

FARM NEWS

Halton, as Usual, is Prominent Among Royal Winter Fair Entries

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The special 4-H Grain Section at the 1957 Royal Winter Fair on Thursday afternoon of last week, as usual, packed the big Coliseum. From the standpoint of glamour and interest, the judging of this annual classic constitutes the outstanding feature of the week. Four-H club members, numbering 258, from all sections of southern Ontario, were on hand with their steers, which they had fed and cared for during the club season. One hundred and eleven were entered in the Short-horn section and what a task confronted Fred Major, the official judge from near London. However, he quickly demonstrated that he was well qualified for the job when he divided the large entry into three groups.

In his first prize group there were 24 and of this number 25 percent were from Halton, namely those of Caroline Gardhouse, Grant Baker, Janet and Walter Hendershot, Charles Martin and Bob Merry. Following this, Mr. Major selected five from which to select his champion and reserve champion Shorthorns. In this select group was Caroline Gardhouse and her steer. However, the final awards went to the steers of Helen Anderson of Orangeville and Donald Campbell of Puslinch.

The Angus section brought together 75 club members and their respective entries. Halton had only one entry in this section, Patricia McKay and her entry was one of those selected for the first prize group. In this section, Gordon Adams of York County had the champion and Ron Gardiner, the reserve champion. In the Hereford section, 72 club members paraded their white faces. Here Neil McLeod had the champion and Bobby O'Brien the reserve.

Then came the climax, the task of selecting the Queen's Guineas winners from the six champions. When it was all over, Helen Anderson's White Shorthorn was the winner for 1957 and in the reserve position was Gordon Adams' champion Angus. Participating in the ceremonies of the event were Manager Fred Campbell of Toronto Stock Yards; R. G. Bennett, associate director of extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture; Livestock Commissioner W. P. Watson; T. R. Hilliard, Director of Extension; Deputy Minister Dr. C. D. Graham and Agricultural Minister Hon. W. A. Goodfellow. It is also worthy of mention that Halton's two top 4-H steers at the Achievement Day held at the Milton fair and which had not qualified for the Queen's Guinea Class competed in the Open Angus steer show. Here they placed second and third respectively, who owned them? Why, John Hepburn and Evelyn McKay.

Don Moffat Wins
In the hog carcass competition which attracted 98 entries, Don Moffat of Campbellville, R. R. 1, repeated his triumph of 1956 by again having the champion hog carcass and took the S. E. Todd Challenge trophy for the second year in a row. John W. Wilson, also of Nassagaweya Township, had one of his two entries qualify for the first prize group. Other Haltonians whose entries were successful in qualifying for the second prize group were George Robertson of Acton, R. R. 1, and Edward Snow of Milton, R. R. 5, and it is quite possible we may have overlooked others in our quick inspection of the large entry.

Premier Breeder Award
In a terrific Jersey show which attracted over 500 entries the Lindale herd of Maurice C. Beatty of Milton, R. R. 4, won the coveted premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards. Halton may well be proud of this outstanding achievement won for her by Mr. Beatty. No less than 78 of the top herds from eight provinces in Canada and 12 herds from six different States of the Union were in competition. While we are not positive, it is our opinion that the 1957 Jersey show was the largest in the history of the Royal. In any event, the Jerseys boys had the largest entry of any of the dairy breed shows.

To give our readers some idea of the size of some of the classes, we might point out that the senior heifer calf class attracted no less than

68 head. In this sort of competition the Lindale herd had no less than four entries in the first eleven awards. Featherstone Bros. of Oakville, R. R. 1, owing to their misfortune in losing their barn by fire in the late summer, limited their entries to two head. Their mature milking cow placed second in strong competition and went on to take the reserve senior champion award. She later in the Sale of Stars sold at the nice figure of \$825. The Lindale herd of M. C. Beatty also consigned two of its red ribbon winners where they brought the figures of \$875 and \$600 respectively. Other Halton herds represented in this great show were those of Mac Alexander of Norval and Ken Ella of Hornby, whose entries were also well up in the money.

Red Polls Make a Clean Sweep
The Red Poll strings of Leonard Coulson, A. R. Coulter and George E. Readhead, all of Lowville, made a clean sweep of all the top awards at the 1957 Royal. Numbered among some of their top awards were, in the case of Leonard Coulson, Senior and Grand Champion Female, Junior Champion Female, Junior Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Male, not to mention 9 first prize awards. The Grand Champion bull of the show was the joint entry of A. R. Coulter and Leonard Coulson. In addition, we noted Mr. Coulter had four red ribbons to his credit. The third member of this famous Red Poll Halton trio, George E. Readhead had the reserve senior and reserve grand champion cow and the reserve senior champion male.

Dunton Judges Holsteins
Ward Brownridge of Georgetown, R. R. 2, A. G. Hunter of Burlington, R. R. 1; Wilfrid Leslie of Georgetown, R. R. 4 and Howard Gowland of Milton, R. R. 1, were the only Haltonians to compete in the outstanding Black and White Show, judged by Douglas Dunton of Brampton, R. R. 6. In the senior yearling bull class the entry of Ward Brownridge was in second place and that of Howard Gowland sixth in a class which attracted ten entries. In a similar number of two year old bulls, the entry of Wilfrid Leslie and J. M. Fraser also had a second prize award. Rosale Preceptor was the grand champion male of the show for Elmerott Farms Limited, with the reserve going to that great three year old son of Snowball Sylvia Alcarix, owned by the Oxford County Cattle Breeding Association. Many Halton-Holstein enthusiasts will recall the dam of this great sire when she was in the herd of Mortley T. Watson of Tansley. Lloyd Pickard's wide circle of Halton friends will be delighted that the entry of Pickard and Clark, namely Sylvia Pabst Tediak won the female grand champion award of the show.

Bennett Premier Breeder
A second Halton breeder to win the coveted premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards was S. G. Bennett of Scotsdale Farm, of Georgetown. Reford Gardhouse, the well known breeder and Shorthorn authority of Milton had a strong show over which to adjudicate. Ontario breeders had strong competition from many of the top herds of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta plus the noted Cyrus Eaton herd from Ohio. S. G. Bennett had the junior champion male with the reserve going to Rothney Farms of Alberta. The senior and grand champion bull of the Show was owned by Ken Deacon of Unionville, with S. G. Bennett taking the reserve grand on his junior champion. A. C. McDermott of Goodwood, Ontario, had the junior champion female, with the reserve going to an entry from the Cyrus Eaton herd. The latter breeder also had the senior and grand champion female and the reserve senior and reserve grand went to an entry of Wm. Muirhead and Sons from Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. W. H. Merry's first prize junior bull calf was a strong contender for the junior champion award. Another Halton herd that was a strong contender throughout the show was that of T. C. Amos of Moffat. Numbered among some of the higher awards won by this exhibitor was a second on his senior heifer calf in a strong class.

Other Halton Exhibitors
Our report should not be interpreted as a complete report by any means of Halton exhibitors at the 1957 Royal. We know that W. F. James and J. H. Willmott and Son were strong contenders and winners in the outstanding Angus Show and of course, the Hampshire Show would not have been complete without the entries of Willmott and Son. In the Dual Purpose Shorthorns, Clarence Peacock

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of Milton, R. R. 4, was making it interesting for all and sundry as we stopped at the ringside for a brief look. Unfortunately, in the one and a half days spent at this great show window of Canadian Agriculture, there were many divisions and sections which we never even saw and consequently were we to attempt to present a complete list of all the awards won by Halton exhibitors, it would likely require a special edition.

REFEREE GIVES POINTERS SPEAKS TO NORVAL JUNIORS

At the home of Carol and Tom Hunter, the Norval Juniors spent a very interesting evening at their November meeting on the 13th. The Junior Institute commenced their project of making toys which are to be given to a Children's Aid depot for Christmas. The Junior Farmers had as their guest speaker Hugh McClain, a Junior A referee

from Hamilton. Judging from the comments heard from some of the boys, his speech was absorbing. He pointed out that players should learn the rules before playing hockey and also related some of the highlights of various games he had refereed. At the joint meeting, Joan Wrigglesworth told of her exchange visit to the British Isles. She accompanied her speech with a number of coloured slides.



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