

# County resident is hailed as promising young author

Author and Hillier resident Janet Lunn got a lot of press recently when she won the prestigious book of the year award for children from the Canadian

Library Association for "The Root Cellar."

But how many have heard of another homegrown author, Gail Hamilton, who has suc-

cessfully cracked the literary market as the Canadian Authors Association's most promising young writer in Canada?

Secretary of the organiza-

tion, Gail received the honor at the national conference in Kelowna, B.C. in June.

She started her career as an advertising copy writer and soon plunged into the competitive free-lance field, placing stories in Harrowsmith magazine and the first piece of fiction in the University of Toronto Graduate.

But her forte is the romance story and she moved from writing short stories for magazines to a full length novel, "Fool's Gold."

Two more novels of Gail's are due out in February; "Tears of Gold" and a Harlequin super romance, "Precious Interlude."

Gail says her shorter novels took six months to produce, while the 400-page super romance required a year of effort.

Drawing on her memories of a three-month trip to the Sahara seven years ago, Gail has provided a desert setting for "Precious Interlude."

She divides her time between a home in Toronto and her parents' farm near Demorestville, where she loads hay and tends a vegetable garden when she's not busy writing.



Janet Lunn and Gail Hamilton (right) were pleasantly surprised when they bumped into each other at a conference in British Columbia, where each received an award. Both are successful authors. Both are from Prince Edward County.



PUBLIC SPEAKING — Andrea VanVleet, winner of the Grades 4 to 6 category of the public speaking contest held by the Picton Legion, was overlooked in a report to The Gazette about the Zone competitions held in Tweed March 7. Here she is holding the trophies she won for being second best in Prince Edward County.

## Dairy Princess



MISS BARBARA DOXSEE,

who won the Prince Edward County Dairy Princess competition at Belleville June 21. It was her second consecutive year for taking the title. One other contestant entered from the county, Miss Kathy Alexander of R.R. 2, Hillier. Miss Doxsee, along with winners from other county competitions, goes on to the Ontario finals held at the CNE in Toronto. The competition involves an examination of the girls' knowledge of the dairy industry, a brief speech and an actual milking contest using modern machinery and methods.



VISITOR FROM ISLAND—Miss Elizabeth Hughes, left, Pomeroy County, Tyrone, Northern Ireland, was a special guest at the closing festivities of the Apple Blossom Festival. She was a guest in the county for a few days on exchange between young farmer organizations of the United Kingdom and Canada. She is pictured here with Warden Gordon Lloyd, centre, and the Apple Blossom Queen for 1971, Elizabeth Doxsee, right.