

Picket Holstein tops All-Canadian honors

The announcement of the All-Canadian Holsteins for the current show season focuses the spotlight on those animals that have been truly outstanding at the fairs this year.

Barivus Pabst Lana, owned by Claude F. Picket, Georgetown, retained her position as queen of the shows as she was named All-Canadian Aged Cow for the second consecutive year, while the top male honor went to Brooknoll Rockman Citation as he was named All-Canadian Aged Bull. He was shown by R. R. McCain, Florenceville, N.B. and Bertram Stewart, Hornby, and is now owned by the New Brunswick Central Artificial Breeding Co-Op at Fredericton. He was Grand Champion at the West-Central Ontario Championship Show, Erin, and Reserve Grand Champion at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.

Altogether breeders from seven provinces and three U.S. states exhibited the 75 animals and groups that were nominated for All-Canadian consideration in the 12 official show classes. Of these, 10 shared the ownership of the 12 All-Canadians, 16 the Reserve All-Canadians and 15 the Honorable Mentions. Selections were made by vote of the judges

at leading Canadian fairs of 1969. Six entries were nominated for All-Canadian consideration in each class except that for Aged Cows where there were 12 and Get-of-Sire where there were three.

Lowell Lindsay, Brampton showed two All-Canadian winners. One was Surodana Marquis Apollo, the All-Canadian bull calf which he owns jointly with Bertram Stewart, Hornby, and Howard Tarzwell, Hornby.

Three breeders shared the ownership of the All-Canadian Get-of-Sire by Thorleas Texal Supreme. These were Claude Picket, with two members including the All-Canadian Aged Cow; Glenafon Farms, Alliston and Shigeru Matsumura, Scarborough, with the All-Canadian two-year-old heifer, and Heffering and Trevena, Avenia, N.Y. with the Reserve All-Canadian Aged Cow.

The All-Canadian two-year-old is Benview Wendy Supreme, bred by William J. Bennett, Burlington, and now owned by Alinto Marquay of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

All-Canadian Aged Cow, Mayleo Flossie, bred by Clayton May, Milton.



AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS at the Acton Snowmobile Club's meet at the high school grounds, Sunday were left to right, Brenda Langille, Paul Nielsen and Bill McCabe. (Staff Photo)

Is it DDT or PCB?

Farmers unfairly blamed for pollution

By H. J. Stanley
"Agriculture has come in for a lot of abuse—some warranted but a lot unwarranted." This was the theme of the talk given by Byron Beeler, Director of the Soils and Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, when speaking at the

annual meeting of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association on Jan. 14.
Mr. Beeler told the 75 Halton County farmers in attendance that with the current cost price squeeze in agriculture, it would be impossible to produce food at the current cost levels without pesticides. He stated that not nearly enough has been said about the benefits of many of these pesticides, with newspapers often guilty of presenting only the one side of the question and using scare tactics.

DDT did not present a hazard to human health but to fish eating birds and fish. A new group of substances just identified last fall, called P.C.B.'s, found in plastic, waxes, paints, and varnishes, have been interfering with the DDT analyses. Thus the question—is the residue DDT or P.C.B.? Such mistakes have been made in the past in wide spread use of DDT for Dutch Elm disease and mosquito control in parks. But it has been responsible for greatly increased production in many crops. With the prohibition of DDT some of the new insecticides to replace it are much more toxic and could cause hazards to the applicator if not properly used. Mr. Beeler suggested that farm people must be very conscious of the misuse

of pesticides, however, they must stand up for the facts and not permit just the one side of the story to be told.

It has been suggested that phosphates and potash from fertilizers pollute the streams and lakes. An understanding of soils shows that these two elements are very strongly fixed in the soil and do not move about in the soil water. They become firmly attached to the calcium and soil particles respectively. The greatest source of Nitrogen in the lakes comes not from the farm run-off, as many would believe, but from the Nitrogen in the air over the lake.

Members of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association later in the meeting decided that unless a practical and sensible approach is taken by everyone concerned with this question of pollution on the farm, the costs of producing food in this area could be prohibitive.

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Tom Foster president Halton Soil, Crop group

Tom Foster, R. R. 3, Campbellville, was chosen 1970 president of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association, with Claude Inglis, R. R. 2, Campbellville, as vice-president, and Henry Stanley as secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are: Arnold Fish, Oakville 1; Clarence Ford Jr., Oakville 1; Colin Marshall, Milton 4; John Willmott, Milton 1; Ernest Alexander, Norval 1; Harvey Nurse, Georgetown 2; Earl Wilson, Norval 1; Don Brander, Norval 1; Fred Bell, Burlington 1; Murray Harris, Milton 6; Russell Hurren, Campbellville 2; John Kitching, Moffat 1; and Bruce Coles,

Three directors for beef group

By H. J. Stanley
Jim McKay, Claire Sweetman, and Bill Wilson were returned as directors to the Peel-Halton Beef Improvement Association at the annual meeting held in the Junior Farmer Building, Brampton, on Jan. 15. Jim McKay is the current vice-president of this Association.

Highlight of this meeting was a panel discussion under the chairmanship of Herb Norry, Agricultural Representative. John Willmott of Milton discussed beef cow-calf operations with Bob Slamski, Beef Specialist, covering the breeding and feeding of beef cattle.

It was suggested that the British breeds of beef cattle, Angus, Shorthorn and Hereford, would continue to exist only if they met the requirements of the commercial producer. This means efficient and rapid rates of gain and carcass quality. The desirability of cross breeding was stressed with even the possibility of bringing a dairy breed into the cross to get milking qualities and size.

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Invite farmers to attend assessment appeal in Peel

An important Ontario Municipal Board assessment appeal hearing in Peel County next Wednesday will likely affect Halton farmers who are still protesting their increased 1968 property assessments. Halton Federation of Agriculture this week invited any interested farmers who are concerned about high assessment and taxes.

Corn crop wins watch

Gordon Hurren, R. R. 1 Millgrove, won the gold watch for winning the high yield grain corn competition sponsored by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. This was presented by the U.C.O. Halton Branch, with Joe Geilen, Area Sales Representative, making the presentation. Gordon had a yield of 123 bushels per acre.

Runners-up were H. C. Reid, R. R. 6, Milton - 122 bu/acre; and Arthur Lawson, R. R. 5, Milton - 121 bu/acre. The average of all competitors was 108 bu/acre, some 18 bushels lower than the 1968 average.

Winner of the Spring Grain section was Gordon Leslie, R. R. 3, Acton. His Herta Barley averaged 70.2 bu/acre. Runners-up were Merle Gunby, R. R. 1, Millgrove, with 67.7 and Arthur Lawson, R. R. 5, Milton, with 59.9 bushels of Herta Barley.

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"Separates for Summer" explained 4-H leaders

By Ann Page
Sheridan Journalism School
The 4-H homemaking clubs' training school for Halton County was held last week at Grace Anglican Church, Milton. This program was designed to train women leaders to teach girls belonging to the 4-H clubs throughout Halton County a specific domestic skill.

The present project is entitled "Separates for Summer". The women will be instructing the girls in the art of sewing sportswear. They will be taught how to use patterns, the layout and cutting of material, various kinds of stitching and types of design.

Mrs. Dorcen Bannister, Home Economist for Halton County and Miss Rosemary Clark, supervisor of Home Economists in Central Ontario were the two

voluntary instructors teaching this course.

The actual training program lasted for two days. Two women from each of the 15 clubs of Halton County will eventually be taking this sewing instruction. The project "Separates for Summer" will be carried on for

the next three months. The 4-H clubs are sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. To qualify for membership in one of the clubs, a girl must be 12 years of age or over by the first of March.

At noon Wednesday, leaders attended a group luncheon at the Caravan Restaurant, guests of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, in recognition of their volunteer work.

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