



CONCENTRATION AND EXPERIENCE combined at the match and made for some excellent furrowing. Each entrant was allowed a coach to help in mapping out the strategy, although

all actual contact with the equipment was made by the Juniors. Here the team of Larry Picket (tractor) and his father Vernon Picket of Georgetown cross the field. (Staff Photo)

Winter wheat crop insurance available

By Henry J. Stanley

Now is the time for farmers to insure their winter wheat. The Crop Insurance Commission report that more than one out of every four farmers insured with them during the 1966-67 crop year presented claims to the Commission. Losses were reported from all areas of the Province, resulting from winterkill, flood, and excessive rainfall.

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Harley Pickering top plowboy in Halton junior match Sat.

By Henry J. Stanley

Harley Pickering, R. R. 1, Oakville, won the J. E. Whitlock Memorial Trophy at the annual Halton Junior Plowing Match. This trophy, presented by the Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company, in honor of the late Agricultural Representative for Halton, is awarded to the highest scoring competitor.

Harley, the only entrant in Class 1 for those between 14 and 16 years of age, outplowed the three older contestants in Class 2, for those up to 21 years of age. The order of final standing were — John Breckon, R. R. 2, Burlington; Roy May, R. R. 1, Hornby; Larry Picket, R. R. 3, Georgetown. Previous winners of the J. E. Trophy were Larry Picket in 1966, and John Breckon the previous year.

The plowing was held on the farm of Stanley May, Hornby.

Coaching and judging was conducted by George Hostrawser, Kitchener. Each competitor plowed a land in sod with handling allowed, followed by another land in sod in the utility class, or without handling.

Two of these young plowmen will be representing Halton County in the inter-county competition

at the International Plowing Match at Seaforth, on Thursday, October 12. The 1966 team of Larry Picket and Bryan Marshall placed third in this competition.

These young men will again pit their plowing ability at the Halton County Match, on Saturday, October 28, in Nassagaweya Township.

Two pig litters born in less than six weeks

A sow on the farm of Lorne Masales produced a litter of 10 recently which evokes no surprise. Less than five and a half weeks later, however, 13 piglets were farrowed from the same mother.

All the young pigs were normal and healthy although two from the first litter died and all of the second succumbed.

The veterinarian called said in his long service in the profession he had never ran across anything like this but had read about incidents in other places.

Normal period of time between litters for pigs is 112 days. The first litter was born August 3, the second September 9.

Jersey Calf Show

Norval boy top showman

By G. Taylor

Murray McCaig of Norval was named Grand Champion Showman at the recent first annual All-Jersey Calf Show for exhibitors 21 years old and under. This show, conducted by the Ontario Jersey Cattle Club was termed

an outstanding success by show officials. There were close to 230 calves shown, which was more than double the number expected. Several other 4-H'ers, in addition to Murray, distinguished themselves at the event.

In the junior class for boys and girls 13-15 years old, the champion calf was shown by Kenney Leach, with the reserve champion calf going to Bartley Bull of Norval. In the senior calves, the reserve champion calf was shown by Mary Bull of Norval, in the 10-12 year old age bracket. In the 13-15 year old group the reserve calf was shown by Duncan Bull.

Murray McCaig exhibited the champion calf in the age group

16-21 years old. In the Showmanship division for boys and girls between 13 and 15 years, Susan McCaig was reserve champion showman. Murray McCaig was declared champion showman in the 16-21 year group. Murray also received the grand champion showman award for his outstanding achievements.

In the group class of five head from any one club, the Halton and Peel Jersey Club received the first-place award, and in the Ontario Jersey Princess Competition, Nancy Beatty, R. R. #4, Milton, was the runner-up.

Murray McCaig has been appointed as Junior Jersey Director to the Ontario Jersey Club.

Judge crops, cattle

Halton excels in judging

By Geoff Taylor

On Friday, September 1, 33 Halton 4-H and Junior Farmer club members took part in the annual C. N. E. Judging Competition. Contestants were required to judge grain, hay, apples, potatoes, dairy and beef cattle, sheep and swine. In addition they were required to answer quizzes on farm safety, livestock practices, farm machinery, and current trends in agriculture, and identify plants and forage seeds. Twelve counties in the C. N. E. area were represented.

In the Senior Livestock Division, Bill Alexander, R. R. 1, Norval, placed second in a class of 95 contestants, with a score of 277 out of 300.

In the Junior Livestock Judging the following results were recorded: Susan Nixon, R. R. 1, Norval, second, with 269; third — Bruce Pickering, R. R. 1, Oakville, 260; Rosemary Booth, R. R. 1, Milton, fourth. Others who placed in the top twenty were Bob and Bill Lasby, R. R. 2, Rockwood and Murray McCaig, R. R. 1, Norval. In this class there were 175 contestants.

In the Senior Field Crops Division, Art Lawson, R. R. 5, Mill-

on, placed 19th in a field of 95, and in the Junior Field Crops Division, Bob Leslie, R. R. 3, Acton, was tied for second place, followed by Don McClure, R. R. 3, Georgetown with ninth place standing. There were 175 contestants in this group also.

Bill Alexander, R. R. 1, Norval, and Art Lawson, R. R. 5, Milton, were tied for fifth place in the Senior Farm Management and Safety Quiz, Lois Hunter placed eighth, and Mary Anderson, R. R. 2, Milton, John Nurse, R. R. 2, Georgetown, and Bruce Pickering, R. R. 1, Oakville, tied for 17th.

In the Championship Class for the Senior Group — all those between 18 and 25 years of age — Bill Alexander placed ninth, to lead the Halton Seniors. In the Junior Group of this class, Bob Leslie, R. R. 3, Acton, was tied for eleventh position; Keith Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton, was 11teenth; John Nurse was tied for sixteenth; and Lois Hunter tied for eighteenth.

In every class the judging ability was of the very highest calibre, and the Halton contingent deserves praise for their very creditable showing.

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