

Free Press Farm Page



SHARON HUME, an 18-year-old Milton high school student was selected Halton County's Dairy Princess for 1969 on Friday night. Sharon and two other contestants, Mary Anderson and Sandra Bennett, went through an arduous competition before judges made the final decision. The crowning of the new princess, which took place on the farm of Howard Tarzwell of R. R. 2, Georgetown, was done by last year's princess Carol Swackhamer of Acton. (Staff Photo)

## Sharon Hume chosen 1969 Dairy Princess

A pretty 18-year-old Milton girl became Halton County's 1969 Dairy Princess Friday night. Sharon Hume of R.R. 5, Milton won out over two other girls after a strenuous evening of competition. The contest involved an interview with the judges for each girl, a milking competition and a short talk given by each girl on their lives

on their family's farm. Bad luck plagued Sharon during the competition. The first bad break came when, on her way to the judge's interview, she tripped over a chair and the second one came when the cow she was milking decided it didn't want to give its whole-hearted assistance to the cause. Overcoming her bad luck, Sharon still put in a good time

for the milking competition and did very well in the speech segment.

Carol Swackhamer, Halton County's Dairy Princess for the past two years, crowned the winner. Sharon now goes on to represent Halton in the Ontario Dairy Princess contest next month at the CNE in Toronto.

The judges for the event were Mrs. Jean Loos, a former Ontario Dairy Princess, Glen White of the Ontario Milk Commission and Elwood Hodges, field staff supervisor for the Ontario Milk Marketing Board.

All three parts of the evening took place on the farm of Howard Tarzwell, R.R. 2, Georgetown.

The event was sponsored by the Halton County Milk Committee and Sam Harrop, chairman of the committee presented the winner with a bouquet of roses.

Also participating at the event were Jim Snow, Halton East M.P.P., Halton County's Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley and Brock Harris, chairman of the 1969 Dairy Princess committee.

## S. Waters dairy herd seventh in province

The 1969 progress report of the 82 Dairy Herd Improvement Associations in Ontario with 2,662 herds enrolled indicate the following standing of Halton herds:

Seventh, S. W. Waters, Georgetown No. 2, 23 cows, 14,121 lbs. milk, 545 lbs. fat;

16th, Galbraith Bros., Burlington No. 1, 17 cows, 13,044 lbs. milk, 562 lbs. fat;

22nd, David Lawson, Milton No. 5, 21 cows, 14,524 lbs. milk, 538 lbs. fat;

34th, Ross Lawrence, Milton No. 1, 27 cows, 14,480 lbs. milk, 499 lbs. fat;

44th, Harold Middlebrook, Milton No. 2, 21 cows, 13,147 lbs. milk, 502 lbs. fat;

46th, George Rae, Hornby No. 1, 19 cows, 12,622 lbs. milk, 522 lbs. fat;

53rd, Murray May, Hornby No. 2, 24 cows, 12,681 lbs. milk, 506 lbs. fat.

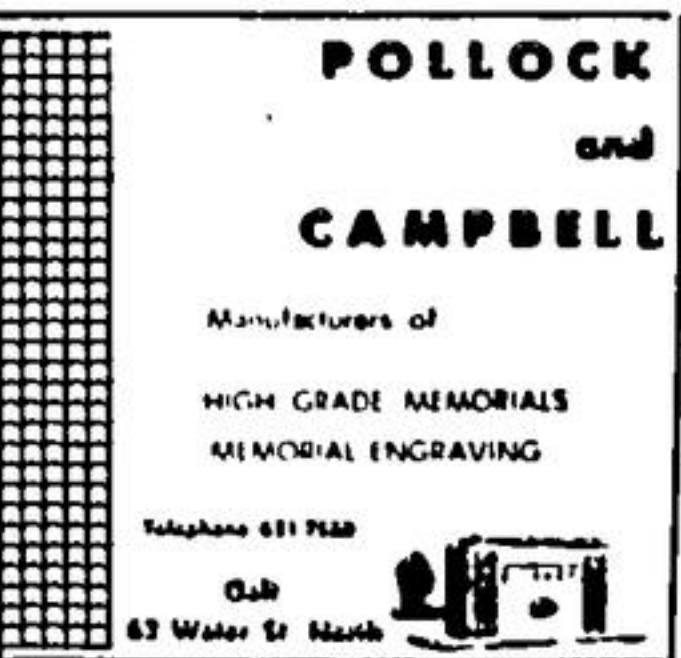
The Halton Centre Association, with Howard King as supervisor, was tied for second highest in the province with 434 cows averaging 11,568 lbs. of milk and 451 lbs. of fat.

The Halton West Association, with George McCormack as supervisor, followed in fourth place with the 478 cows averaging 11,699 lbs. of milk and 439 lbs. of fat.

The 371 cows in Halton East, under Frank Chisholm, produced 10,717 lbs. of milk and 415 of fat.

### Slow for S.M.V.

Slowing moving vehicle signs are becoming a common sight across rural Ontario. Farm people have accepted these warning signs which were designed for their protection. But it is you, as a motorist, who must recognize that vehicles carrying these red and orange triangles are travelling less than 25 miles an hour. So allow yourself time to stop when you see these warning signs.



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### Peel man "lucky"

## Silage gases can kill

A Peel County farmer was lowering the silo unloader on to the haylage at the top of his silo. All of a sudden he felt dizzy, but was able to make it down to the bottom of the silo. Some would say he was lucky.

It would appear that we do have a very immediate problem with silage gases this year. This has not been usual for Ontario but it would appear that the different conditions such as maturity of the crop, the percentage moisture, the uptake of certain fertilizers, all have a bearing on the production of these gases. Nitrous oxide and nitric oxide are odourless and colourless but after they mix with air they take on a yellowish brown color and become nitrogen dioxide. Carbon monoxide is also often present at this time.

These gases may begin forming within a few hours after the silage is placed in the silo. While they usually escape they may remain on the top of the silage as it settles since they are heavier than air. Therefore running the silage blower may merely agitate

the fresh air above the gases without forcing out the gas itself.

### Offer \$90 in W. L. bursaries

The Halton District Women's Institute is again offering bursaries of \$50 and \$40 to students who have completed Grade 13 and are planning to further their education this year. Applicants must be boys or girls whose mothers are Women's Institute members, or themselves members of a 4-H Homemaking or Agricultural Club and have completed at least six projects. Application forms are available from the secretary of the local Branch W.I. or the Home Economist or Agricultural Representative, Department of Agriculture and Food, 181 Main Street Milton. All applications are to be returned to the chairman of the Bursary Committee, Mrs. N. Langton, R.R. 2 Milton, by August 31.

To eliminate this hazard an oxygen or fresh air mask and equipment should be used. This will allow a person time to climb the silo and remove the doors in the chute down to the level of the silage. They should descend and allow several hours for the gases to dissipate or at least a half an hour with the silo blower operating.

These gases cause an irritation of the nose and throat followed by coughing and/or sneezing. This may be followed by partial paralysis after which death appears inevitable. If you have been exposed to the gas without a supply of oxygen see your doctor immediately even though you feel no effects.

The Farm Safety Council of Ontario have purchased a compressed air supply and mask and also test equipment. Since the mask equipment costs in the area of \$400 and the test equipment \$100 these are not items that would normally be kept by a single farmer. They might be purchased on a co-operative basis between farmers.

## Tons of Gold Norval cows

Brampton Boney A. Catton, 318561, Excellent, a Jersey cow owned by D. H. McCaig and Son, Norval, and bred by H. H. Bull and Son, also of Norval has just been issued a Lifetime Production certificate. She has produced in seven lactations, 76,634 lb. milk, 4,187 lb. fat. She has also been awarded a Ton of Gold certificate. In 1264 days she produced 2,074 lb. fat. To qualify for a Ton of Gold certificate a cow must produce at least 2,000 lbs. fat in four consecutive years.

Catton's Miss Generation, 369437, a gold and silver medal Jersey cow owned by Ernest Alexander, Norval, has also been awarded a Ton of Gold certificate. In 1455 days she produced 2,079 lb. fat.

Rovegate Charm 2, 291441, Very good, a Medal of Merit and Gold Medal Jersey cow owned and bred by Mac Alexander, Norval, has just been issued her fourth Lifetime Production certificate. She has produced 123,966 lb. milk, 6,155 lb. fat in 11 lactations.

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## McPhedrans one, two in crop competition

Results of the field crop competition of hay, sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Acton Agricultural Society, have been released as follows:

First Duncan McPhedran, R.R.4, Rockwood; second Alex McPhedran, R.R.4, Rockwood; third John Fox and Son, R.R.2, Acton; fourth R. M. Storey, R.R.4, Rockwood; fifth Calvin Aitken, R.R.3, Acton; sixth

Smith R. Griffin, R.R.2, Acton; seventh G.W. Laby and Sons, R.R.2, Rockwood; eighth C. W. Swackhamer, R.R.2, Acton; ninth Norman Harris, R.R.4, Rockwood; tenth Lloyd McInery, R.R.1, Limehouse.

Sixteen fields were judged by Robert Alexander of Georgetown with prize money being awarded to the top ten contestants.

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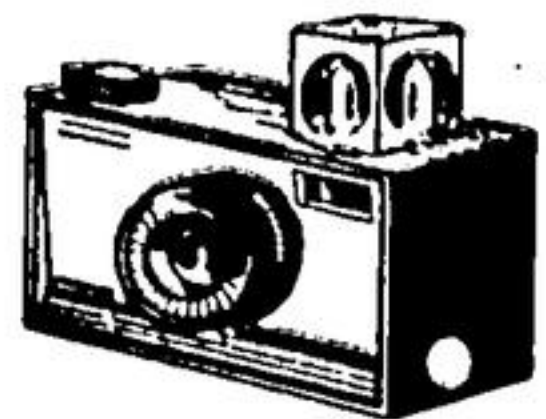
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### PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST FOR DISPLAY AT THE ACTON FALL FAIR

Best black and white photographs, suitable for publication, with credit, on the editorial page of the Acton Free Press.

Picture Subject — a scene, children, animals, building, flowers etc. of general interest, taken within ten miles of Acton.

Identification and technical information (type of camera and film) to accompany each entry.

Three entries per person permitted (Children's entries welcome.)  
Negatives and prints to be submitted to the Free Press by Monday, September 8th, so judging may be completed and large prints made for display at the Fall Fair.

First prize \$5, three honorable mentions at \$2.50 each, up to 10 awards of \$1 each.