## Agriculture at the cross-roads

By Henry J. Stanley Agricultural Representative

Arriculture in Halton County is at the coris-road. It must change course and move up the hill of progress or slide down and out of competition.

Nobody, least of all a farmer, can stand still. His costs have continued to rise at an accelerating rate, while his receipts per unit of produce have remained fairly constant. To meet this challenge, the Ontario farmer has become more and more efficient. He produces more and more produce per man on his farm...

Such is not the case on many Halton County farms. Additional road blocks have been thrown up along the way - greatly increased assessment and spiralling taxation, regional school boards, nobody on council to represent the rural area (a complete reversal of the past), etc. Many farmers have become discouraged when no one seemed to lend an ear or care. When the knight in thining armor appeared, the land speculator, many welcomed the opportunity to get out of farming, at least in this county. (Sometimes the armor turned out to be tin instead of hardened

steel). Others are progressing at one-eighth throttle. They are undecided as to whether or not they should sell or wait another year. Many are not changing at the rapid pace necessary to keep up with our competition in the rest of Ontario. Very few are remodelling their barns or building

new ones. The thousands of acres of heavy clay soil which should be drained is not being drained because of the uncertainty of agriculture.

The farmers in the jest of Ontario are changing and updating their farming at-a rapid rate. While, taking part in the Land Use Tour of Eastern Ontario last month, I was most impressed with the great strides. made in this so called "backward" section of our province. Their corn yields for the past two years are superior to our county. They are definitely our competitors in this field, not just western Ontario as we might have thought. A similar situation exists in most farmin: fields.

Do we continue at our present pace and slowly slide farther and farther behind? Or, do we run ahead, having faith in this county and in the future of agriculture? Do we ignore the persistent real estate salesmen who have found clients with more money than can be imagined, and keep in this business of farming?

Many will say "No". But many, I am sure, will decide to keep in the race. They will change their attitudes considering performance of livestock over looks or breed, volume of production over number of cows, yields per acre over number of acres, etc. This is the thinking of the farmer of the future.

Are you at the cross-road? Which way will you go?

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#### Strong show at Erin

# Halton takes county herd title

For the second year in a row. Halton County won the county herd trophy at the West Central Ontario District Championship Holstein Show held at Erin Fair on Friday. There were nine entries in the class and Halton topped Waterloo and Peel to claim the W. C. Wood trophy.

Halton's Holsteins made a fine showing, bringing home a number of prize ribbons and some trophies. There were 14 exhibitors from this county, and a total of 78 exhibitors altogether.

Halton entries included McGee, Norval; A. H. McKane, Georgetown; Harry Moore, Terry Cotta; Fred Nurse and Sons, Georgetown; Jeff Nurse, Georgetown; Claude F. Picket, Georgetown (who had 15 entries); John Popp, Rockwood; W. J. Proud, Palermo; H. C. Reid, Milton; Gordon R. Sinclair and Sons, Burlington; Bert Stewart, Hornby; Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown; and M.

D. Wingrove, Campbellville. Claude Picket was runner-up 

to Bolton's R. J. Stewart for the Ashville Farms, Milton; T. H. honor of being named premier exhibitor. Mr. Stewart was also premier breeder. Mr. Picket showed the senior, grand and reserve senior and grand champion female, and his entry won the best udder competition.

Bert Stewart showed the grand champion male and Craig Reid had the reserve juntor champion female of the show. Other Halton wins:

Bull calf, Yarzwell first, Reid sixth. Wingrove ninth, Fred Nurse 11th, McGee 18th, 27

entries. Bull two years and over, Stewart first, 10 entries. Grand champion male, Stewart.

Junior yearling heifer, Picket 12th, 23 entries. Senior yearling heifer, Reid second, Tarzwell fifth, Stewart 10th, Popp 17th, 33 entries.

Dry cow, Picket first, Wingrove sixth, Proud eighth, 22 entries. Two year old heifer, Picket seventh and 11th, Reid 10th, Wingrove, 19th and 24th. Popp 22nd, 41 entries. Three year old heifer, Wingrove first and 19th, Picket 10th, Reid

20th, 39 entries. Four year old heifer, Turzwell 10th, Reid 11th, 29 entries. Five year old cow, Picket first and second, Tarzwell 14th, 32 entries.

Senior and grand champion female, Picket; reserve, Picket. Best udder, Picket, five entries. Breeder's herd, Wingrove werth, Reid 10th. Get-of-tire, Picket first, Wingrove and Gregson fifth, 12 entries. Progeny of dam, Wingrove first, nine entries. . County herd, Halton first, Waterloo second, Peel third, nine entries.

The judge was Roy Ormiston.

### More winners at Erin... Halton goes to international

Halton exhibitors made" Rosemary Rooth was in the first Fair over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Several 4-11 club members won prizes and Halton exhibitors did well in the Jersey show, field crops and vegetable competitions.

first for chopped hay and grain third group. corn cars, plus a second prize on stalks of silage corn. T. J. Brownridge took firsts for his red mangolds, white mangolds, yellow mangolds, todder beets, sweet corn, Spanish onions, citrons, squash and a collection of vegetables.

Rock-Ella Jerseys owned by Ken Ella and Sons, Hornby, showed the grand champion bull in a large Jersey competition. They also took first in the yearling class and their entry went on to win the junior female championship; and a first prize four-year-old went on to be senior and grand champion female. Ella's also had the first aged cow, first breeder's herd and first in the inter-breed best udder class.

In the 4-H oats competition were exhibited in the senior 4-H

prize group, Don McClure second, and Barbara Brownridge and Dennis McClure third. Keith Austin' and John Nurse were in the first prize group in 4-H corp, with Philip Agnew and Joe Anderson in the second prize In field crops, John Nurse won group and John Alderson in the

A 4-H interclub calf show was held for calves from Wellington, Peel and Halton Counties. In semor Holsteins, Gail Beardmore of Peel won out over 26 head. Mary McGee was second high, David Reid fourth and Bill McDonald 10th in the first prize group; Sandy Bennett, Barbara Brownridge, John Alderson, Bob McDonald and Beryl McEnery were in the second prize group; and Paul Stewart was in the

third prize group. In junior Holsteins, Les McDonald was second and he and Barry Reid were in the first prize group; John Patterson and Mary Fuchs were in the second prize group. There were II head

in this competition. Five head, all from Halton,

Jersey class. John, Susan and Gail Nixon were first, second and third in the first prize group; Bruce McKeown and Marg Robinson were in the second

Just two head from Halton were in the junior Jersey class. Carol Nixon was first and Jane Nixon second. Carol's calf was also chosen reserve champion and the calf of Gail Beardmore was champion.

A competition was held for a group of three calves from one 4-H club, and 11 groups made entries. Peel 4-H Holstein Club was first; Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club took second, third and fourth prizes, Halton 4-H Jersey Guernicy Calf Club was sixth and eighth.

The second place team included Bob McDonald, Sandra Bennett and Barbara Brownridge; third, Lev McDonald, Barry Reid, John Patterson; fourth, Mary McGee, Bill McDonald, David Reid; sixth, John, Susan and Gail Nixon; eighth, Carol and John Nixon, Marg Robinson.

plowing match in a, big way Halton County will be going to the International Plowing Match in a big way this year. The match, held near Paris is expected to attract up to

200,000 and Halton will have an

exposition depicting various

areas of the county. The county has always had a tent on display but this year under the leadership of Major H. J. Newman, county displays will

take on a new look. Progress in the fields of industry, commerce, recreation, education and conservation will be depicted in several displays. Museum, Emergency Measures and United Gas displays will be drown as well.

The theme this year is 116 years of progress. Old pictures and an almost continual showing of films will highlight the Halton

The county film "The Man and The Boy" and films featuring the Canadian Equestrian team and Otto and Maria Jelinek will be shown.

Halton's Jim Day is a member of the Canadian team.

A musical ride will feature horses from Almar Stables in Patermo Tome Scots Pipe Band will be on hand to take part in



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## Film on meat shown Nymphs

By Susan Kidd The Nassagaweya Nymphs held their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the home of Mrs. H. Stanley, who is our new leader. She is assisted by Mrs. H. Heist.

The election of officers took place as follows: president, Audrey Allison; vice-president, Irene Kidd; treasurer, Benita Pries, and secretary and press reporter, Susan Kidd. Other members include Jane Norwood, Lila Dennis and Susan Powadiuk. We then took notes on choosing food for health and meat and its value as food.

Meeting two was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley on Monday, Sept. 29. The roll call was 'my family's favorite meat dish". We took notes on the selection of meats, characteristics of quality meats, identification of meat cuts and cuts of beef with suggestions for cooking. The demonstration was on cuts of meat and their location on the chart.

To end the evening we had an interesting film on "The Story of Meat in Canada" followed by questions and a discussion headed by our leader's husband, Mr. Stanley.

## 18 fields in contest

The results of the field crop competition for corn sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society are as follow: A. McPhedran & Son 91, Norman Harris 8814, Calvin Aitken 8514, W. Swackhamer 84, R. Harding 83, S. Griffin 82, Ken Murray 814, D. Matthews 81, Alex

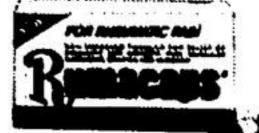
McNabb 80%, Robert Kerr 80. This year there were 18 fields scored by R. C. Alexander of Georgetown.

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