



JUDY CLOSE, Young Farmer visitor from England, was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer this week as part of the exchange with Canadian Junior Farmers. Miss Close is interested in Canadian farming methods and finds Carol Swackhamer an ideal companion during her visit at the Acton farm. Bottom, the two admire one of the Swackhamer horses, Tangway. Judy's on the left. (Staff Photo)



Crown Dairy Princess in July at Hornby

The annual Halton County Dairy Princess Competition will take place on Saturday, July 15th, in conjunction with the Hornby Garden Party.

For this competition girls must be between the ages of 17 and 26 as of August 18, 1967. They must be from dairy farms in Halton, and will be required to milk a cow by a machine of their choice, and give a short talk on "Dairying in Halton County". Last year's Halton Dairy Princess, Margaret Hunter of R.R. 1, Burlington, competed at the Canadian National Exhibition, after winning the title in Halton.

The Ontario Dairy Princess is chosen at the Canadian National Exhibition. The winner is chosen by a panel of qualified judges on the basis of personality, poise, general appearance, ability to speak in public, a knowledge of the dairy industry, and the ability to milk a cow.

The 1967 Ontario Dairy Princess, Miss Dolly Ann Edmonds, from R.R. 3 Cobden, Renfrew County, won her crown at the Grand Final — a competition of the five top girls. Among her many awards were a call of her own; a complete wardrobe; a trip to the United Kingdom, as a goodwill ambassador in behalf of the Ontario dairy industry; and a full year's engagement with the Ontario Milk Marketing Board as reigning Ontario Dairy Princess.

Miss Edmonds will be attending the competition at Hornby this year.

Contestants in the Halton competition will receive \$35 to each participant, and an additional \$25 entry fee for the C.N.E. to the winner. This competition is held under the sponsorship of the Halton County Milk Committee.

4-H forage club has second meeting

The second meeting of the 4-H Forage Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie, R.R. 3, Acton. The president opened the meeting with the members reciting the 4-H pledge.

Mr. Murray explained to the members how to judge oats and wheat. The members were split into two groups and judged some oats and seed wheat. After that, the members gave reasons for their choices.

George McPhail gave a speech on "My Trip to Expo". A visitor from England, Miss Judy Close gave a talk on how things differ in Canada and England. She is over here on an exchange of Junior Farmers in England and Canada.

Mr. Taylor gave a talk on the different kinds of alfalfa. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Long wait for short march...

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between them. The U. C. C. groups were gay and laughing and soon their fervor caught on with the Ontario crowd and groups began cheering each other.

It was a short walk to the capitol, and lasted just 15 minutes for each group. But it took over half an hour from the time the first marchers reached the lawn in front of the Parliament Buildings, until the last were there.

The crowd, estimated at between 12,000 and 15,000, almost filled the entire lawn area in front of the building.

As the last of the marchers arrived, O.F.A., O.F.U. and U.C.C. officials and government committee members were leaving their meeting in the committee room. Most of them gathered on the platform to address the crowd as an army of reporters, photographers and TV cameramen hustled about recording the sights and the sounds of Ottawa's biggest news story of the week.

Prime Minister Pearson couldn't make it, explained agricultural minister J. J. Greene, due to other pressing business. "We may be very close to war," he said as he reviewed the international crisis of the day.

Several speakers presented the farmers' and the government's side of the argument, many of them drowned out by the chanting mob. Some speeches were in English, some in French.

swells and most everyone got seasick. Injections cured them almost immediately and they enjoyed the voyage in spite of the cold.

There was one really warm day when the Empress was in the Gulf Stream.

Judy expects to take back many impressions of Canada but the one her hosts hope she will treasure most will be memories of the Canadians she has met.

Exchange visitor from England finds most Canadians friendly

First impressions of Canada for Judy Close, the young English farmette visiting on the exchange between Canada and Britain, was the modern and clean appearance of the Montreal railway station.

Judy is visiting at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, R.R. 2, Acton, for the week of May 25 to 31, from the west country of England, in Gloucestershire County.

Her father's farm, situated in the Cotswold Hills near Cheltenham, was the starting point for a four month visit to Canada which will take her from sea to sea.

A member of the Young Farmers, the English equivalent of the Jr. Farmers, Judy is one of nine, two from England, one from Wales, four from Scotland and two from Ulster, who made the exchange visit this year. They sailed on the Empress of England and landed in Montreal on Tuesday, May 2.

She works as a civil servant for the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works in Cheltenham near her home and helps on the home farm when ever possible.

Anyone from 10 to 26 years of age can belong to a Young Farmers Club in England. All that's needed is a desire to learn about farming.

Her father's 50-acre farm is average size for that part of England. It's a full time occupation for her father and a brother to operate it, even though it's fully mechanized.

"We keep Friesians," said the personable young lady. Hoistens as you call them over here." The Cotswold Hills district is famous for its sheep as well as the arable land.

There is also lots of beef farming.

Implements here are along the same lines they use in England with even some brand names although Judy points out many are made in England. Farm buildings here are more centralized with everything in one barn while English farms tend to have several outbuildings, one for each operation.

Some times winters can be severe in that part of England and she remembers one year they had snow for Christmas through to March although this was unusual.

The big difference between the farms she has seen here compared to their English counterparts are the lack of hedges and walls. In England fields are enclosed by either one. And the roads? They're all paved in England.

"I knew you had gravel roads here," she said, "but I never realized there would be so many."

"The first thing that struck me as completely different, however, was that you travel on the wrong side of the road," she remarked facetiously. "It is hard to get used to. I don't think I could drive here."

Judy finds Canadians very friendly and outgoing. "After a week with a family I hate to leave them," she said.

Homesick? "No, I haven't got time to be," Judy laughed and winked at Carol Swackhamer, who is her constant companion on the Acton farm.

Her first visit was to Oxford County where she stayed at two dairy farms near Woodstock. Next she went to the home of Rea and John Wilson, who live close to Norval, and then to the Swackhamer farm. Carol and her mother had

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Orchard grazing dangerous for dairy cattle herds

By Charles Warner

I have recently seen large numbers of dairy cattle grazing the lush green grass floor of a local apple orchard. This was not through error, since the cattle stayed for several days.

Orchards are one of the places where chemical pesticides are usually found in large quantities. This is due to the fact that large quantities of chemicals are used in orchards, and that the shaded conditions keep the sun's rays from breaking down the chemical residues. The result is that there is always a residue on or in the grass on the floor of an orchard. This may even be true if the orchard hadn't been sprayed yet this year.

The problem is that dairy cows will pick up small quantities of materials such as DDT and put this in their milk. Health inspectors who may find this material in the milk must cut a farmer off from selling his milk. It may take quite a while before the milk from these cows is fit to be sold again.

The best advice for dairy

farmers is to never use an orchard as a pasture area and never cut hay from an orchard. Also you should not feed any vegetable wastes that have been sprayed with several of our chemical insecticides. Don't plead ignorance of the law as an excuse if caught. It won't work. The damage has been done. Just don't take a chance.

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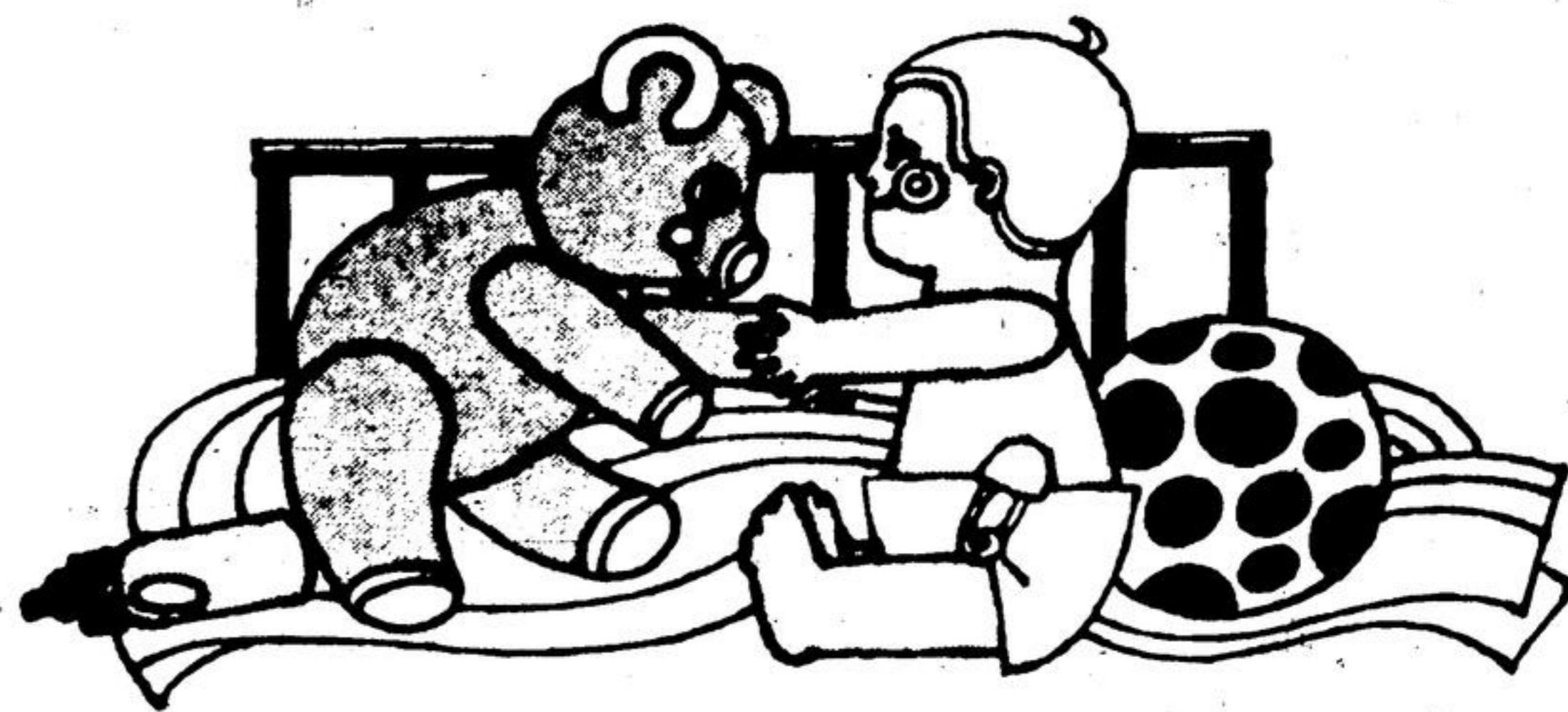
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