

Century-Old Ox Horn Now Brant Heirloom

By Record Correspondent

HANOVER — A 15½-inch ox horn is the prized heirloom of Murray Crispin of Brant Township.

It came from the first oxen brought to this area over 100 years ago and was possibly the first oxen in Bruce County.

TOOK FREE LAND

In 1848, Mr. Crispin's great-grandfather, John Crispin of York (now Toronto), took advantage of the free land offered to early settlers by the government. He homesteaded just south of here, north of the Beauty Saugeen River.

Records show that for each 50 acres purchased at \$3 an acre an additional 50 acres was given free.

When the oxen died at about six years of age the pioneer cut the horns off for sentimental reasons.

Where the other horn went is only conjecture but its mate has remained on the South Line of Brant for nearly a century.

FIRST WHITE CHILD

Mrs. Crispin, who was the former Viola Traynor, is the granddaughter of the first white child born in Bruce.

Her grandmother was the former Mary Jane Jasper. She was born about a mile west of Han-



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over. Mrs. Crispin's great-grandparents crossed the Saugeen River on a raft to take crown land.



PREPARED

Gene Girodat and Faye Walkerton prepare Alabi Bay for a race at the Hanover Raceway. Gene, of RR 2,

Walkerton, drives for his father. Alex Heron and Bill Smith, both of Windsor are owners of the horse.

BRUCE CTY. WOMEN'S INSTIT. SCHOLARSHIP WINNER OF '78

Gerards

Virginia Anne Hundt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hundt of R.R. 2, Walkerton has been awarded the Bruce County Women's Institute Scholarship, which is given annually to a member of a 4-H club. A certificate of merit will also be presented.

Virginia has belonged to the South Line 4-H Homemaking Club for the past six years and has completed fourteen clubs and received her County and Provincial Honours. She was a chosen delegate to the Regional Conference and is still very ac-

tive in 4-H work. At the present time she is secretary of the Bruce County 4-H Council.

Virginia has also been very actively involved in all school activities. She is a member of the church choir and has many interesting hobbies.

Virginia graduated this year from Grade thirteen at Sacred Heart Secondary School, Walkerton. This fall Virginia plans to continue her education. She will be attending Fanshawe College in London, taking a two-year course in Radiological Technology and will be training at St. Joseph's Hospital, London.