

Halton 4-H Beef Team Wins Honors In Provincial Club Competitions

Two hundred and thirty-nine teams of two members each, and representing as many different 4-H agricultural clubs, participated in the 37th annual Provincial Inter-Club Competitions held at the Ontario Agricultural College on Friday, October 25. It was a busy day for the 4-H young people as they participated in nine of the following nine projects:

Dairy cattle beef cattle, swine, grain, field crops, potato, poultry, forestry and tractor maintenance.

In 1957 a total of 11,302 ru at young people were situated in 628 4-H agricultural clubs organized in Ontario under the direction of the Extension Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Each club was eligible to enter a team of two club members between the ages of 16 and 20 in any of the nine projects. The regulations prohibit a club member representing his or her club in the provincial competitions more than once.

Halton sent up teams from seven of the nine 4-H clubs. It gained this past spring in the county the outstanding achievement from a Halton standpoint was the win by Wm. C. Robinson and Lynne Coulter representing the Halton 4-H Beef and Dual Purpose Calf Club.

In this competition, in which 36 club teams participated, the Halton team took top honors, scoring 92.5 points out of a possible 100. In second place was the Puelich Calf Club team with a score of 90.1, while third place honors went to Hilderton Beef Cattle Club team of Middlesex County.

The Swine Club project attracted 31 club teams. Here top honors went to the Beeton 4-H Swine Club of South Simcoe with a score of 93.0 points. In fourth position, just nine points behind the winners, was Halton's 4-H Swine Club team of Ikin Moffat and Mandy Hepburn. Durham Potato Club team took top honors in the potato project, with 20 teams in competition. Here Halton's team of David Hume and John Black were in sixth position.

In the grain club project which attracted 42 club teams, it is worthy of note that two Peel County Grain Club teams representing the Caledon and Brampton 4-H Grain Clubs, tied for top position. Both were coached by J. A. Francis, Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel counties.

Halton was represented in this project by Fred Thompson and Wm. Wragg Jr. of the Acton 4-H Grain Club, and by Philip Sheppard and Don Taylor of the Halton Second Year 4-H Grain Club. While neither Halton team was among the prize winners, they nevertheless made a very creditable showing. The same may be said for Halton's other two teams.

In the Dairy Cattle project with 36 teams in competition, top honors went to the Bonds 4-H Calf Club team of Oxford County. Here the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was represented by Bill Kerr and Brian Scamell.

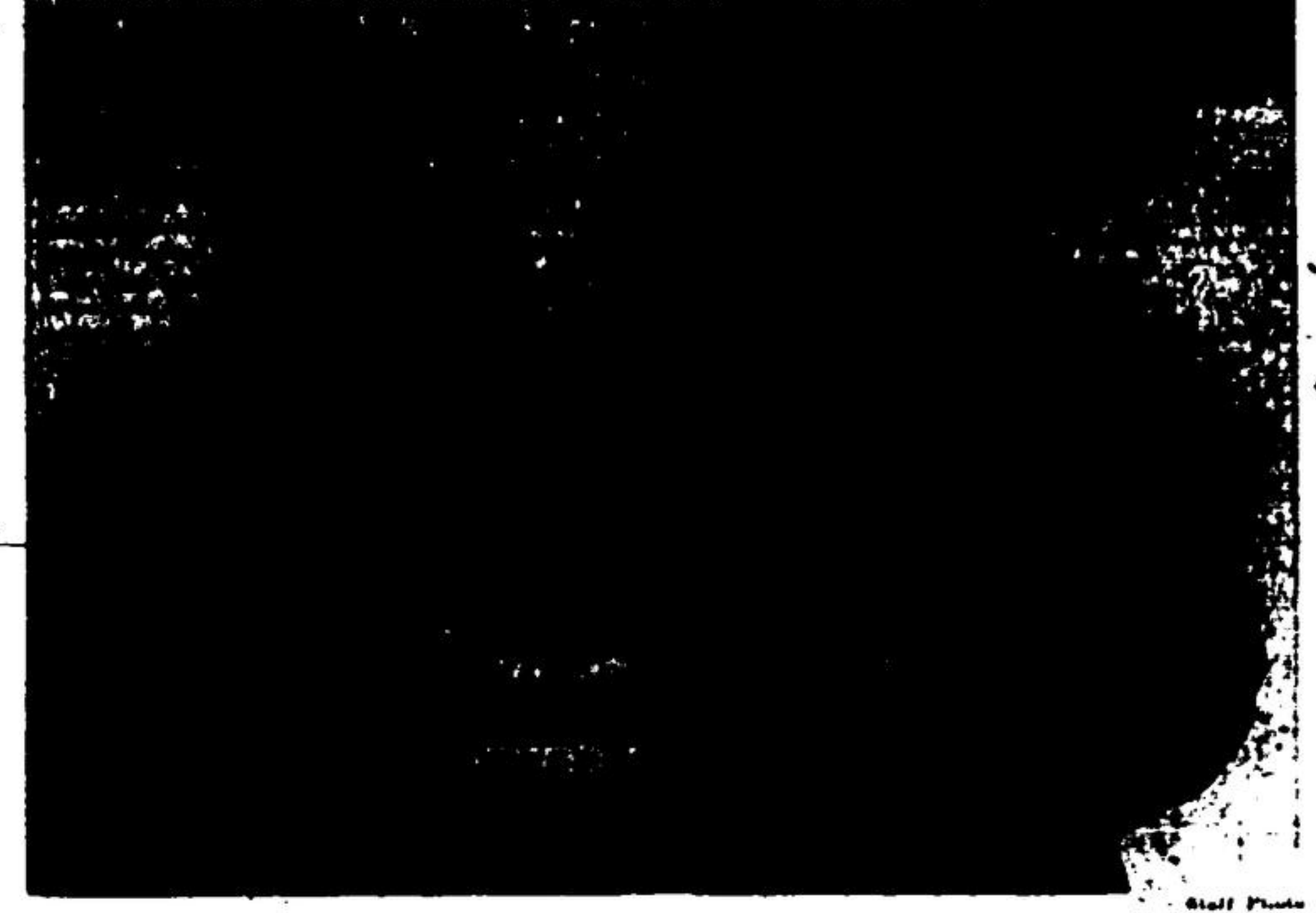
Thirty teams participated in the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club project. Top honors here went to a Tractor Club team from Leeds County. George Robinson and Jim McDonald of the Acton 4-H Tractor Club were Halton's representatives in this project.

Only seven teams participated in the Poultry Competition. Here again a Leeds County team took top honors. A New project in Field Crops attracted 15 club teams with top honors going to the South Zorra 4-H Corn Club team of Oxford County.

The Forestry Project attracted only nine club teams, with top honors going to the Perth College Club team of Lanark County.

The busy day's program concluded with a banquet in the College dining hall here under the chairmanship of R. Gordon Henrich, Associate Director of Extension, the young people enjoyed an address from Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

Others who spoke briefly included Dr. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, and Dr. J. D. MacLachlan, President of the Ontario Agricultural College. We must not forget that Halton's George Greenleaf had the honor of extending the thanks of the large gathering to the Minister, President MacLachlan, and his staff at the College, the judges and coaches. As usual, George did an excellent job and Ontario was particularly keen for representatives on the Junior Club Leaders' Council at National Club Week.



BEF JUDGING CHAMPIONS Lynne Coulter, left, of Campbellville, and Bill Robinson, right, of Oakville, were chosen recently at the O.A.C. in Guelph when they competed with 600 other 4-H club members from Ontario at the annual judging competitions. They won the Farmer's Magazine trophy to bring honors to Halton County.

Veteran Plowing Authority Commends Halton County Match

The Halton County Match is one of the best organized matches we have in the province," said Wm. Timbers, veteran plowman and plowing authority of Stouffville, when he spoke briefly at the annual banquet and program which brought to a conclusion Halton's annual County Plowing Match.

Fifty entries (six fewer than in 1956) were made at the Match, held on the farm of Mac Alexander near Norval. Soil conditions were ideal and the resulting ridges were of a high order — and on this the official judges, George Hustrawer of Kitchener, and Winford Timbers of Stouffville, and the spectators alike, were in agreement.

But it was cold, particularly for the spectators, and consequently the attendance was down materially. However, several hundred enthusiasts braved the chill wind and low temperature. As a matter of fact, we heard fewer "beets" than at any time in the past 25 years. And well might that be true, since as previously stated, soil conditions and workmanship were both tops.

Along with that, Halton had in Messrs Hustrawer, Timbers and Brownridge (the latter on the teams), three of the top judges in the province. Then too, the ladies of the Ashgrove Women's Institute did an equally outstanding job on looking after the needs of the "inner man" during the day.

Wins Specials

Stan May of Hornby won the Esso Champions Special for horse drawn plows, and also won the Nelson Robinson Special for the best team on the grounds. The Esso Champion Tractor Plow Special was won by George Dixon of Georgetown, R.R. 4.

The only lady contestant was Mary Lou Taylor of Burlington, R. R. 2, and what a job she did in winning the Bank of Commerce Special.

Open Class Winners

In the Open Class for contestants under 21 years, Arnold Howden of Milton, R. R. 4, won the Bank of Nova Scotia Special for the seventh year in a row. The Eaton's of Canada award for the top ridge by contestants under 18 years was won by John G. Wilson of Norval; while the George E. Elliott Special for the youngest plowman were won by 13-year-old Howard Speck, and 14-year-old John Wilson.

Now for some of the top awards: Class 1, Open Jointer Plows — Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Stan May, Hornby; Lloyd May, Milton.

Third Halton Junior Receives Scholarship

Wm. C. Robinson of Trafalgar was awarded one of the Dominion Provincial scholarships next year to attend the Ontario Agricultural College during recent weeks.

Dave Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hume of Milton, R. R. 1, was the first so signally honored. Dave was awarded one of the Dominion Provincial scholarships next year to attend the Ontario Agricultural College during recent weeks.

Class 2, Jointer Plows, second class — Norman Love, Guelph; Jim Thomas, Maple.

Class 3, Two Furrow Tractor Plows, open — Chas. Bonney, Princeton; Geo. Dixon, Georgetown; Doug Reid, Brampton; Bill Hustrawer, Milton; Bill Dixon, Brampton; A. Head.

Class 4, Second Class, Two Furrow Tractor Plows, open — Bob Armstrong, Brampton; Keith Parkin, Brampton; Howard Dunk, Guelph; Bill Clarkson, Brampton; Bruce Gowland, Brampton; Frank Duck, A. Head.

Class 5, Plowboys under 18 years (Halton only) — John G. Wilson, Norval; Keith Leslie, Georgetown; Burt Speck, Hornby; Howard Speck, Hornby.

Class 6, Tractor Plows, Plowboys under 21 years, open — Alex McKinney Jr., Brampton; Arnold Howden, Milton; Howard Malcolm, Locust Hill; Tom Hunter, Georgetown; Lee Wilkinson, Milton; Don Taylor, Burlington; Bruce Coulson, Milton.

Class 7, Tractor Plows (2-furrow trailer plows barred, Halton only) — Mary Lou Taylor, Burlington; J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; Bruce Jawden, Milton; Barry Cleave, Georgetown.

Class 8, Ernest Irvine Tractor Utility Class (Halton) — Geo. Dixon, Georgetown; Keith Merry, Hornby; Arnold Howden, Milton; Don Taylor, Burlington; John Readhead, Milton; Howard Speck, Hornby; Keith Leslie, Georgetown; Tom Hunter, Georgetown; John G. Wilson, Norval.

Class 9, Open Tractor Utility Class — Bill Dixon, Brampton; Bill Hustrawer, Milton; Doug Reid, Brampton; Chas. Bonney, Princeton; Alex McKinney Jr., Brampton; Jack H. Taylor, Burlington.

Guest Speaker

Clifford F. Waite was the guest speaker for the excellent program, ably presided over by President

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Bronte Woman Seeks Reeve's Chair in '58

BRONTE — Mrs. Dorothy Lyne, wife of Councillor Harry Lyne, and at present chairman of the Bronte Public School Board, has announced that she will oppose Reeve Thomas Milward in the December 2 municipal election. Nomination day is November 18.

And now finally that to Bill Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson, Oakville, R. R. 1. It is one of the R. A. Stewart burseries which has been awarded to Bill.

Their many friends will follow their future careers with keen interest.

FIRST CONSERVATION

Canada's first step in conservation took place shortly after the British conquest. By a special enactment, the choicest of pine and spruce trees were reserved for use for naval construction.

George E. Readhead at the conclusion of the sumptuous banquet catered by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hornby United church. Frankly we can't hope to do justice to Mr. Waite's address — the numbers by the Miltons (Messrs. Neil and Neil McPhail, Cameron Wilson and Emmett McGibbon) or the dinner.

In any event, if you have heard Mr. Waite, or the Miltons, we don't need to tell you that they were outstanding. And the dinner — well, Halton is noted for its delicious dinners and this one was at least the equal in quality and quantity, of those of former years.

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Independent Farmer

VICTORIA (CP) — Austin Gale, pioneer farmer, died here at age 83. He never bought anything from a store if he could make it himself. He cleared his 18 acres of woods when he came here in 1917 by dragging the biggest stumps with a bar and tripod.

His hand-hewed beams for his house and built it alone. He used hammers, screwdrivers, plows and harrows made on a home forge. He also built his own stumps, made his own hay wagon and numerous other articles.

Born in Houghton, Ont., he was a railway worker for 20 years and farmed for a time in Alberta.

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