

Second victory in 45 years

Halton wins Royal judging competition

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The Halton County team of Jeffrey Nurse, R.R. 2, Georgetown, Larry Bennett, R.R. 1, Burlington, and Dan Heatherington, R.R. 2, Campbellville, won the inter-county livestock judging competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Halton has competed since 1922 in this competition, winning once in 1958 with team members George Greenless, Lynne Coulter and William C. Robinson.

A total of 13 teams of three members judged classes of Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Aberdeen-Angus, Herefords, Landrace, Yorkshire, Hampshire ewes, Beef, and Swine Carcasses, giving reasons on seven of these classes.

The Halton team had a combined score of 2,483 points, some 150 points ahead of runner-up, Middlesex. At a banquet on Friday, November 10, Lord Digby of Dorset, England, the Chairman of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth, presented the Halton team with the Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy. Each team member received a combination silver tray and relish dish. The Halton team also received the Ontario Veterinary Association Challenge Trophy for high score in Dairy Cattle, with miniature trophies for each.

Along with the 39 competitors in the inter-county competition, an additional 22 young men between the ages of 18 and 29 judged on an individual basis. Jeffrey Nurse had top score of 848 points closely followed by Larry Bennett with 841 points. Dan Heatherington placed 15th with 794 points. Thus they receive prize money of \$25, \$20, and \$10 respectively.

Because of his top score, Jeffrey Nurse was presented with the E.A. Summers Memorial Trophy, along with an alarm clock trophy for permanent possession. This trophy is in memory of the late agricultural representative from Durham County. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair presented Jeff with a Centennial medal for high score in the competition, as well as a gold medal for high score in judging dairy cattle. For the latter accomplishment, he also received the National Dairy Council Stonehouse Trophy, along with a pen set.

The highest award at this competition, the F.K. Morrow Memorial Scholarship of \$300 to assist the young man to attend an Agricultural School, was also won by Jeffrey Nurse. Larry Bennett was runner-up for all these awards won by Jeffrey.

For the weeks previous to the competition, the 61 young men from across the province visited farms, discussing the management of the farms and practised judging and giving reasons on the livestock. Farms visited in this area were those of Maurice Beatty, R.R. 4, Milton; Jack Fraser, Streetsville; Alan Cook, Rockwood; John Benham, Rockwood, and Creditvale Farm, Brampton.

Visits were also made to the Ontario Milk Marketing Board, the Ontario Hog Producers Marketing Board, and Canada Packers. Everyone also attended the Ice Capades and the opening of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Six coaches accompanied the contestants, including Henry Stanley, Agricultural Representative, and John Cockburn, Associate Agricultural Representative for Halton.



Vanishing farm lands

O.F.A. head calls for new outlook

New concepts and a new outlook have been called for in land use planning in Ontario.

The call comes from Charles Munro of Embro, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, in a speech prepared for delivery at the Federation's annual convention at Toronto.

Mr. Munro says "houses, super-highways, and garbage dumps" are taking some of the province's best agricultural land. He says farm representatives have a responsibility to "see that each of these uses is concentrated on the land that is most suited to it."

"Specifically, we must see that agriculture has a strong claim on the land it needs to feed the people of this province, or else we will be left with the land no one else wants."

Referring to the convention's theme, Farm for Sale -- Farm for Rent, Mr. Munro says farmers may have to change their attitude towards renting, as one answer to the cost of land.

While it is "traditional in our society that a man owns the land he works," Mr. Munro says renting "has become a way of life in many parts of modern business. He says renting is not 'the answer to all our problems.... But until we come up with some answers, we will go on facing tax loads on our property that are not related to its capacity to produce."

Mr. Munro called on the convention to "explore fully the land use policies in Ontario today,

and outline clearly the planning that will have to go into land use in the future."

Mr. Munro referred specifically to the pollution problem near the town of Port Maitland, and said the Federation has been working for some time to get adequate compensation for the farmers and a solution to the problem.

He says it was in the face of government inaction that the Federation turned the information it had collected over to the CEC for the film Air of Death.

"Since the country's news media have taken up the fight, we are starting to see some indication the government will do something."

"The minister of health has repeated the promise he made in March, 1965, to investigate our requests -- and I guess that's a beginning."

The premier of Ontario says he gives "highest priority" to protecting agricultural land from disappearing under the sterile cap of concrete and blacktop.

Speaking to the annual convention banquet of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Premier John Robarts said the province must "get on with the job of controlling the uses to which land is put."

He says rural municipalities must plan their future the same way urban municipalities have to. "Without planning, the resources of our province will almost certainly be wasted."

He said "a lot of education is necessary if people are to accept planning and the restrictions it will bring."

"If planning is to have any meaning, it must involve a willingness to cast aside what seems true to-day in the light of the changed conditions of tomorrow."

He said the question "is whether we, as a people with a huge stake in the future of this province, can afford to sacrifice an orderly approach in the development of our land to haphazard, individual decisions."

"We still have the opportunity to control our destiny. We can still determine the best use to be made of our land. We can still reverse the tide of pollution of our own making."

"It is not too late, but time is running out."

Premier Robarts says priority given to protect farm land

Annual meeting

Name three to O.F.A.

For the first time in its history the Halton Federation of Agriculture was successful in naming three members to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture at the annual O.F.A. convention in Toronto last week.

They are part of a 27-man board covering all of Ontario. A. Roy Coulter of Lowville

was re-elected second vice-president of the O.F.A. He also sits on the Board of Governors representing the grain section.

Donal Lawrence of Milton, president of the Halton group, was named to represent Zone Four on the O.F.A. Board. Rockwood resident George Gray was also named to the Board from the poultry section.

Mr. Coulter was active during the three-day convention, when he chaired a panel discussion on rural 10 acre lot sales.

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4-H winners at Royal in barley, oats, corn

by Geoff Taylor

Halton County 4-H'ers were among the top placings in the Junior activities section for 4-H Field Crop Club Members at the Royal Winter Fair.

Stuart \$25 richer for electric essay

An essay writing contest about electricity on the farm was recently sponsored by Ontario Hydro, and among the winners named at a banquet in Niagara Falls was Stuart Nurse, 18, a member of the Halton 4-H Electric Club. He won second prize and a \$25 cheque for his essay tracing evolution of dairy farm equipment since 1880.

Norma and Bob Leslie, representing the Acton Forage Club placed ninth and sixth respectively with their Herta Barley. Keith Aitken placed fifth with his entry of Stormont Oats, and Verena Thompson, Halton 4-H Forage Club, placed third with her entry of Stormont Oats, with Dennis McClure fourth in the Garry Oats class.

In the 4-H Corn Section, John Nurse was fifth, and Ken Alderson tenth, representing the Halton 4-H Corn Club.

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JOHN R. JACKSON, vice-president of the National Dairy Council presents the National Dairy Council Stonehouse trophy to Jeff Nurse of R.R. 2, Georgetown, for high score in judging dairy cattle at the Royal Winter Fair. (Staff Photo)

A.P. Green reports 5% sales increase

Sales of A.P. Green Refractories Co. for the first nine months of the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1967, totaled \$56,440,744, an increase of five per cent over the figure of \$53,735,238 for the same period in 1966. It is stated in the Company's interim report, in the mail to stockholders.

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