

# Halton Well Represented at Royal As Big Fair Concludes Season

Canadians may well be proud of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Personally, we have run out of superlatives with which to describe it. We were there on two different days and consequently did not by any means cover the big show. However, in the departments we did visit, the exhibits were the acme of perfection.

As one entered the big Coliseum through the flower show, one was literally transfixed with the awe-inspiring beauty of it all, not to mention the breathtaking fragrance. Whoever designs the plan for this annual flower show is certainly an artist in every sense of the word.

Then as one looked over the entries up on the second floor in the grain, small seeds, etc., one found it difficult to conceive how it was possible to have exhibits of the quality to be seen on every side, in a year like 1956.

## Great Livestock Show

It has been our privilege to see something of the Royal since the opening show back in 1922. As one's memory goes back to that opening show, great though it may have been 34 years ago, there is little resemblance between the two shows.

We haven't heard how the 1956 livestock entries compare with previous years; but in our opinion, judging by what we saw, this year's event was the greatest livestock show it has ever been our privilege to witness.

In the classes we saw being judged, there were no tall-orders. In fact, the bottom animal in most cases was of a type and conformation anyone would be proud to own.

## Well Represented

As usual, Halton exhibitors were well to the fore in practically all breeds. Here are some of the Halton folk whose entries we observed:

Shorthorns — S. G. Bennett, Georgetown; Reford Gardhouse and W. H. Merry, Milton; T. C. Amos, Moffat.

Angus — Dr. W. F. James, Hornby; Herefords — C. F. Patterson, Norval.

Red Polls — Leonard Coulson, A. R. Coulter and Geo. Readhead, all of Milton.

Market cattle — "Sammy" Buchanan and Campbell Farms, both of Moffat; Carolyn Gardhouse, Milton; Hays Ltd., Oakville; Dr. W. F. James, Hornby; Cecil McCann, Milton; W. H. Merry, Milton; A. N. Norrish, Campbellville; J. H. Willmott and Son, Milton.

Holsteins — Albert G. Hunter, Burlington; H. Craig Reid and Howard Gowland, Milton.

Jerseys — Featherstone Bros., Oakville.

Guernseys — Joyce Bros., Milton.

Hampshires — J. H. Willmott and Son, Milton.

Market sheep — J. H. Willmott and Son, and Cecil McCann, Milton.

Percherons — Stanley May, Hornby.

## Wins Trophy

Here we are, breaking our resolution not to mention anyone's awards—but Don Moffat is one of our 4-H Club members from Campbellville and it gave us a bit of a lift to note in the refrigerated show windows, a hog carcass bearing the grand champion award, the exhibitor being Don Moffat, who thereby won the Todd Challenge Trophy.

In the reserve position in the same class which brought out 73 entries was that of Cecil McCann of Milton. Ed Snow of Milton was another Haltonian whose entry in the same class captured a red ribbon.

## Brethour Trophy

In this class, the entries for which must be pure bred barrows or sows, John W. Wilson of Haltonville had two carcasses in competition, both of which took red ribbons.

## Market Cattle

The judging of the champion steers for the A. P. Westervelt Memorial Trophy, along with the judging of the Queen's Guineas classes, would appear to be the highlight of the week's livestock show in the big ring. In any event, spectator interest is intense as Judge Charlie Yule of Calgary calmly and yet dramatically picks his tops.

When the Shorthorn champion steers were being selected, all Haltonians got a lift to note that from the four sections of the eight top steers, two of them were from Halton. Carolyn Gardhouse having the first prize senior calf, and Katherine Merry the second prize steer in the same class.

Carolyn's steer, incidentally, took the award of reserve champion Shorthorn steer, and moved on to meet the champion Herefords and Angus. However, the grand champion award went to Alex Edwards' summer yearling, Angus steer, amid tumultuous applause from the Angus enthusiasts.

## Queen's Guineas

Ontario had some 22,000 young people enrolled in 4-H Club work in 1956. 253 of these young people entered their steers for the coveted Queen's Guineas. With the 253 club members came their parents and friends, and as a result, standing room was at a premium in the huge Coliseum. Without question, this class attracts the largest ring-side of the week's livestock show and with it there is a tremendous amount of glamour.

In the Shorthorn division, which attracted 93 entries, the top award went to Barry McQuillan of Huron county, and the reserve to Helen Anderson of Dufferin county.

The Angus section brought together 82 doddies and here Judge Yule selected as his top, the steer

of Donhid Pullen of Perth county, with the reserve going to Ralph Shaw of Kent county.

The Hereford division brought out 78 white sweated 4-H's and their respective "White Faces." Here Ronald McLean of Middlesex had the top, and Joan Pettit of South Simcoe, the reserve.

In the final analysis, Ronald McLean's Angus took the Queen's Guineas, with the reserve going to the champion Shorthorn exhibited by Barry McQuillan. Halton was represented by Janet Hendershot, Ian Norrish and Don Moffat in the Shorthorn section, with the first named getting her steer in the red ribbon group; Lynn Coulter, Evelyn and Patricia McKay, and Sandy Hepburn in the Angus division, all of whom had their steers in the second prize group.

## Bertha Watson Is Top Speaker

Those who were in attendance at the Milton High School on Friday evening, November 9th, for the Junior Farmers' Annual Public Speaking and Debating Competition, enjoyed a real treat!

Preliminary competitions had been held in the local clubs to select the club representatives for the county finals. The very excellent program was ably chaired by president Jean Peterson.

The Public Speaking Competition brought together Bertha Watson representing the Acton Junior Farmers; Kay Merry, the Milton club winner, and Bill Kelly, the winner from the Palermo club.

The judges, namely George E. Elliott, Q.C.; Cecil A. Wood, principal of Milton High School; and Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitlock, had a difficult assignment in deciding on the winner among the three top speakers. Their decision went to Bertha Watson, who in her 10 minute prepared speech, spoke on "Transportation," and in her impromptu, on "Rural Life."

The debating topic was "Resolved that a reduction in the number of farm organizations would be in the best interests of the Ontario farmer." In the first debate, the affirmative was upheld by the Normal team of Ralph Cunningham and Howson Ruddell, while the Palermo representatives, Bill Marshall and Bruce Tyrrell, took the negative. The Palermo representatives later took on the Acton affirmative team of Bertha Watson and Jack Black.

The affirmative teams, on a split decision, won the decision in both cases. The judges were also charged with the responsibility of selecting four debaters to represent Halton in the inter-county debating series. Those selected were Bertha Watson, Jack Black, Howson Ruddell and Bill Marshall, who will now meet Lincoln county in the first round.

The evenings' program was suitably balanced by some delightful instrumentalists by Ruth Wilson and an enjoyable sing-song ably led by Dave Wilson with Wilma Sinclair as accompanist.

Lloyd Jasper, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, in opening the meeting, predicted that no appreciable rise in net farm income for 1957 is foreseen.

A resolution, among many others, was passed asking the provincial government to increase its financial support of the Department of Economics of the Ontario Agricultural College.

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During the business period, Mrs. J. Henry gave her report of the area convention and Mrs. A. Diamond gave an account of the district directors' meeting also attended. The roll call was, Something I read from Home and Country. Mrs. D. Mullen read the chapter, Early Settlement in Halton, from Pages of the Past.

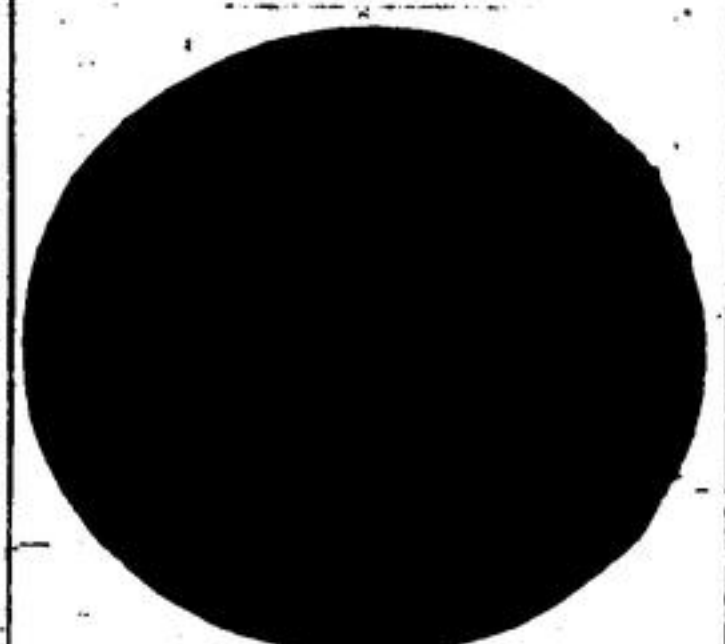
The president, Mrs. A. Frank, turned the meeting over to the convener, Mrs. H. Price, who in turn called on A. Padbury to show his pictures of the south-western States. For a time, members travelled in imagination to the Grand Canyon, to Salt Lake City and other scenic places depicted on the screen.

The highlight of the meeting was kept until the last, when life membership pins and certificates were presented to the only two charter members, Mrs. A. Padbury and Mrs. Frank Rinehart. Mrs. A. Diamond, in a few well chosen words, told how the members appreciated the part each lady had played in the 22 years since the branch started. Both have been very faithful branch officers. Mrs. Rinehart is also a past president of the Halton District.

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At the area convention in September, Mrs. Rinehart became a provincial board member and attended the provincial board meeting in Toronto recently. Mrs. H. Price made the presentation to Mrs. Rinehart and Mrs. J. Robertson to Mrs. Padbury.

After the Queen and the W. I. Grace, a social time was spent with the two happy ladies while lunch was served.



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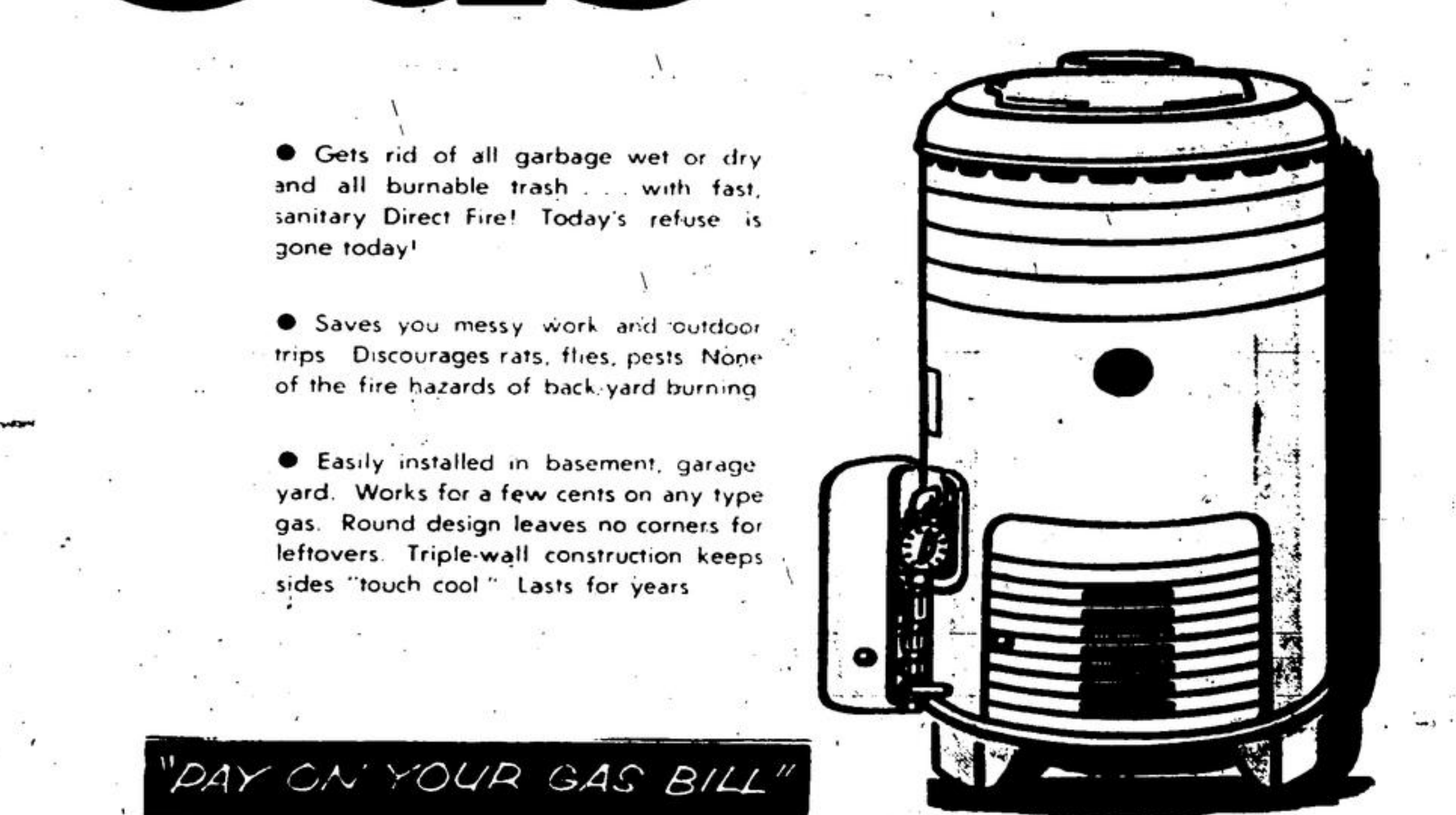
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