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### Choose Mary Lou Taylor Halton Dairy Princess

Mary Lou Taylor, 18, of Burlington, was chosen Dairy Princess for Halton county for the second consecutive year on Friday night. Above on her left is Lillian Finnie, 18, of Hornby, and on Miss Taylor's right is Evelyn McKay, 19, also of Hornby. The Dairy Princess Competition was held Friday night at Hays Sales Arena, Oakville, during the Halton Holstein Breeders' Meeting.

After an interview with the judges, each girl gave a short talk on the dairy industry in Halton county. The judges were Dr. John Brown, secretary-treasurer of Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, F. S. White, lock, Sales Manager of the Farm Products division, Diversy Corp., Canada Ltd., and Don McCaig, Manager of Bowles Farms. The interview brought out each girl's knowledge of the dairy industry.

Miss Taylor, wearing the winner's sash, is secretary-treasurer of the Palermo Junior Institute and a Grade 13 student at Nelson High School. Her talk concerned automation of the dairy farm.

Miss Finnie's speech was on the nutritious value of milk. She is secretary-treasurer of the Milton Junior Institute and works as a stenographer at Renold Chains of Canada Ltd.

Miss McKay spoke on farm costs today. She works at the Emigration and Agriculture department of the C.P.R., and is president of the Milton Junior Institute.

Miss Taylor received a traveling bag to remind her of the grand prize trip to England, which she will try to win against girls from other counties for the title of Dairy Queen of Ontario.

### Annual Meeting Hears Reports 7,598 Participate in Festival

Miss Ruth Evans of Georgetown, a past president and an active worker in the Halton Music Festival, was named an honorary president of the association at the annual meeting held in Milton's J. M. Denyes school Wednesday evening, May 11. Miss Evans was the last president of the Festival Association before it was split into three sections. She takes the place of the late honorary president, J. Malcolm Denyes, a former inspector who died this year.

The other honorary president is Mrs. George Atkins of Bronte.

**Rural Schools Close**

A melancholy note was injected into the meeting when Inspector R. F. Bornhold explained the North Halton Rural Festival would be limited next year. Only eight rural one-room schools will remain in the county, he noted, including seven in Esquesing Township and one in Nassagawaga Township.

This year 7,598 children took part in the festival, indicating a slight decrease from last year due to the fact that no preliminaries were held in the South Halton Division.

In the rural preliminaries, 329 children sang from Nassagawaga and 491 for Esquesing. In the rural finals, 466 competed bringing in a total of 1,286 children for North Halton Rural. North Halton Urban had 1,300 children take part in the festival while South Halton's figure was 4,952. Each district conducted its own festival but they were co-ordinated by the central office in Milton. Festival Week was April 4 to 8.

Dr. Leslie Bell was adjudicator for North Halton Urban while G. Bender of Kitchener adjudicated North Halton Rural and South Halton's sessions were adjudicated by John Wood, Port Credit. The test pieces were chosen as usual by the County Supervisors.

The Festival Committee said it is very grateful to all the organizations who supported them this year in response to their special appeal for funds, making it possible to carry on the work.

The committee's annual report stated, "We are deeply indebted indeed, to the large number of organizations who presented trophies this year, making it unnecessary for the Central Office to use any funds for this purpose. This was one of the most heartening features of this year's festival and a special 'thank you' goes out to every organization."

Trophies were given by Mountain Union W.I.; Ebenezer United Church Choir; The Bank of Montreal, Acton; The Bank of Nova Scotia, Milton; Rotary Club of Milton; Kinetic Club of Milton; Kinsmen Club of Milton; Fredrick Harris Music Company, Oakville; Sybil Bennett Chapter, I.O.E., Oakville; Angela Bruce Chapter, I.O.E., Oakville; Oakwood Home and School Assn.; Westwood Home and School Assn.; Pine Grove Home and School Assn.; Palermo Home and School Assn.; Sniders Home and School Assn.; Mum's Home and School Assn.; E. J. James Home and School Assn.; Lorne Skive Home and School Assn.; Elmwood Home and School Assn.; E. A. Ott Home and School Assn.; Linbrook Home and School Assn.; Percy Merry Home and School Assn.; and Brantwood Central Home and School Assn.

**25 Sets of Medals**

Nine sets of medals were awarded in the North Rural section and 16 sets in the South. The Festival Committee extended thanks to all the school boards, teachers and parents for their cooperation in organization and the use of the various auditoriums; to the inspectors for their whole-hearted support and valuable advice; and to the County newspaper editors for the "excellent coverage" given this year's festival.

The report reads, "we may take pride in the fact that our standard of music in Halton County has remained at such a high level over the past years. In 1961, we shall be celebrating our 30th Anniversary. Let us give thought to what this means and strive to maintain our present standards."

The festival has \$213.14 left in the bank which is \$200.91 more than their bank balance was for last year. Their financial statement for this year was issued at the meeting. The Association received donations totalling \$1,237.75 this year.

Donors for the year were: School Boards: Milton, S.S. No. 2, Esquesing, Oakville, Esquesing S.S. No. 1, Trafalgar S.S. No. 1, S.S. No. 1, Esquesing, Acton, Burlington Board of Education, Milton Separate School Board.

Home and School Associations: Westwood, W. H. Morden, Bruce Street, W. E. Dick, J. M. Denyes.

Women's Institutes: Busy Bee, Hornby, Esquesing, Acton, Nassagawaga, Scotch Block, Silverwood, Georgetown, Ballinlad, Campbellville, Bannockburn, Ash Grove.

Junior Institutes: Milton, Acton, Norway.

I.O.D.E. Chapters: John Milton, Thavendanege, White Oak, Countess of Strathmore.

Service Clubs: May Court of Oakville, Georgetown Local Council of Women.

—The Lorne Scots Pipe Band plays in the annual Lions Convention in Ottawa this weekend. The band has played for the convention at Windsor, North Bay, Peterborough and St. Thomas in former years.

### Down, Then Up Go Gas Prices

A few days' reprieve was given the local gasoline war among local garage operators last week before the top blew off and signs indicating lower prices were once again displayed.

Attempts by major oil companies to settle the disputed which saw gas prices level off at 44.9 in Acton, tattered on the brink. The first part of last week prices were raised to correspond with other centres.

But Saturday saw operators having their signs out by the pumps to indicate their intentions of selling at the low level once again.

While the war wages on, out-of-town drivers are enjoying cheaper gasoline prices here. Franchisee has increased the volume of sales at most garages in town.

It was noted by one garage owner on Monday that since the lower price was installed again Saturday there has been a marked increase in business.

### Another "D" Day In Rear-end Collision

A total of \$1,500 damage resulted from a rear-end collision early Tuesday morning when two Milton cars collided on Main Street North in Acton, near the entrance to Scene St.

The first car, driven by Mrs. Elizabeth Sully of Milton, was travelling north on Main St. It was struck in the rear, when attempting a left hand turn into Scene St. by a car driven by Steve Kim, also of Milton.

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### Association Plans Bus Field Tour To Discuss Pasture Management

Members of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association and those interested in managed pastures will be taking part in a bus field tour early in June. The tour, scheduled for Monday, June 6, will visit four of the top contestants in the Halton Pasture Competition during the past two years.

The purpose of the tour is to discuss pasture management, field management practices, and discuss the score card for the 1960 Pasture Competition sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

**Visit Four Farms**

The first stop on the tour will be at the farm of Dr. W. F. James, Farm manager James McKay was awarded the gold watch in 1958 for outstanding management of pastures. The farm of Fred Nurse, third place winner in 1959, will make the second stop.

Another farm included in the tour is last year's gold watch winner, R. C. Alexander. The final stop on this tour will be the farm of Brock Harris, high contestant for three consecutive years in the Halton Pasture Management Competition.

**Items to be Noticed**

Some of the items to be noticed on the tour include: the use of improved varieties of forage seed; recommended mixtures; rotational grazing; improved pasture on bottom land; fertilization of pastures; effects of harrowing; and other features of pasture program planning.

The bus tour will be under the direction of J. A. Francis, agricultural representative for Halton county; Howard Henry, field man, Field Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture; and J. Norman Bird, judge of Halton's Pasture Competitions for the third consecutive time.

Information on the details of the bus tour may be obtained from any member of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association or from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Milton.

### Convention Reports Available to Farmers

One of the most popular conventions for Halton farmers is the annual Soil and Crop Improvement convention. If you were not able to attend the 1960 convention, you are still able to take advantage of it.

A copy of the addresses and proceedings of the 1960 convention of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association is now available from the Ontario Department of Agriculture in publication form. This publication has information of interest on general crops, seed, potatoes and farm management.

**Discuss Many Subjects**

Some of the subjects discussed include: the agricultural outlook for 1960; quality in forages; hay conditioners to make better hay; and modern methods of handling silage. Several subjects on soil and crop practices are included. Two of these are sources and uses of nitrogen and crop testing programs.

The publication provides a method of finding what is new in soils and crops for 1960. A copy of the bulletin may be obtained free of charge from the office of the Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Milton.

### Lush Crop Expect Grass Silage Method To be Adopted by Farmers

At this time of year, many of Halton farmers will be taking advantage of the lush growth of hay by making grass silage. The purpose of this method of harvesting is to provide high quality protein feed for supplementary feeding during the summer, or stable feeding.

Reports from the Ontario Agricultural College show that in many cases a loss of 20 per cent of the dry matter from grass silage takes place because of improper handling. The main reason for this loss is slow filling of the silo.

**Increases Air Pockets**

By waiting a day or two before adding more grain to the silo, the ensiled grass is exposed to the air and this increases the chance for trapped air pockets to remain in the silage.

Silage in both upright and horizontal silos is affected. Air encourages respiration, which

cuts down the dry matter in the silage, even though no charring or molding is visible. The 20 per cent figure means that 20 tons of dry matter is lost for every 100 tons of dry matter put up.

The air trapping in the silage keeps out plants alive and respire. This can produce heat, smells or molding in order to cut down the losses, the silage should be tilled fast. Rapid filling speeds packing and drives out trapped air. Increased chopping helps too, especially with late cut forages.

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