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# 4-H Achievement Days held at Milton fair

by Hugh Cook  
Milton Fair on Sept. 24 and 25 was the scene of four of the Halton 4-H Agricultural Club Achievement Days. At this time, the 4-H'ers are required to exhibit their projects in order to obtain satisfactory completion in their clubs. The results of the Achievement Days are as follows:  
The Halton 4-H Field Crop Club had 10 people enrolled and all 10 exhibited. Dave Agnew of Milton placed first in the corn section. Exhibiting hay, Grace Bird of Georgetown placed first, Anne McClure of Georgetown second, Ken McNabb of Georgetown, third and Bill Stokes of Campbellville fourth. There were two exhibiting oats with Ken McNabb placing first and Dave Taylor of Georgetown second. Of the two 4-H'ers exhibiting barley, Lorne Wilson of Georgetown placed first and Joanne Wilson of Georgetown, second.

**Beef cattle**  
All 15 members in the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club exhibited their calves on Saturday, Sept. 25. In the showmanship class, Dave McKinnon of Milton placed first, Joe Willmott of Milton second, Laura Willmott of Milton third, and Keith McKinnon and Nancy McKinnon both of Milton, placed fourth and fifth respectively. Exhibiting calves, Laura Willmott placed first, Sheila Anger of Norval second, and Valerie Knight of Campbellville third in the Beef Heifer Class.  
Keith McKinnon placed first with his crossbred steer in the steer class. Dan Willmott was second, James Lindsay of Georgetown was third.  
Nine of the 10 4-H members in the Halton 4-H Jersey, Guernsey Dual-Purpose Shorthorn Calf Club exhibited their calves. Bruce McKeown of Mono Rd. was the top Showman, John Nixon of Norval was second, Ken McNabb was third, Marg. Robinson of

Acton was fourth, and Jane Nixon of Norval was fifth. In the Jersey calf section, Jane Nixon exhibited the first placed junior heifer and Marg. Robinson placed second. Of the senior heifers, Valerie Ella's of Hornby was first, Bruce McKeown second, John Nixon third, and Bob Robinson of Georgetown fourth. Ken McNabb placed first exhibiting his Guernsey heifer. Marianne Lepa of Milton was first, Diane Lepa of Milton second and Brenda Hillman of Milton third in the dual purpose shorthorn section.  
The Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Achievement Day was also held at Milton Fair. Of the 21 members, 20 exhibited at Achievement Day. In the showmanship class, Dave Reid of Georgetown placed first, brother Barry Reid, second, Paul Stewart of Hornby third, Gary Patterson of Milton fourth, and Sandy Bennett of Burlington fifth.

**Junior calves**  
Exhibiting junior calves (calves born in 1971), Bill Stokes placed first and Steven Wildgoose of Milton second. Exhibiting intermediate calves (born in October, November or December of 1970), Les McDonald of Georgetown was first, Cathy O'Hearn of Georgetown second, and Grace Bird placed third. In the senior calf section (calves born July, August or September 1970), Sandy Bennett exhibited the top calf, Paul Stewart was second, and Dave Reid was third.

The next section of the 4-H Show was the exhibiting of this year's and last year's 4-H dairy heifers. Exhibiting Holstein heifers, Bruce McGee of Norval placed first, Barry Reid placed second and Les McDonald placed third.

Exhibiting a Pair of dairy heifers, Other Breeds, Valerie Ella placed first with her pair of Jersey heifers, Ken McNabb second with his Guernsey heifers and Marg Robinson third with her Jersey heifers.  
Bruce McGee wins the Bank of Commerce trophy which is presented to the 4-H Holstein Calf Club member with the winning pair of heifers in this class. The

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Milton donates this trophy.

**Wins trophy**  
Valerie Ella wins the Walter Norrington trophy, donated by Walter Norrington of Milton, for exhibiting the top pair of dairy heifers.

Two new classes offered at Milton Fair this year were the Beef and Dairy Showmanship Classes for boys and girls 12-years-old and under, excluding 4-H'ers.

Showing in the beef section, Craig Somerville of Acton placed first and Dale Coulson of Burlington placed second.

Donna Stewart of Hornby was top showman in the Dairy section with Patricia Patterson of Milton placing second and Frank Robinson of Georgetown third.

# Queen of Furrow Plan Halton plowing match

By Henry J. Stanley  
The Halton Plowing Match is scheduled for Saturday Nov. 6 at the farm of H. Craig Reid, Appleby Lane, Burlington. One of the feature attractions at this plowing match is the "Queen of the Furrow" contest. These young ladies must be either living at or must have been raised on a farm, be 16 years of age and have not reached their 25th birthdays by Nov. 1.

The competition consists of a two to three minute talk on the activities of the Halton

Plowmen's Association, and actual ploughing at the match. Coaches and assistants are available to help each girl. Excellent prizes are provided to all competitors.

The winner will represent Halton at the international plowing match in 1972.

Anyone interested in this contest should contact the furrow queen committee which includes, Mrs. Spencer Wilson, R.R. 2, Georgetown; George Swann, Milton; or Jack Marchment, Milton.

## Exhibits at Erin Fair

By Hugh Cook  
Erin Fair will be held on Oct. 8, 9, and 10th. The top exhibitor from our Halton 4-H Clubs are encouraged to exhibit in the Inter-Club 4-H Show.

The 4-H field crop exhibits are to be in place at Erin Fair by 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 and must remain until 5 p.m. on the final day.

**Dairy calves**  
Dairy calves will be shown on

Saturday, Oct. 9, at 12.30 p.m. Beef calves will be shown on Monday, Oct. 11 at 3.30 p.m.

Those wishing to take part in the evaluation competition must be under 26 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1971. Registration will take place from 9.00 to 9.15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. Contestants will evaluate dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine and some field crop classes.

# Wild pigs cause havoc

After almost five years of frustration trying to work out some solution to his neighbor's wild pigs that run through his and neighboring properties Ken Robinson appeared before Nassagaweya Council at their regular meeting Monday.

He was complaining about J. Snookie who lives on the Guelph Lane near 15 Sideroad. He said the pigs were a public nuisance and had done damage to his property and his neighbors' crops.

He and Peter McIlwraith, a second neighbor charged the man wasn't feeding his own pigs. McIlwraith said he had tried everything short of a shotgun to catch the pigs when they came on his property.

**Not fenced**  
Mr. Robinson said it was impossible to catch the pigs. He said they had hundreds of acres to run in and the owner never fenced them in. He said he has considered taking private legal action but learned it would cost at least \$1,000.

Mr. McIlwraith said he was in the process of taking legal action against the man. He said he was

worried about his children's safety.

Clerk Campbell Thompson said he had been there to investigate on one occasion and almost hit one on the road on his way to the farm.

Members of council agreed the pigs on the road constituted a public nuisance and considered passing the matter to their lawyer for advice, but decided to speak to the owner of the land. Mr. Snookie rents the land.

"If it was me, they'd slowly disappear," councillor Jim Watson said.

Mr. McIlwraith said police warned him that it was illegal to shoot a hoofed animal but indicated there was no action they could take unless one was caught off the owner's property.

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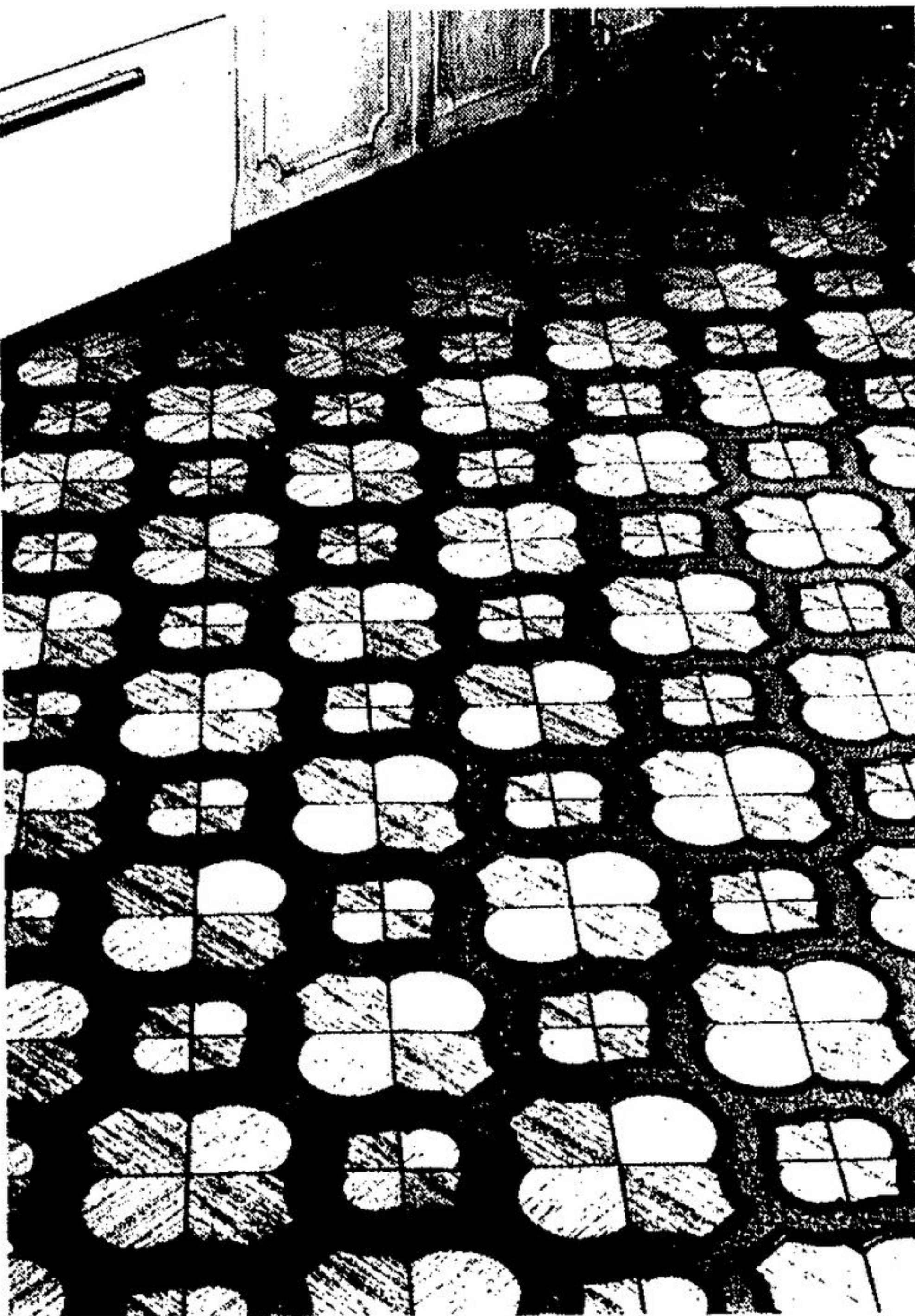
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## Gonna crack big whip?

"Who knows, some day we may crack the big whip," Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur said after her deputy, Don McMillan noted Nassagaweya Township's growth over the past year was at the same rate as Burlington's.

Building permits issued during September represented construction valued at \$106,380 and brought the value of construction to date for the year to \$1,168,000. The figure for the same period of time last year was \$750,095. Three residential permits and three residential additions accounted for \$58,000.

## Best results for peonies

By Burke McNeill  
For best results divide and replant peonies in late September and October.  
Dig out the old plants, and dry them carefully to preserve the roots. Shake off any loose earth. Then expose them to the sun and air for several hours. With a sharp knife, divide the roots into sections, each with three to five "eyes" or buds.  
Plant in a well-drained location with full sun. Set the buds about one inch below the soil surface. Firm the soil well and water thoroughly. Add some fertilizer high in phosphate and potash to help establish strong roots. Apply a light mulch the first winter to prevent frost heaving and to ensure successful planting.  
Try some of the new hybrid forms and early flowering Japanese varieties to extend the peony season several weeks. If planted properly, peonies will often bloom the following year.

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