

Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

## County Juniors Capture Awards At Exhibition

Wednesday of last week was "Farmers' Day" or Agricultural Day at the C.N.E. This is the day when the Junior Farmers of central and western Ontario participate in the special judging competitions in livestock, grain and roots, fruit and vegetables, etc.

Harvest conditions prevented some Halton entrants from competing—nevertheless a goodly number of Halton Juniors were able to get the day off and made an excellent showing, as the following awards will indicate. Seniors, incidentally, are those 15 to 26 years of age, while juniors are those between the ages of 15 and 17.

Swine—Seniors, 1st Lynn Coulter, 10th Bill Price, Juniors, 1st Geo Greenlees, 5th Bruce Coulson.

Dairy cattle—Seniors, 18th Doug Starret, Juniors, 7th Tom Leslie, 15th Ted Nightingale.

Beef cattle—Seniors, 3rd John Willmott, Juniors, 3rd Don Moffat.

Tractor safe driving—Seniors, 2nd Don Taylor, 6th Geo. Hume.

Fruit and vegetables—Juniors, 7th Mary Lou Taylor, 8th Gay Lakin.

Grain and roots—Seniors, 13th Lynn Coulter, 15th Tom Hunter; Juniors, 3rd Geo. Greenlees, 10th David Hume.

## Bad Year Again For Stem Rust

Certainly weather conditions and the late season are conducive to grain rust. Here again there are conflicting reports regarding the susceptibility of the various varieties of oats to rust. Personally, with the exception of Garry and Rodney, we have seen practically all other varieties literally plastered with stem rust.

On the other hand, we have heard well-known farmers state that to the best of their knowledge, their Simcoes or Beavers are not rusted. Perhaps officials of the Field Crops branch are right when they state that rusted oats are an indication that common barberry or buckthorn are in the area. Certainly it is an accepted fact that these two shrubs are the host plants which carry the rust spores over the winter. Consequently those whose oats are badly rusted would be well advised, once the rust is over, to ascertain if they have some buckthorn in their fence rows or in the bush lot—or perhaps they are growing some common barberry as an ornamental around their home. If not, check on your neighbors.

In some communities bees have been organized to eradicate these shrubs. Perhaps there are areas in Halton where similar action would be justified. True, everyone is too busy at present but there should be an opportunity before next spring.

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## Harvesting Is Under Way Again on Halton's Fields

September sees harvesting operations under way once again on many Halton farms.

And what a discouraging job it is. Fields of grain which looked so promising two or three weeks ago are now for the most part lying flat to the ground. Those already cut by the binder are reported to be sprouting badly, whether stockpiled or lying on the ground. Needless to add, the grain is badly discolored. However, it is amazing how cleanly most Halton operators have been able to cut their respective crops, whether using a combine or a binder.

A number of those using the combine are finding it advisable to run their grain over the combine in order to remove inert green matter and thus prevent heating in the bin. Here it is Thursday night and some of the fields are still soft and taking a lot of punishment from tractors, combines and binders. However, providing the grain doesn't heat too much in the granary, it will still, in our opinion, make good feed this coming winter.

Most of the grain we have seen is reasonably plump. There are a lot of conflicting reports regarding the new varieties of oats, Garry and Rodney. Personally, we question if we can reasonably determine their respective merits in a year such as 1956.

This morning we had a phone call from Johnson Neelands, well known Hornby farmer. He reported his Garry oats yielding 70 bush per acre. While he questioned his own judgment when he was sowing his \$2.50 oats around the end of May.

Another Halton girl, Jean Peterson of Hornby, had won a similar award on opening night at the C.N.E. So out of the five finalists, two were from Halton and according to reports, it was a "ding-dong" battle between the two Haltonites with Dolores King winning the top award. Among the awards won by Mrs. King was the Dairy Queen Trophy and a Sterling Silver Tray, donated by the Ontario Milk Distributors' Association.

Incidentally, Mrs. King represented the Guernsey breed, so she also had her choice of five pure bred heifers, one of each of the five breeds concerned. These latter awards were donated by the Laura Secord Candy Shops. Needless to add, she selected the Guernsey. As a fitting climax, Dolores won a feature spot on the grandstand performance for the last three nights of the big show.

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## Financial Aid For OAC Course

Lack of cash need no longer be a fence between prospective students and the two year course at the O.A.C. Through the initiative and planning of a number of individuals and companies, a fund has been established to assist worthy students enrolled in the diploma course at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Establishment of the fund is a recognition of the fact that farmers in this age of rapid change must have a broad knowledge of a wide variety of subjects. Their need for improved training increases with every passing year. There is also recognition of the fact that no young man who wants to get that training should be prevented from doing so because of lack of money.

As we understand the picture, according to individual need, funds may be made available to cover costs of tuition fees, room and board. True, the recipient of such financial assistance will be expected to repay the money loaned. However, the money is repaid without interest. Further details may be secured from the Agricultural Office in Milton.

## Halton Girl Is Ex Dairy Queen

Last week Mrs. Gordon King of Oakville, R.R. 1, was crowned Dairy Queen of the 1956 Canadian National Exhibition in an impressive ceremony Premier Leslie presided at, in the crowning ceremony which also included a short address from Hon. Wm. Goddell, Ontario Minister of Agriculture.

Over the previous 10 nights, 50 young ladies, five each night, competed for the title. Wednesday night brought together the five finalists, the best all-round dairymaid of each of the five breeds represented.

Ayrshire, Dual-purpose, Short-horn, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey Mrs. King had previously been declared a winner over four other girls on Friday evening of the previous week.

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