

# Halton farmers do well at Royal Winter Fair

By Henry Stanley

Halton County had many winners at the recent Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. William Wilson, R.R. 1 Georgetown, won the international championship in sheep shearing. He has been competing for eight years in this competition which has been won since 1963 by United States competitors. The Sunbeam trophy was presented to Bill for his accomplishments. He along with his father, Claire, have been active in clipping sheep in this

county for many years.

John Nunn, a member of the Halton 4-H Field Crop Club, won 1st prize in the 4-H corn class for the second consecutive year. He also placed third in the open ear corn class. Mrs. Walter Norvington placed fifth in shelled corn, sixth in Herts barley, and ninth in Garry oats. In the vegetable classes James Cunningham and T. J. Brownridge shared many honors. Mr. Cunningham won the citron pie pumpkin and Golden Hubbard classes and placed

second in field pumpkins. T. J. Brownridge won in butternut squash, was second in Golden Hubbard, third in pepper squash and pie pumpkin and fourth in the citron class. All livestock classes were very large this year with extremely good competition. In Holsteins, Claude Pickett won the Get-of-Sire Class, was second and fifth in the aged cow class and fifth in the two year old class. Bert Stewart had the Reserve Grand Champion Bull and the

12th prize yearling which sold in the Sale-of-Stars for \$1,800. John Popp exhibited the 12th prize Junior and 19th prize Senior Yearling. The Scotsdale herd of S. G. Bennett continued to dominate the Shorthorn section, winning the Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners. Scotsdale had the Grand Champion cow and calf, Reserve Senior Champion bull, Junior and Reserve Junior Champion bull with this Junior Champion going to be Reserve Grand Champion. Other Shorthorns were those of John McKinnon and the herd of Reford Gardhouse. Clarence Peacock and Allan Patterson and Son took many prizes in the Dual-Purpose Shorthorn classes. Pattersons were 3rd in the aged bull and yearling bull classes, second in Aged cow and four-year-old. Clarence Peacock came second and seventh in the two-year old female class, second and sixth in the three year old female class, fourth in the four-year-old female class and his group of four animals placed second in the herd class. B. H. Bull & Sons won the Premier Breeder Banner in the Jersey section. They also had second in Breeders herd and the top female in the Jersey Sale of Stars, \$1,800. Don McCain sold the second high individual at \$1050. Ken Ella and Son, Hornby, placed third in the Junior Yearling and Breeders Herd, fourth in Senior Yearling in milk, fourth and fifth in the four-year-old class. The four-year-old "Rock Ella Commando Laura" was the highest placed Canadian cow in the class winning the Schulman Trophy along with the Earl Kitchen Trophy for the cow with the highest production. J. H. Willmott and Sons won the W. S. McMullen Memorial Trophy for top placing in the inter-breed registered steer class. Their Angus steer carcass weighing 546 lbs. was purchased by Knobhill Farms at \$2.00 per lb. This carcass had perfect scores for loin eye, fat covering and visual appearance. Willmott's also placed well in the breeding Angus classes. There was a large display of Charolais at the Royal this year. Chasray Farms, Oakville, had several outstanding Charolais at the Royal. In the Guernsey section Halton was represented by Dr. Kunic's Falgarbrook Farm entries, and those of L. S. Pickering and Sons.

# Scotch Block dam gets green light

After being held up for a month due to a government regulation, construction of the Scotch Block dam and reservoir is expected to begin soon. Bot Construction of Oakville was the company which received the go-ahead to begin the work after submitting a bid of \$857,983.30, which includes bringing fill for the Esquusing dam across Highway 25 using scrapers. The problem was a government ban on using the earth moving scrapers across Highway 27 unless a special permit was issued. This permit was not known about when Halton Region Conservation Authority officials let out the contract to be bid on. Once they found out about the regulation, bids had to be revised to include the cost of using trucks to cart fill and a new date had to be found to announce acceptance of a final bid, Nov. 21. Total cost of the project will be \$1,100,000 with 75 per cent of the funds coming from the provincial government and the rest of the money coming from local municipalities. All the land has been obtained by the Authority says resources manager Dave Murray, but the final price on three pieces of

land has not been finalized, he stated. Located on the east side of Highway 25 at the rear of Tangmere Mushroom Company, the dam will reduce runoff during heavy rainfall and will control the flow of the Sixteen Mile Creek during periods of low water. The original estimate done in 1965 was to have the reservoir flood an area of 825 acres but this has risen to an area of 832 acres which gives the Conservation Authority a mile and a half long lake. It is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1970 and Mr. Murray expects to have the dam full of water by the spring of 1971.

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# 100 divorces for court

One of the heaviest Supreme Court sittings in several years is underway this month at the Halton County Court House, Milton. Several civil suits and a record 100 divorce cases are on the docket facing Mr. Justice Parker. Divorce suits have almost tripled since the new divorce laws came into effect in Canada over a year ago.



SEWARY'S RIDDELL, a three year old standardbred, owned and trained by Bob Marshall Jr., R. R. 3, Acton, was the Senior Reserve Champion in the Royal Winter Fair's best of breed class. The classy young stallion came in second in the Standardbred Senior class and then was picked as Reserve Champion in the best of breed series, which has winners from all classes entered. Bob Marshall Jr. has raised the stallion from a six month old. He has picked up several ribbons at district fairs as well. —(Staff Photo)

## Involvement necessary in farm safety program

By G. Carton, Chairman Halton Farm Safety Council

"Involvement is a necessary ingredient in planning safety programs."

This was the theme of the recent Zone 4 Farm Safety Conference held at Koller near Cayuga on Tuesday, November 18. Victor Morrow, co-ordinator for recreational Rural Learning Association was director and actor for the seminar on communication. Zone 4 chairman Ed Good introduced Grant Temple, Chairman for Halton and County who welcomed the delegates. Narrator of the film on the hazards of corn harvesters was Oscar Snyder, Provincial Farm Safety co-ordinator who also gave a report on his inspections on farm hazards. Delegates discovered through group persuasion that there are three principles which must be considered and planned for all meetings—individuals need self identity, group morale and the task or job. The delegates participate in a skit to emphasize that we cannot leave the job of

safety to the other guy, we must do it ourselves. Welland County will host the Zone 4 conference next year.

## Township rewords by-law

Esquusing Council Monday night rescinded a holding by-law they passed last week and then passed a reworded version of the same by-law. The original by-law prevented the use of land, buildings or structures in the township for any purpose other than the one existing, but made no allowance for additions to buildings. The new version allows for additions to buildings.

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## Place well with Guineas

By H. J. Stanley  
The Queen's Guineas Class at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Nov. 21, was won by Karen Graham of Middlesex County. Karen showed a crossbred steer, Aberdeen Angus sire and Shorthorn dam. Dominion Stores paid \$2 per lb. for her 865 lb. steer. Runner-up was Dick LaPointe of Lambton County, winner of the Hereford section.

Eight steers competed from Halton County. In the Angus class Doug Kee was in the first prize group, with Ken Alderson and Lyle Stokes in the third prize group. In Shorthorns, Bob and Cathy Lasby and Doug Gardhouse were in the first prize group, and went on to win the class for a group of three Shorthorns from one county. David McKinnon and Philip Agnew were in the second prize group. The 187 steers were sold by auction on Friday afternoon.

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