

Shorthorn Men Stage Twilight

Hiholm Farm of W. E. Gibson, near Acton, on June 5 was the scene of an enthusiastic twilight meeting staged by the Halton and Peel District Dual Purpose Shorthorn club. Some 50 availed themselves of the excellent program presided over by president Clarence Peacock.

In the judging competition where Charles Thorn was the official judge, the prize winners were Peter Shuttleworth and Robert Miller. In the weight guessing contest, Mrs. Henry Peacock was the winner.

Among those who spoke briefly were Harold White and E. H. Stoltz of the Canadian Shorthorn Association. Refreshments served by Mr. and Mrs. Gibson brought to a conclusion one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings staged by this enthusiastic club executive.

Junior President Leaves for P.E.I.

Jean Peterson, president of the Halton Junior Farmers, left Saturday with three other prominent Junior Farmers from Ontario, for an inter-provincial visit in Prince Edward Island.

The group selected for their outstanding leadership in Junior Farmer programs in local, county and provincial Junior activities, will spend two weeks living and working with farm families in P. E. I. Jean has been active in many phases of the Milton and Halton Junior Farmer programs in the last five years, and has excelled particularly in leadership, public speaking, drama, choir and square dancing.

Jean has brought honor to herself and to Halton Juniors by being chosen by the provincial Junior Farmer selection committee for this trip.

Water Resources Public Meeting

The Ontario Water Resources Commission, of which A. M. Snider is the chairman, is anxious to secure as broad a picture as possible of how much water is needed in the county and how serious are any present shortages, also how badly polluted are the streams.

To this end, a public hearing will be held in the Court House, Brampton, on Tuesday, July 10, commencing at 9.30 a.m. While this hearing is primarily for the Credit River Drainage Area it is our understanding that the members of the Commission are anxious to have a good representation from agricultural interests. Incidentally, they would prefer to have written

statements from all interested people.

Such submission should contain as much detail as possible concerning present water availability, its seasonal variation and quality, together with figures of present and future water demand for domestic, industrial and irrigation purposes.

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Passes Course

Dr. C. L. Young of Campbellville recently completed a special short course for veterinarians at the Ontario Veterinary College. The course dealt with recent advances in the field of infertility in cattle, and was attended by veterinarians from many parts of Ontario.

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HALTON COUNTY JUNIOR FARMERS had the Girls Championship Softball team in the Central Ontario Junior Farmers Field Day held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on June 16. Shown in the front row, left to right, Mrs. Jean Bennett, Martha Vella, Betty Anderson, Marilyn Eves, Catherine Elliott, Shirley Downs. Second row, left to right, Marilyn May, Jane Smellie, George Wheeler, Earl McDowell, Betty May, Dorothy Marshall, Mrs. R. Waters.

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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Halton Junior Farmers Compete in Field Day

Eighty Junior Farmers from Halton County competed with some 2700 young men and women from 20 counties surrounding Guelph at the annual inter-county Sports Day on Saturday, June 16.

Mac Sprowl, Halton's director on the provincial Junior Farmer executive, was general field day chairman, and he and his committee kept the intricate program running smoothly with winners being chosen in seven activities prior to the concluding dance held in the O.A.C. arena the same evening.

For the second successive year, Earl McDowell of Hornby coached the Halton Girls' softball team to the championship. After defeating York and Grey counties handily, Halton met Perth county in the final game. A large crowd of Halton supporters cheered the team throughout a fast and exceedingly close game which ended 13 to 11 in Halton's favor.

Team members were Ralda Neilson, Catherine Elliott, Betty May, Betty Anderson, Martha Vella, Jane Smellie, Marilyn May, Jean Bennett, Marilyn Eves, Dorothy Marshall, Shirley Downs.

Volleyball, Dancing
The girls' volleyball team won the first game defeating Peel, but were defeated in the second round. This entry was coached by Helen Schizzi.

With Ron Harris at the violin, Marjorie Hall at the piano and Roy Ford calling, Halton's square dance set of Wilma Sinclair, David Wilson, Mary Flippance, John Pickett, Donna Ford, Gord Harris, Alma Bradley and Bruce Bawden, danced their way to second place in strong competition.

While the rifle team was squeezed down to fourth position as a team, one of the members, Alastair MacDiarmid of R.R. 6 Milton, emerged the individual champion. We have heard that is no coincidence as Alastair was a champion in his native Scotland.

Sam Finnie had a powerful tug of war team lined up but unfortunately they met Brant County, the eventual winners, in the first round.

Boys' Softball
The same fate befell the boys' softball team as in tug of war. In the first round, Halton met Wentworth, the ultimate champions, and

were defeated 2-1. It was close all the way with the Halton boys having the bases loaded at one stage. Wentworth scored their winning run in the bottom of the last inning. The only consolation was that no other team came within one or two runs of beating Wentworth.

After winning the championship in horseshoe pitching last year, Halton went down to early defeat this year, losing in the first round by a score of 22-20.

Congratulations to all competitors.

Dairymen Face Tank Problem

Many Halton dairymen are faced with a difficult problem. Some of the Toronto milk distributors have already advised their shippers that they must have their bulk tanks installed by the spring of 1957 if they want to retain their present market. For the shipper of nine cans or more, the problem is not insurmountable.

However, for the four or five can shipper, many folk are wondering if an additional investment of \$2,000 or thereabouts is economically sound. Then we have the inflated land values which presents another angle. With these thoughts in mind the officers of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association are giving the program for their annual twilight tour on Tuesday.

July 3, a farm business management aspect.

Present plans call for the tour to start out at 7.30 p.m. when the group will visit the experimental plots on Wild Carrot control laid down by the Botany Department at the O.A.C. on the Third Line of Esquimaux. Here under the leadership of Dr. C. M. Switzer, a series of plots utilizing various rates of application of Brushkill, 2, 4, 5 T and L.V. Ester 2-4 D were laid down on June 7.

Similar applications will be made in mid-July and early fall using the same materials. The next point of call on July 3 will be at the farm of Ken Ellis at Hornby, where there will be an opportunity to inspect a "long term demonstration pasture" laid down in 1955. Following this, the final call will be at the farm of Fred Nurse near Ashgrove.

After an inspection of crops, Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch will lead a discussion on the farm business set-up at the Nurseland Farm. In short, it boils down to this: should the operator here launch on a building program to increase his dairy herd to a point where the bulk tank would appear an economically sound venture, or should he go out of the dairy business and concentrate on building up other enterprises on the farm.

There must be many farm operators who are faced with a somewhat similar problem and consequently the program as planned for the twilight on July 3 should have much of interest for all farm operators.

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