



4-H DELEGATES FROM MANITOBA visited with Ontario hosts last week. Shown here with a sheep from the Hunter farm are left to right Ray Swackhamer, Acton; Keith Russell and Heather Helgason of Manitoba and Janet Hunter, Milton.—(Staff Photo)

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4-H shows calves just for practice

Manitoba visitors marvel at Ontario's rolling hills

When Heather Helgason and Keith Russell boarded their plane in Manitoba, on route to Malton Airport, neither one imagined Ontario countryside would be entirely different than home surroundings, though Keith had been in Ontario once before.

The number of trees and massive lakes impressed him most. Heather was astounded by "such rolling countryside" for at home land is very flat. Both Keith and Heather were on a 4-H Ontario exchange program for two weeks. Their hosts were Janet and Lois Hunter of R. R. 1 Burlington and Rae Swackhamer, R. R. 2, Acton.

On arriving in Toronto August 7, Ken Knox, assistant summer supervisor of junior farmers took them to the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, where they toured the buildings, observed Provincial Junior Farmers' Field Day and sat in at a Junior Farmers' provincial directors' meeting. From here Heather went to the dairy farm of Harold Jenkins in Elgin County for a week. At the same time Keith was guest at the beef and soybean farm of Doug Taylor, Elgin County. With their genial hosts they visited Aylmer Fair and Aylmer 4-H Achievement Day, the shoreline of Lake Erie, London area and Ridgeway College of Agriculture.

Meet hosts

Following their week stay in Elgin County the two Manitoba travellers met their second hosts at a "get acquainted" party in

Ballinacra Community Hall, Friday night. They returned to these farms for their last week in Ontario.

At the Hunter farm Heather is learning everything she can about sheep and beef steers. On the other hand, Keith is getting to know the dairy business at the Swackhamer, century old, Guernsey farm "I have never been with dairy cattle or sheep before," admitted Heather, "and am trying to learn everything I can about them."

Heather and Keith, Janet and Rae, enjoyed bowling, a weiner roast and tours of Esquesing Poultry Farms, Leaver Mushrooms and S. G. Bennett's Shorthorn farm, Esquesing, on Saturday. Sunday they participated in a car rally with Prince Edward County Junior Farmers, and later enjoyed a barbecue with the group.

Some work too

On Monday Keith farmed all day at Swackhamer's. "He caught on to running the combine and trucks right away," said Rae. At the same time, Heather motored to the Blue Mountains of Collingwood and to Georgian Bay with Janet. "The countryside is so scenic and the hills so rolling," she said.

Tuesday the group visited Niagara Falls, the wax museum and Skyline Tower. At night Heather and Janet toured Hamilton and the Skyway bridge. A trip to Burlington Mall and a 4-H meeting at the Aitken farm, Acton, were on the girls' agenda.

Wednesday, Races at Golden Horseshoe Dragway was the evening's entertainment for the boys.

On Thursday they visited the C.N.E. in Toronto and Friday flew back home to Manitoba.

Prior to their flight from Manitoba, Keith and Heather were not acquainted with one another. Heather, 19, is a native of Asher, Manitoba, a town of 100 people. She is the oldest of three children. While she does not live on a farm, she owns horses and is an active member of 4-H Home Economics and Pony Clubs.

Mixed farming

Keith is the youngest of four boys and lives in Lenore, Manitoba, a village of 70. Mixed farming is his family's bread and butter. They raise beef and dairy cattle, horses and wheat for commercial selling.

While Keith did not write home to his parents during his stay in Ontario, he admitted he would correspond back and forth with Rae.

And how did they like Ontario living? "Just great," said Heather. "I never realized Niagara Falls could be so beautiful."

"Ontario lakes are the first bodies of water I couldn't see across," added Keith. Heather shot six rolls of film while in Ontario and Keith seven rolls.

Both hosts volunteered to take their guest for a week's stay. In September Lois Hunter and Rae Swackhamer will attend Junior Farmers' Camp at Collingwood for a week.

On Aug. 24 the Acton 4-H Club held a two part meeting. The first part started at about 7:30 p.m. at the farm of Mr. K. Murray. Susan Murray, Pat Murray, Susan Maly, Janet Clendinning and Karen Pierce got the meeting underway by leading their calves for practice in showmanship. Nino Braida, club leader, acted as a judge to make it seem like the official fair day.

Carol Somerville gave a talk on the grooming of a calf. Many questions were asked, and while a cold drink was served Cathy Lasby thanked the host Mr. Murray.

Show calves

The second part of the meeting took place at the farm of Mr. Lasby. Bob and Cathy Lasby showed calves (shorthorns) and Russell Murray showed Bill's as he was absent.

President, Bob Lasby, talked about showmanship and its importance. The rest of the members then led the calves with Russell Murray as judge. Next, all calves were led back to the barn except one which was used for a demonstration. Bob Lasby conducted this demonstration on cleaning, clipping and grooming the calf.

Following this was the official opening of the meeting which had been postponed in order to beat the dark.

The President opened the meeting with the 4-H Pledge and Carol Somerville, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted as read. The secretary then took roll call and the business of building a float was brought up by Bob Lasby. They discussed the float and nominated Keith Aitken, Cathy Lasby, Bob Lasby, Norma Leslie, Susan Murray and Carol Somerville for a committee.

Quiz night

Next the secretary handed out name badges to be worn at 4-H events. We were told quiz night was to be on Sept. 9 and projects must be completed that day. Susan Murray moved that the meeting be adjourned and Tom Parker seconded it.

Refreshments were served and Pat Murray thanked the host, Mr. Lasby.

Ontario apple growers must strive to meet competition

By E. Estabrooks

With great increases in apple acreage being planted in North America during recent years, a great deal of competition for markets from other apple growing regions is anticipated. Apple growers in Ontario will have to become more efficient in the use of land, labor and good cultural practices to meet this competition. To assist growers to this end a series of special meetings are being held in six locations across the province sponsored by the Ontario Apple Commission and the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

Meet Sept. 8

The meeting being held for apple growers in the Toronto-Hamilton area is being held on the evening of Sept. 8 at

Chudleigh Bros. Orchard Highway 25, just north of Milton.

Featured on the program will be Dr. D. H. Heinicke, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Wenatchee, Washington, who will talk about and demonstrate pruning and training of apple trees. Dr. Bob Fisher of the Canada Research Station, Vineland Station will discuss a sprayer evaluation project which has been conducted in the past two years in an attempt to discover the limitations of sprayers being used to apply pesticides for insect and disease control.

With emphasis being placed on apple quality for consumer satisfaction and to meet competition, two talks with emphasis on quality will be presented at this meeting. Mr. Reid Dunham,

of the Farm Products Inspection Branch will discuss the selection and grading of apples for controlled atmosphere storage and Dr. Sam Loughheed, University of Guelph, will discuss indices for determining optimum maturity in McIntosh apples.

To accommodate such a full program, the meeting will get underway at 7 o'clock.

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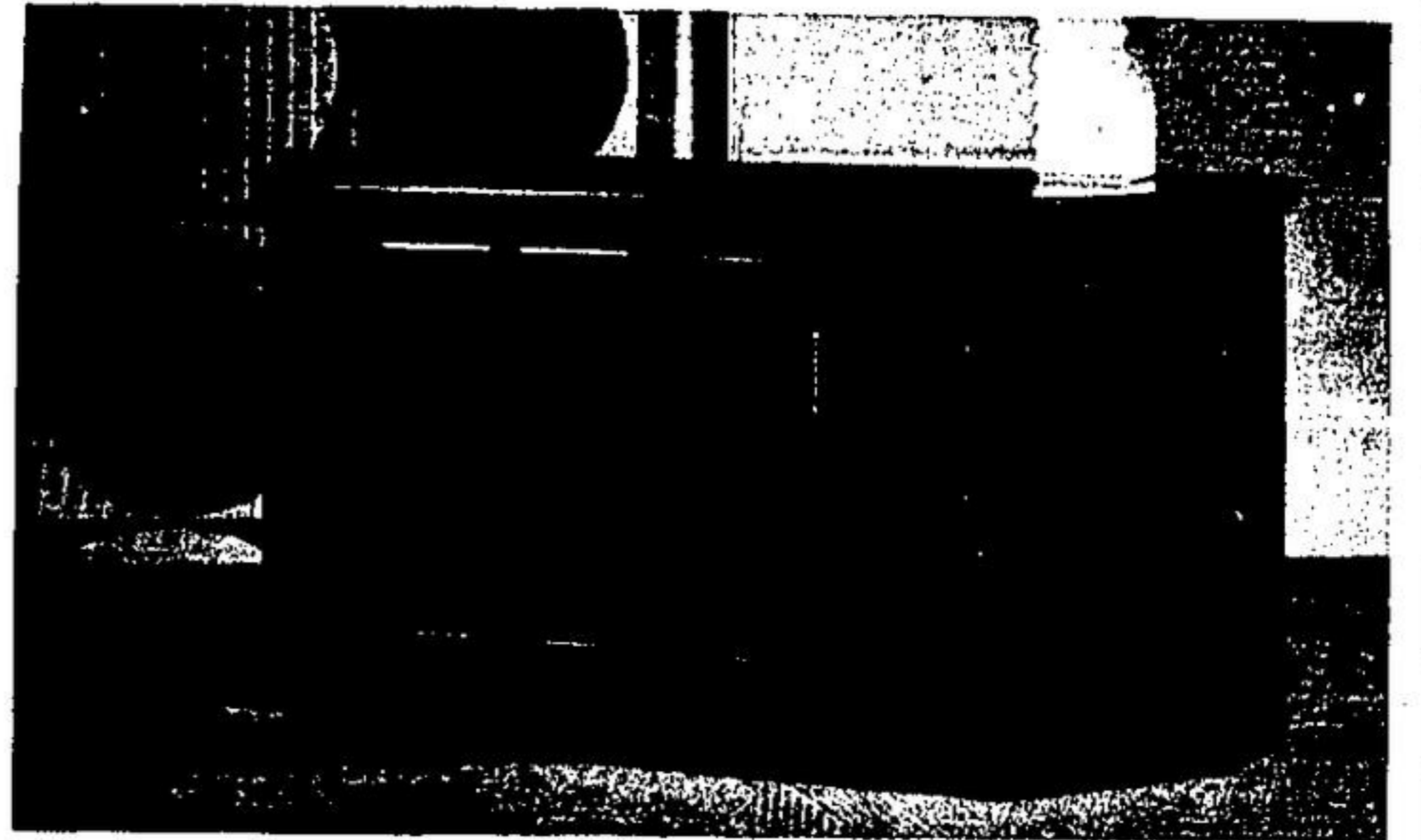
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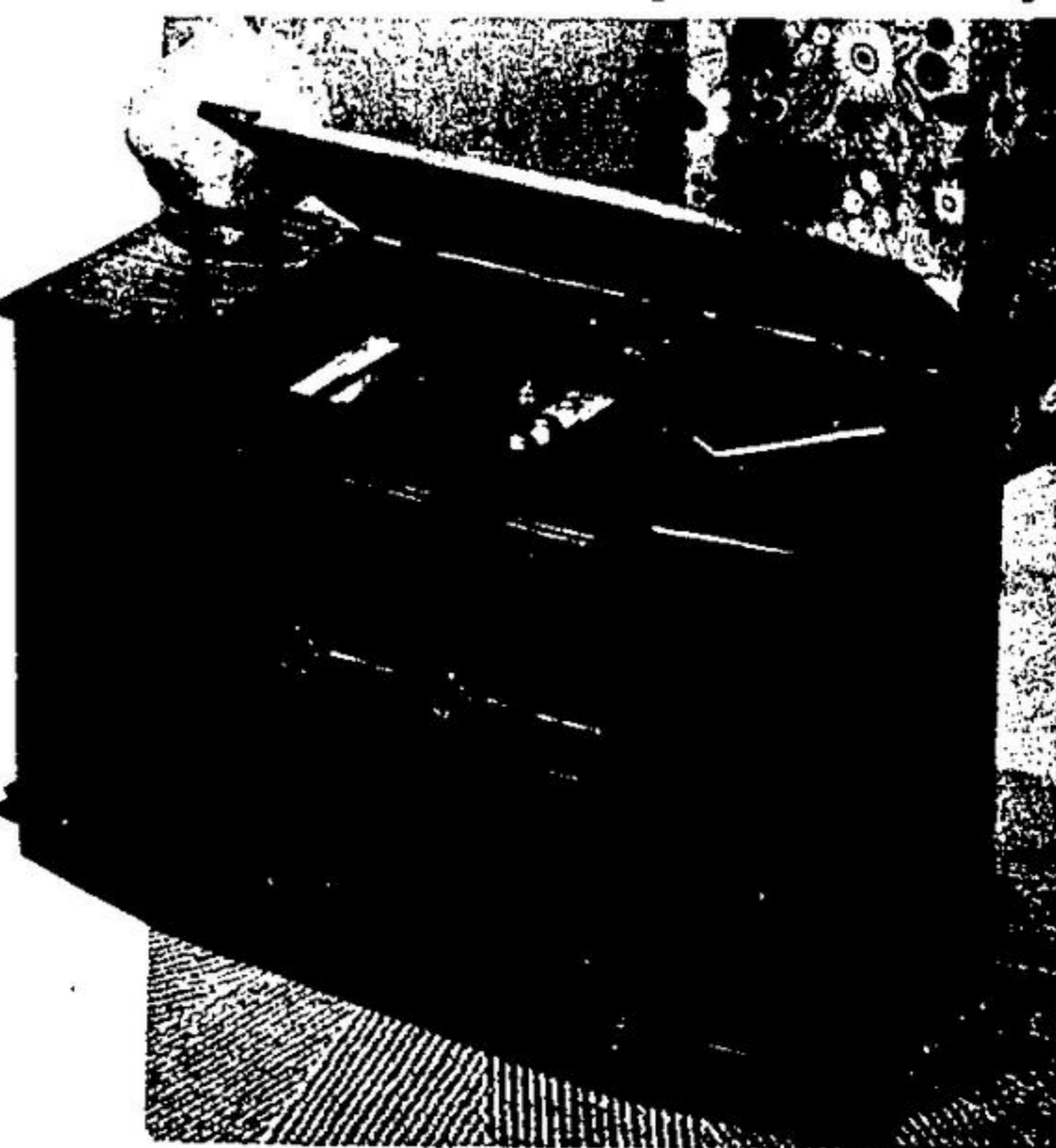
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