



**THE OLD-STYLE FARMING COMMUNITY** in France is depicted in this photo. Farmers live in small villages and go out each morning to tend their fields surrounding the village. While this is still "old" France, not the signs of the "new" creeping in — electricity, TV serials and the construction crane. (Photo by Lucius Smejda)

## Report from Paris Changing agriculture in old world France

By Lucius Smejda

PARIS — The recent "farmer strikes" in Europe emphasized one difference between old and new world agriculture. Farmer organizations (like the French FNSEA) play important roles here. As 30,000 Italian farmers showed in an anti-common market demonstration a few weeks ago, they are also very concerned with politics.

This seems to be changing, however, as the European Farm World itself is mutating. Both economic and social patterns are breaking down in the face of new world know-how and competition.

The number of farmers is steadily decreasing. In 1955 there were 2,320,000 farmers in France. In 1966 — 1,750,000. About one-quarter disappeared in 11 years! To say this in another way, average farm size increased from approximately 27 to 36 acres in the same period. (This, one will notice, is nowhere near Canadian farm standards.) The small "family" farmers cannot compete with the more modern and efficient farmers.

The advent of a European Economic Community is both hastening this process and altering the types of farms. Each of "the six" partners, due to the free exchange of commodities between them (July 1 was the inaugural date of this policy), is becoming more specialized. Their farmers will put out that that is most profitable — on the entire European market.

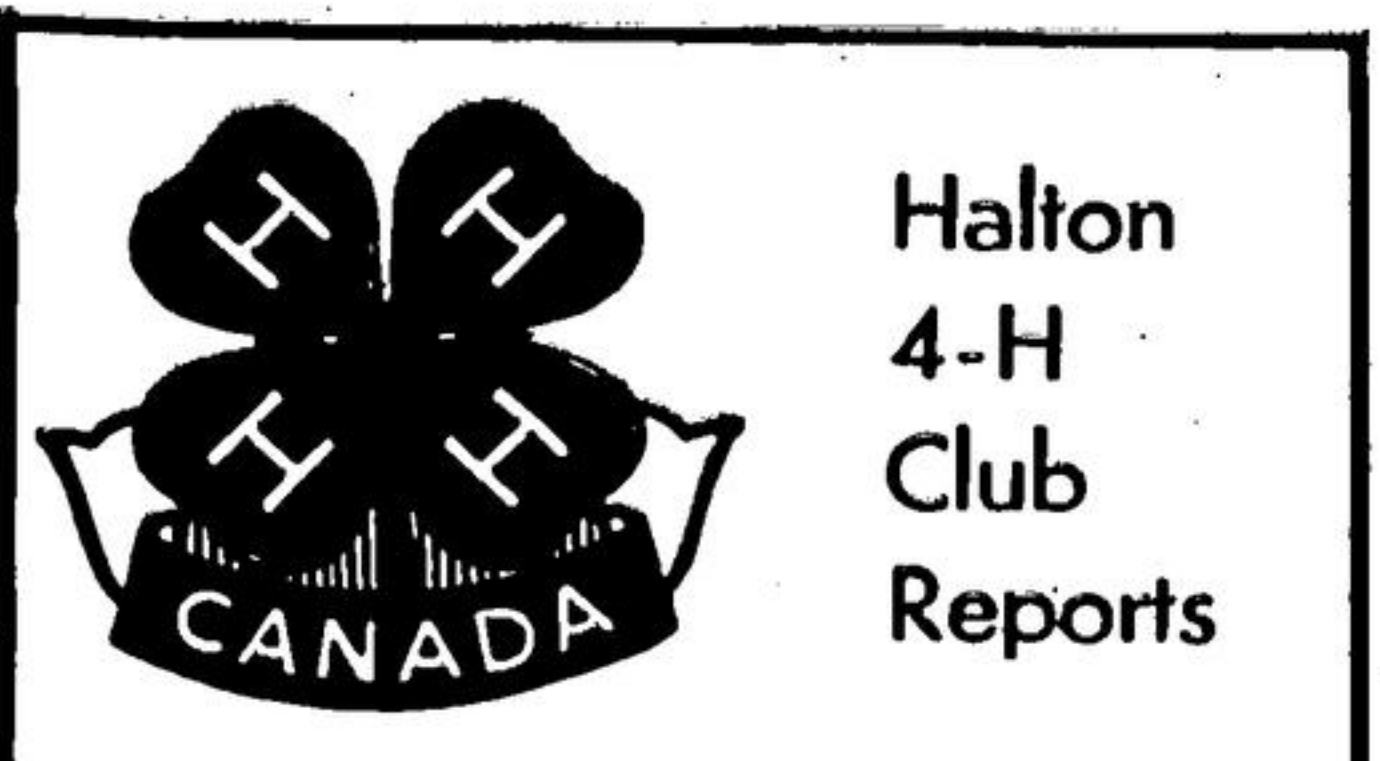
Specialization will thus take place in those products that each country now produces best. The French will thus tend to produce dairy products, wheat, sugar beets and grapes. Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg), will concentrate on eggs, vegetables, flowers, cereals and fishery; Germany on potatoes, sugar beets, swine and wheat; and finally Italy will specialize in grapes, sheep, olives and various cereals (rice, wheat).

The social life of the European farmer is also changing. He used to live in small village (see picture), and rise extremely early in the morning to walk to his outlying fields. He returned at noon and late at night. He ate, talked with his friends, went to sleep.

Today, both tied and liberated by his car and his tractor, the farmer is leaving the village. He is building houses in his fields. At night he and his friends listen to the radio or the TV. In the morning he's out in the fields with his new equipment.

Old world farm life is becoming more and more that familiar in Canada. Our changing world allows nothing to stand still.

(Editor's Note—Mr. Smejda, a journalist doing post-graduate work in France, is writing a series of articles on farming in Europe for this newspaper. He is a former resident of the Milton area.)



Halton  
4-H  
Club  
Reports

### CANCEL MEET

The Halton 4-H Conservation Club Meeting planned for Wednesday, August 21, has been cancelled until further notice.

### JERSEY-GUERNESEY AYRSHIRE CALF CLUB

By Lois McNabb

The Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club met on Tuesday, August 6, at 8 p.m. at the Norval farm of Don McCaig and Son.

The members judged a class of four-year-old Jerseys, and Mr. McCaig, with the help of several first year members, demonstrated showing 4-H calves at Achievement Day.

The most interesting (and humorous) activity was yet to come as the 4-H leaders demonstrated making adjustable rope halters and the members each attempted to make their own. For most members there will be a few more hours of practice before a halter acceptable for judging at the final quiz night is turned out.

The junior lesson on "Feeding the Dairy Heifer" was taught by Ken Ellis, while John McNabb taught the senior lesson. "Calculating Returns" was taught by Ken McNabb, thanked the McCaig family for their hospitality, and the meeting was closed with a delicious lunch served by Mrs. McCaig.

### HALTON 4-H SHEEP CLUB

By D. Gardhouse

The August meeting of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club was held at the farm of Hunter Cation.

The members were asked to place a class of Suffolk ewes by Halton's Extension Assistant, Jim Jenkins. Reasons on the class were then given by all members, followed by a general discussion on the class.

The second portion of the meeting was conducted by Mr. Jenkins who spoke on two very important topics, Care and Selection of Market Lambs, and Methods of Feeding and Management.

The remainder of the evening took place in the comfortable home of the Cation family, where the lesson concluded with a discussion on the Western Feeder Lamb Production.

The members were all given a quiz in which they asked and answered their own questions. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Cation, and the meeting was adjourned.

### LAND AND SEED JUDGING

Keith Aitken of R.R. 3, Acton was named winner of the Royal Bank Trophy as High Seed Judge in the Junior Seed Judging Competition held at Terra Collis on August 8. Keith picked up a total of 477 points out of a possible 520. Runner-up for the trophy was Carol Swackhamer, also of Acton, with a score of 466. Keith topped the senior division with Carol coming in second.

In the intermediate division Bob Lasby came out on top with a total of 457. Norman Anderson was second with a total of 448 points. In the junior section Cathy Lasby of Acton tied George McPhail, also of Acton, with 432 points. Cathy was named winner because of her high score in reason.

### Area breeders buy at Guernsey sales

Several area Guernsey breeders purchased new stock at two recent Guernsey sales at Newmarket and Bridgeport.

The 14th Ontario Classic Sale held at Jamaica Farms, Newmarket saw 38 head sell at an \$816 average. William G. Booth of Milton purchased one animal at \$650 from G.B. Penny of Hatchley and one at \$800 from C.F.W. Burns of King; J.D. Cameron of Norval one at \$850 from J. M. Brown of Almonte; and Melvin McCullough of Acton two at \$750 each from J. H. Crang of Newmarket and Bruce Marshall of Innerkip.

Mr. Cameron consigned one cow which sold at \$750 to John Eby of Waterloo. At the fifth mid-summer Guernsey sale held at Bridgeport, 53 head sold for a \$290 average. J. H. and J. D. Cameron of Norval purchased five head that day.

Other trophy winners include Carol Swackhamer who won the Cash Crop Trophy with the highest combined land and seed scores. She had a total of 611.7 points. Runner-up was Keith Aitken with 611.3 points. The Norval Junior Farmer Trophy for the highest combined score for livestock and seed judging was also won by Keith. Carol Swackhamer tied with Bob Lasby for the Grain Championship Trophy in the judging of coarse grains. Both had a score of 198 out of 200. Carol won the trophy because of her higher over-all score in the competition.

In the Land Competition Verna Thompson of Burlington scored 151 out of a possible 160, to win the Championship Trophy. Runner-up was Rosemary Booth with 149.1 points. Both girls competed in the senior section. Don McClure of R.R. 3, Georgetown scored 146 points to defeat Kenny Alderson of R.R. 1, Hornby, who had 133.1 points. Keith Austin of R.R. 3, Georgetown topped the junior section with 142.3, defeating Dennis McClure of Georgetown, with 135.1 points.

## Free Press Farm Page

### Rain, high humidity damage wheat crops

Ontario's winter wheat harvest, hampered by rain and prolonged high humidity, is causing problems for some farmers across the province.

Although the harvest could be considered in the final stage, there are still fields to be harvested in many areas including Essex and Kent counties where wheat combining would normally be completed by this date.

It is estimated that about 70 per cent of the province winter wheat crop has been harvested and official reports of grain inspection indicate the majority of the crop has graded No. 2 or better.

Of a total of 1,157 box cars inspected by the Board of Grain Commissioners to date, 10.3 per cent graded No. 1; 76.6 per cent graded No. 2; 11.2 per cent No. 3; and 1.2 per cent No. 4. There were only four cars or .3 per cent graded sample, the lowest grade.

The problem, however, is with wheat still to be harvested. Weather conditions continue to prevent combining and the longer wheat remains in the field, the chance of good quality lessens.

Some farmers have experienced grade discounts on account of sprouted wheat and high moisture content in recent days.

Officials of the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board suggest farmers if in doubt, are well advised to obtain an official grade on their wheat by the Board of Grain Commissioners prior to delivery or sale so they will know what grade discounts to expect.

Otis McGregor, Assistant Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board, said that as of August 8, the marketing board has purchased 2½ million bushels of new crop surplus wheat.

He estimated about one-half of it has already been moved.

### Mac Alexander bull is Gold Medallist

The Jersey bull Generation Sir Bijou, Very Good, Silver Medal Sire, has just been designated a Gold Medal bull by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club. This bull was bred by Ernest Alexander, Norval, and is owned by Mac Alexander, Norval. He now has 26 tested daughters that average 10,686 lbs. milk, 542 lbs. fat, 5.08 per cent, and 22 classified that average 82.41 per cent.

Generation Sir Bijou is a son of Brampton Sir Bijou Radar, Excellent, Silver and Gold Medal Superior Sire, and his dam, is Rosegate Susan 4, Very Good, a Ton of Gold cow with a Lifetime Production in eight lactations of 91,272 lbs. milk and 4,295 lbs. fat.

Another of Mac Alexander's Jerseys had a notable record, coming second in the senior yearling standings reported to the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club for the month of July. Rosegate Nandy, a daughter of Rosegate Milestone, at one year 355 days had a record of 8,063 lbs. milk, 398 lbs. fat for 4.94 per cent.

In senior three-year-olds D. H. McGaig and Son, Norval, had the highest record with Norval Acres Favorite Elsie, a daughter of Brampton Favorite Acme. At three years 244 days, in 305 days, she produced 11,482 lbs. milk, 604 lbs. fat, for 5.26 per cent.

### Attends opening of camp in Sask.

Ralph E. Cudmore of Oakville attended the official opening of Canada's first provincial 4-H camp in Saskatchewan recently, to extend greetings as president of the National Council of 4-H Clubs.

The camp is located on the banks of Diefenbaker Lake in Birsay, Sask. The camp is known as Camp Rayner after the late Prof. John G. Rayner, a past president of the Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs. Mr. Cudmore congratulated the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation for the leading role it has taken in establishing a sound program. He cited Camp Rayner as a tribute to the development of the program.

### Marilyn joins tour to United Nations

By Jim Jenkins

Miss Marilyn Kirkwood of R. R. 4-Acton will be one of 37 Junior Farmers from across Ontario who will be travelling on the United Nations Bus Tour from August 25 to 31. The itinerary includes stops at Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Pennsylvania State University, Gettysburg, Washington, and New York.

Highlights of the tour will be a National 4-H Conference at Washington; tour of the United Nations Buildings; a tour of the NBC Studios where they will be guests of the Merv Griffin show; and a Broadway musical in New York.

### Local girls selected guests of exhibition

By Mrs. Kathy Williams  
Home Economist

Six 4-H Homemaking Club members from Halton County will be guests of the Canadian National Exhibition for two days, August 21 and 22. The girls are Audrey Allison, Campbellville; Janet Nurse, Georgetown; Janet Henderson, Georgetown; Kathryn Lynch, Acton; Anne Rühl, Milton; and Darlene Leslie, Hornby.

The Halton girls will be part of a group of 175 girls from 16 counties and districts in the province who will be taking part in this special program which is sponsored by the Agricultural Division of the C.N.E. The itinerary for the two days will include quizzes and other activities related to 4-H Homemaking club work, a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Parliament Buildings as well as visits to the Exhibition. The program for the first afternoon will include a selection of exhibits and demonstrations from the various counties. Silverwood Club from Halton County will present an

### Carol in princess contest next Monday at Exhibition

Carol Swackhamer of R. R. 2, Acton will be one of 42 young ladies vying for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess at the

competition held in conjunction with the Canadian National Exhibition this year.

Ten girls will be chosen from preliminary competitions and enter the semi-finals on August 27 and 28. From this, five girls will enter the finals on August 29.

The Canadian Dairy Princess Competition will be held the following day. Carol, representing Halton County for the second consecutive year, will meet four other county representatives from Elgin, York, Perth and Wellington counties at the August 26 preliminary. Maria Battaglini won last year's competition.

### Really corny

It may sound a bit corny, but here's how a local reader submitted an unofficial crop report the other day:

"I planted late corn early and early corn late, but the early corn I planted late will be ready before the late corn I planted early!"

### B.C. boys

By J. Jenkins

Two Junior Farmers from British Columbia arrived in Halton County on Monday, August 19. Roger Davies and Alan Knipple have visited the counties of Hastings and Lanark.

In Halton they will be observing the farming practices of Western Ontario farmers, and enjoying some of the sights in our county. They will be staying at the farms of Brock Harris and Dwight May.

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ROUND STEAK	<b>95¢ lb</b>
ROUND STEAK ROAST	<b>95¢ lb</b>
SIRLOIN RUMP ROAST	<b>99¢ lb</b>
SIRLOIN TIP ROAST	<b>99¢ lb</b>
ROUND END RUMP ROAST	<b>89¢ lb</b>
MAPLE LEAF 12-oz. pkg. BIG EIGHT	<b>WIENERS 49¢</b>

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- FRESH PRODUCE DAILY -	
Ont. — No. 1 — Lge. Head	<b>LETTUCE 2:29¢</b>
Ont. No. 1 — 10-lb. Bag	<b>POTATOES 45¢</b>
PANTRY SHELF - 48-oz. TINS (SAVE 25¢)	
	<b>Orange JUICE 3:1\$</b>
NABOB - 60 plus 15 FREE (SAVE 16¢)	
	<b>TEA BAGS 69¢</b>
SWARTZ - 1-lb. PLASTIC CONTAINER (SAVE 47¢)	
	<b>Peanut Butter 3:1\$</b>
COLGAYE - PALMOLIVE - 24-oz. BOTTLE (SAVE 18¢)	
	<b>A.B.C. LIQUID DETERGENT 39¢</b>

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KRAFT - 16-oz. PKG. - 4c OFF LABEL (SAVE 14c)	<b>Cheese SLICES 65¢</b>
HEINZ - GAL. CONTAINER (SAVE 14c)	<b>White Vinegar 65¢</b>
CLARK'S - 19-oz. TINS (SAVE 48c)	<b>Pork &amp; Beans 5:1\$</b>
Prices Effective Aug. 21 - 22 - 23 - 24	
OCEAN KING - 7½ TINS - FANCY (SAVE 20c)	<b>RED SOCKEYE SALMON 49¢</b>
AYLMER - 19-oz. TINS (SAVE 17c)	<b>APPLE FILLER 3:1\$</b>
SWARTZ - 1-lb. PKG. - (SAVE 19c) SEEDLESS JAFFA	<b>RAISINS 2:59¢</b>
DRACH'S - 12-oz. TIN (SAVE 20c)	<b>Meat Luncheon LOAF 39¢</b>
<b>GRADE 'A' MEDIUM EGGS 2 doz. 85¢</b>	