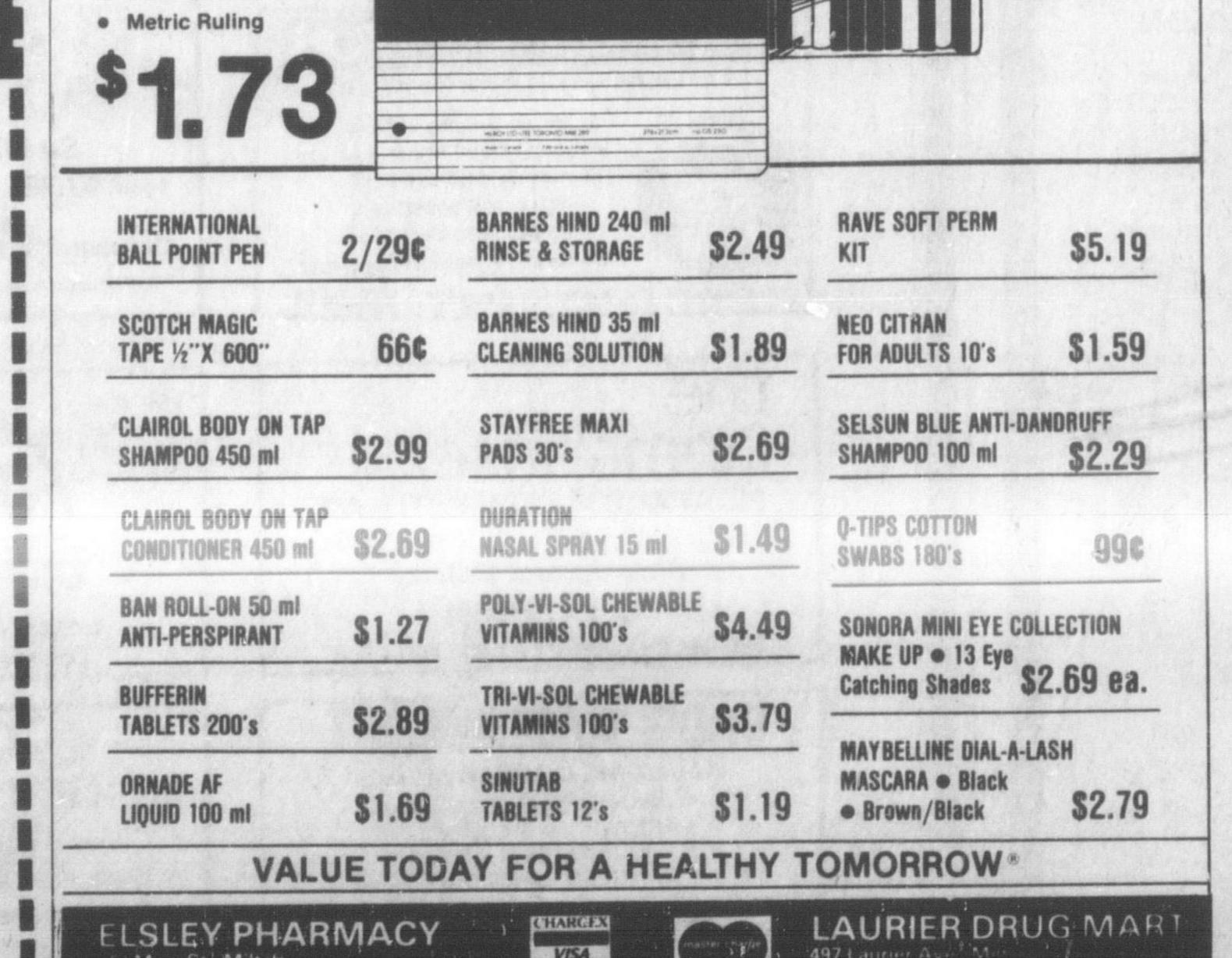
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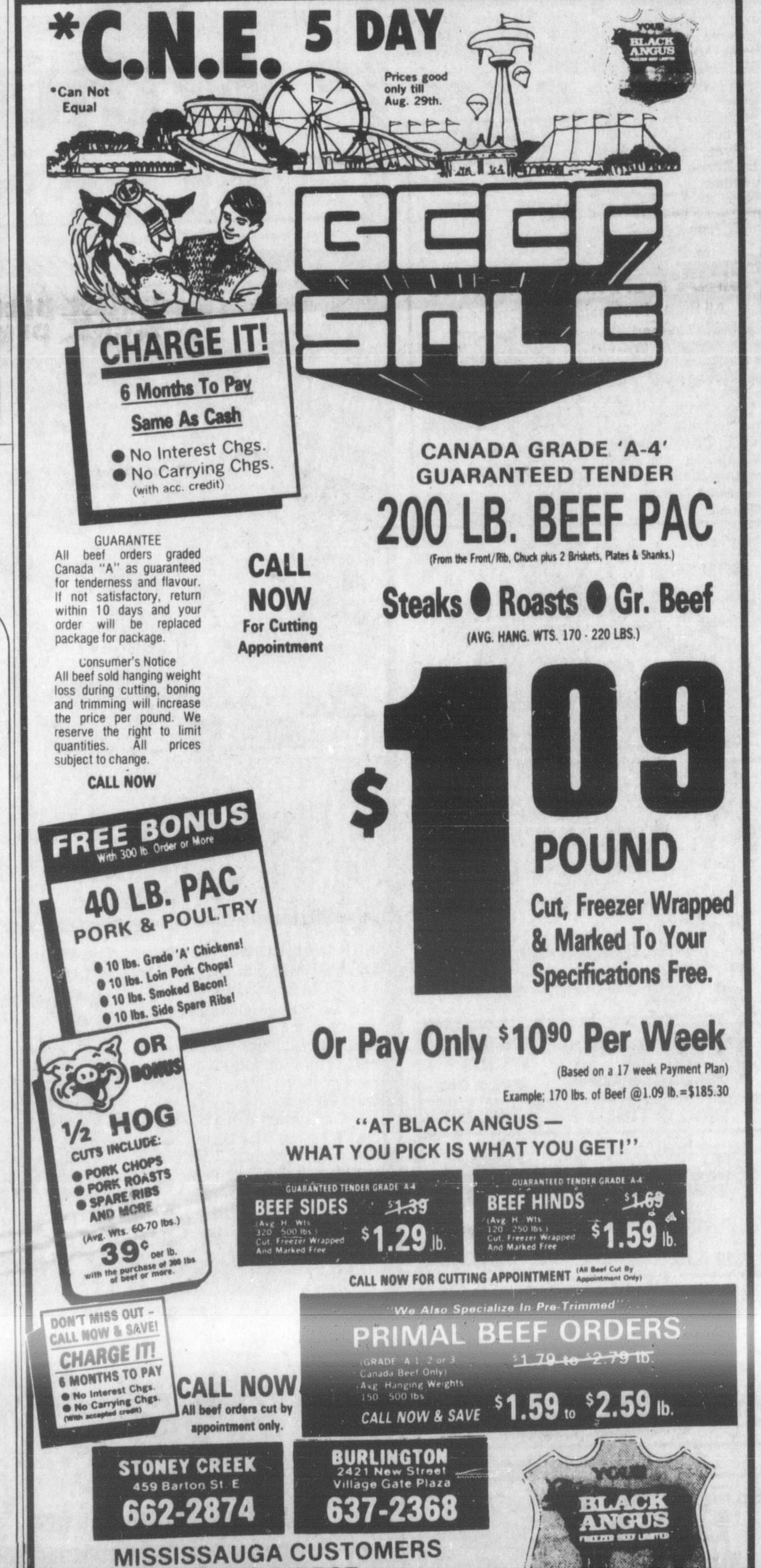
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