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**Many Halton Winners
At Royal Winter Fair**

J. E. W.
The Silver Jubilee of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair was a tremendous success. Unfortunately for your reporter, Night School and other meetings and activities prevented us seeing very much of this great show. We question very much if we will ever get over the thrill one gets on entering the West Annex of the Coliseum. We are ashamed to admit that we know little about floriculture — nevertheless one would hardly be human, we think, if the sight of the flower section did not cause him to pause with awe and reverence to drink in the fragrance of those beautiful roses and admire those perfect chrysanthemums. Certainly those responsible for the arrangement are artists in every sense of the word.

While we actually saw little of the 1953 Royal, the same high standard seemed to exist wherever one went — whether in the fruit section — up among the grain and small seeds — or out in the horse palace or the cattle, sheep, and swine barns — everywhere was perfection.

Dairy Cattle Show
We did see something of the Jersey and Holstein shows — and what classes these were. Forty and fifty entries in a class were not uncommon. We do know that Ross Segsworth, of Burlington, got first on his junior yearling Holstein bull, Spruceleigh Fond Hope Minor, which later sold in the Holstein sale of stars for \$3,000. We also know that Blanshard Bros. and A. G. Hunter, also of Nelson Township, were in there — just where their Holstein entries stood we are not sure but at least in the years ahead they will have the satisfaction of being able to say "Our herd competed at the 25th anniversary of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair."

Jersey Show
Here Halton was also well and worthily represented — by entries from the herds of M. C. Beaty, Ken Elio, Featherstone Bros., Gerald Graham and Major Peter Roberts. We also know that at least one red ribbon came back to Halton, and that all of those mentioned were well up around the top in a number of classes.

The Queen's Guineas
A total of 152 4H club members from nearly all parts of Ontario entered their steers for this great livestock feature, which attracted the largest ringside of any livestock show of the week. These young people were all between the ages of 14 and 20 years. Their steers had made the minimum gain requirement of 1.75 lbs. per day since the feeding period commenced last May. The club members themselves, leaving out their respective calves, had secured at least 75 per cent of the total possible marks in their project — and what a show they put on — no wonder Brigadier S. S. McKee, general manager of the Royal, stated over the public address system—"In my opinion, this is the outstanding agricultural feature of the week."

The Queen's Guineas didn't come to Halton, but what a showing Katherine Merry, Clifford Norrish, and John C. Willmott, the three representatives of Halton's 4H Beef and Dual Purpose Club put on. Each one of them got a red ribbon by the group system of judging. In the Shorthorn section Katherine Merry of Oakville R R 2, had the reserve champion. In the Aberdeen Angus section, John C. Willmott duplicated her achievement — in fact, until the final moment, John and his black steer fitted and shown to perfection, stood at the top of that class of 50 doddies and then, the irony of fate — Charlie Yule, noted judge of Calgary, reversed his top pair. Certainly from a Halton standpoint it gave one quite a thrill when the six top steers (two from each of the three beef breeds) were brought together to make the final selection of the Queen's Guineas. It must have been a heart breaking disappointment to "Johnnie" and yes, to Katherine too. However, 1953 is John's last year to be eligible for 4H club work and like "Sandy" Buchanan of former year's fame he also failed by shall we say an "eyelash" and fickle fate to achieve his greatest ambition to date — to win the Queen's Guineas. Both young men, during their eight years in 4H club work, established a standard which may well be the goal of 4H club members in the years to come. Gentlemen always, modest winners, good losers, esteemed by all who knew them — you can rest assured they will make their mark in the years that lie ahead.

FARM NEWS

**ENROL 520 FOR
NIGHT SCHOOL**

Tuesday evening, November 17th, saw the fourth annual opening of the Halton Community Night School. Five hundred and twenty enrolled in some one of the various courses. At Acton where courses were organized in elementary oil painting, advanced oil painting and plastics, a total of 55 were on hand. In Georgetown, the courses in Metalcraft, Ceramics, and Leathercraft attracted 45 students.

At Milton, where the main classes got underway, a total of 420 were in attendance for the sixteen courses organized. It is expected another 20 or 30 whose applications were accepted and who for various reasons were unable to attend on opening night, will complete their registration on November 24. This enrolment necessitates a total staff of 29 teachers at the three centres.

Mrs. W. J. Beaty and Richard Licata, members of the county planning committee at Acton and Georgetown respectively report "everyone delighted" and the classes off to a good start. The same is true at Milton. Naturally, there are always a few snags to be ironed out — but everything points to another enjoyable and profitable season's activity. It would appear that all classes are filled to capacity at Acton. The same at Georgetown with the possible exception of the course in Metalcraft. The Milton classes too, we understand from chairman A. T. Woodley, are filled to capacity and no more applicants can be accepted with the exception of a few more in Farm Business and Effective Business Procedures. These two courses, in general, are lectures courses and the only limit is hall or room accommodation.

**Hornby Black Knights
Royal Scarlet Degree**

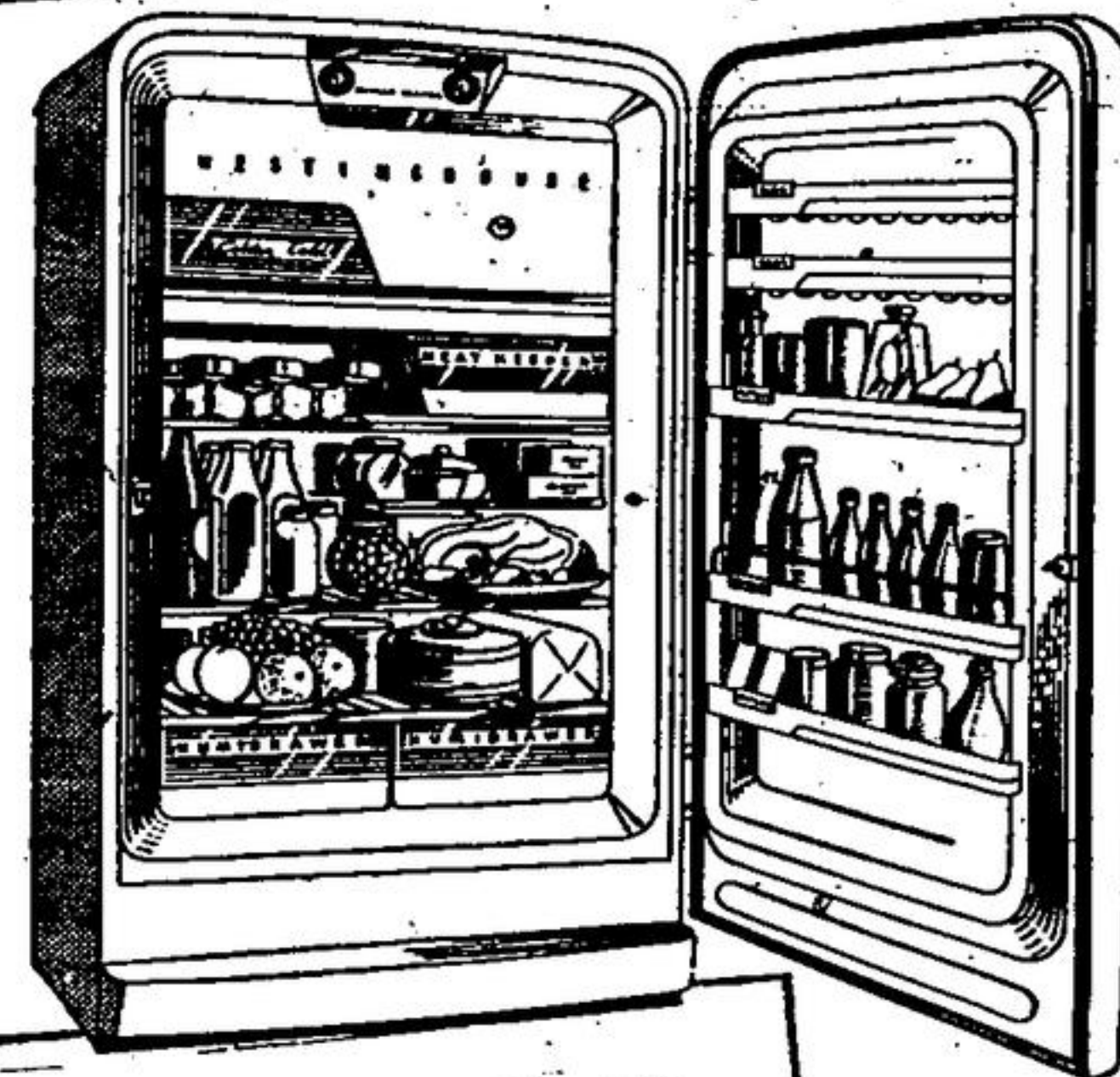
Completing a busy evening last Wednesday when officers of RBP 895, Royal Black Knights of Ireland were elected at a meeting in Hornby Orange Hall, Sir. Knights Jack Cain and Ernie Wilson received the Royal Scarlet degree.

On Friday the preceptory sent a strong delegation to RBP 877, where Sir Knight Ernie Rawson received the Royal Green degree along with the class from that Guelph lodge.

New officers of the lodge, headed by R. A. Brownridge, W. Preceptor, are, Stan Learmont, dep. preceptor; V. Bradley, chaplain; J. Graham, registrar; L. Sampson, recording registrar; A. W. Carter, treasurer; J. McLennan, 1st lecturer; J. Wilson, 2nd lecturer; Ernie Rawson, 1st censor; D. Douglas, 2nd censor; Ernie Wilson, 1st standard bearer; J. Cain, 2nd standard bearer; N. Boville, pursuivant; committeemen, George Peacock, C. Brooks, D. Douglas, C. Smith, H. Kelly, J. Weller, J. S. Ferrier.

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