

# FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

## Halton Girl Competes with 180 to Win Queen's Guineas

Thursday afternoon of last week saw the most outstanding spectacle of the entire week in the big Coliseum at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Practically every seat in the huge coliseum was filled—the same was true at the ringside. It was the occasion of the judging of the steers entered in the Queen's Guineas class.

One hundred and eighty 4H Club members, between the ages of 14 and 20 inclusive were there with their respective steers. Each club member wore a white sweater, emblazoned with the 4H emblem in green. Chas. Yule, noted judge and former manager of the Calgary Stampede, was the judge.

**Eighty Shorthorn Steers**  
In the first section were no less than 80 Shorthorn steers — they practically filled the huge ring to capacity. Halton 4H Beef and Dual Purpose Club was represented here by Jack Black, Katherine Merry, Ian Norrish and Don Moffat. The first three were successful in getting their steers in the first prize group and Don Moffat in the second prize group. Then what a thrill to every Haltonian when Charles Yule singled out Katherine Merry's steer, "Louie" for the champion with the reserve going to the steer of Alan Goetz of Bruce County.

Then in came the 37 Dobbies and again Charlie Yule had difficulty in selecting his two tops. This time it was a 4H Club member from Grey County, John Farrow of Chatsworth who had the champion with Andrew King of Orton, Wellington County, getting the reserve. Halton had no entries in this section.

The third section brought together 68 white faces. When the cheering was over, we discovered that James Laverly of Dufferin had the champion Hereford with the reserve going to Murray Alexander of Bruce County. Robert Cox of Nassagaweya Township was Halton's representative in this class and while he did not secure a red ribbon, he was in there giving a good account of himself.

### Good Sportsmanship

While were were waiting for the six tops to come into the ring to decide the Queen's Guineas Winner, we couldn't help but note Sandy Buchanan, Club Leader of the Halton Beef and Dual Purpose Club, down in one corner, helping Katherine make sure every curl and hair on "Louie" was in place. Sandy, himself, is a veteran at the game because up until 1952, he annually was in there himself, fighting for the coveted award. He never quite made it, yet he was helping one of his former rivals — that folks, is good sportsmanship.

A tenseness settled over the huge throng when judge Yule finally started to work on the breed champions, two Shorthorns, two Angus and two Herefords. And then what cheers went up, when Katherine and her steer got the nod with James Laverly of Dufferin County getting the reserve on his Hereford. One would be justified in concluding that only Halton folk were there — needless to add that was not true because the parents, sisters, brothers and friends of every one of the 180 4H Club members were there.

It was indicative of the high regard and esteem in which Katherine is held by her fellow 4H Club members throughout Ontario. Katherine is a deserving winner—for

six years she has been a top club member—once before she won the reserve award. Our readers may be interested to learn that nearly every night for the past six months, Katherine has walked her steer two to three miles. Halton may well be proud of Katherine.

### Other Awards for Halton

Halton may be one of the smallest counties in Ontario but what a showing her citizens made in nearly all sections of the great show. First the Wheat King of the World, W. E. Breckon of Burlington, then the Queen's Guineas in Katherine Merry of Oakville, but that wasn't all by any means. We did see most of our Dairy Show, so we'll confine our remarks to a few of the Halton highlights in the Guernseys, Jerseys, Holsteins and Red Polls.

The Guernsey entries of Joyce Bros, Wm. G. Booth, J. L. Chisholm and M. T. McNabb and Sons were strong contenders throughout. Joyce Bros. did a tremendous job, taking the reserve junior female championship on their winning senior yearling, Twin Elms Merry Heirless, plus at least two red ribbons and a number of other top awards, including a second on their junior herd, Wm. G. Booth, not to be outdone, also took two red ribbons and at least one second.

J. L. Chisholm also brought home a red ribbon and a cow bred and recently sold by M. T. McNabb and Sons took the top award for the best Canadian bred cow in the show. When one realizes that these Halton boys were in there competing with such establishments as those at Fraserdale, Henry Borden's Cross and Farms and Maplewood to mention but a few of the outstanding Guernsey herds at the Royal—one should have a slight appreciation of their respective achievements.

### Jerseys

In the Jersey ring the Halton flag was carried by entries from the herds of M. C. Beaty, Ken Ella, Featherstone Bros. and Gerald R. Graham. They too, like their Guernsey brethren did a tremendous job in their strong show which brought entries from Prince Ed-

ward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, the United States as well as practically all the leading herds in Ontario.

A few of the Halton highlights here include the winning of the reserve junior female championship by M. C. Beaty on his winning senior calf, Lindale Design Firefly, another red ribbon on his winning former herd sire at Lindale Farm, and we should not overlook the reserve senior male championship won by Wm. G. Fletcher on Lindale Basil Xena Lad, noted son of old Basil Ward, nor the trophy won by the Lindale herd for the best uddered female nor the second award secured on the strong milking four year old class.

Ken Ella had third in the dry three year old class, fourth on his dry two year old; fourth on his senior bull calf and second on his progeny of dam, to mention but a few of the Rock-Ella awards. Gerald R. Graham had a second in the milking three year olds and he and the Featherstone Bros. were well up in a number of other classes.

### Red Polls

Despite the competition from several herds from western Canada, the Halton boys pretty well swept the boards. Leonard Coulson took all of the championships, including the junior male, senior male and grand championship for males; junior female; senior female; and grand champion female—in fact, the same exhibitor won all of the classes with the exception of three. Roy Coulter also brought home one red ribbon, in addition to a

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number of seconds and thirds. Other Halton exhibitors included Geo. E. Readhead and T. C. Massey, both of whom were strong contenders throughout for seconds and thirds.

### Holsteins

Halton exhibitors were represented by entries from the herds of Pelletier Bros., W. H. Robinson; T. H. McGee; Harold Cooper; Towell Bros. and Lloyd Pickard of Pickard and Clark of Carstairs, Alta. The highlights from a Halton standpoint in this terrific show was the win by Tom McGee on Haigert Lee Jean Hope, which not only won the senior heifer calf class in an entry of 45, but went on to take the junior female championship.

She later sold in the sale of stars at \$2700. Next was Harold Cooper's second prize award on Kneland Farm Annabelle in the strong mature milking class. Annabelle also sold in the Holstein sale of stars at \$3000 to Romandale Farms. Perhaps next in line was the blue ribbon won by W. H. Robinson on Robras Pond Dandy in the junior yearling bull class. Rumor has it that Dandy was sold privately after the show to go to South America at around the \$1500 mark.

The Halton ringside got a thrill out of Lloyd Pickard's win in the mature dry class on Sunnybank Texal Dorothy, purchased from Frank G. Stark and Sons at the

Maple Consignment sale last month. Ashville Farms were also well up in the four classes in which they exhibited.

### Other Livestock Exhibitors

Unfortunately we haven't a complete list of the awards in the other livestock sections of the show. However, with T. C. Amos, S. G. Bennett, Grant Campbell and W. H. Merry competing in the Shorthorn show, you can rest assured that a goodly proportion of the top awards came to Halton. The same holds true in the Aberdeen Angus show where Jim McKay had a strong string from Dr. W. F. James' Malting herd.

In the horse classes Halton was well represented by entries in Percherons by Stanley May and in Belgians by Ernest F. Armstrong. Halton was also well represented in the classes of market cattle by entries from the herds of Gordon Breckon, Alex Buchanan, Cecil McCann, Clifford Norrish and John C. Willmott.

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