



ACTON TOOK on a western look for a few moments Sunday morning, when a covered wagon and mule team driven by Ron Allan of Toronto stopped in front of the A-B Supermarket on its way to the International Plowing Match, which begins in Sebringville near Stratford Tuesday. Acton lads Scott and Kevin McLaren hopped up on the wagon behind the mule team of "Tic" and "Tac". The team left Toronto Saturday morning. It is 100 miles from Toronto to Sebringville. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

## List 4-H club results at Milton's Fall Fair

**By A.M. Armstrong**  
Milton Fair on Sept. 22 and 23 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 club. The results of the Achievement Day are as follows:

**Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club**  
Twenty eight of the 30 members in the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club exhibited their calves on Saturday, Sept. 23. In the showmanship class, Keith McKinnon of Milton placed first, Douglas Mewhinney of Milton second, and Laura and Joe Willmott of Milton placed third and fourth respectively, with David McKinnon of Milton placing fifth. Exhibiting calves, Bill Allison of Georgetown placed first, Bob Allison second, James Lindsay of Georgetown third, Keith McKinnon fourth and David McKinnon fifth, in the Beef Steer Class Margot Anger of Norval placed first in the Heifer Class with Bill Stokes of Campbellville second and Bryon Anger third.

**Halton 4-H Jersey, Guernsey, Dual-Purpose-Shorthorn Calf Club**  
All 16 members of the Halton 4-

H Jersey, Guernsey, Dual-Purpose-Shorthorn Calf Club exhibited their calves. Ken McNabb of Georgetown was top showman, Bruce McKeown of Caledon East second, Valerie Ella of Hornby third, Jay De Vore of Brampton fourth and John Nixon of Norval fifth. Bob Robinson, Georgetown exhibited the top Junior Jersey Calf and Frank Robinson placed second. With senior heifers Valerie Ella placed first, Bruce Mellow, Bolton second, Alan McKeown third, John Nixon fourth and Bruce McKeown fifth. Ken McNabb exhibited the only Guernsey calf for the club. Diane Lepa, Marianne Lepa and David Lepa of Milton placed first, second and third respectively with their Dual-Purpose-Shorthorn calves. Steven Harris of Milton placed 4th with his Dual-Purpose Heifer.

**Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club**  
The Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Achievement Day was also held at the Milton Fair. Twenty-nine members exhibited at achievement day. In the showmanship class, Bruce McGee of Norval was first, Barry Reid and Dave Reid of Georgetown were second and third respectively, Dorothy McDonald of Georgetown fourth and Leslie McDonald fifth. Exhibiting junior calves (calves born in 1972), Annette Reid of Georgetown placed first, Joseph Weeden, Oakville second and John Reid 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 placed first, Dave Reid second, Leslie McDonald third and Heryl McEneaney of Acton 4th.

Exhibiting a pair of Dairy Heifers, other breed, Valerie Ella placed first with her pair of Jersey Heifer, Ken McNabb second with his (Guernsey Heifer) and John Nixon third with his pair of Jersey Heifers.

**Junior Showmanship (Under 18 years)**  
This is a new class for young children to compete in showmanship classes excluding 4-H members.

Showing in the beef section were: first David Laking of Puslinch, second, David Lashby of Rockwood, and third was Michael Anger of Norval.

Donna Leach of Georgetown was the top showman in the Junior Dairy Showmanship class with Jeffrey Butchers of Acton placing second and Kim Peddie of Georgetown placing third.

**4-H Inter-Club Showmanship Class**  
The 4-H Inter-Club showmanship classes at Milton Fair are open to 4-H Showman this year was Holly Hurren of Campbellville. Holly wins the Ben View Farm Trophy donated by Ben View Farm in Burlington.

The champion beef showman was Keith McKinnon of Milton. Keith wins the John Willmott Trophy donated by John Willmott of Milton. Cathy Lasby was runner up and Carol Somerville placed third.

LAST chance this week to sign up for night school.

**4-H Inter-Club SHOWMANSHIP CLASS**  
The Halton 4-H Field Crop Club had 12 people enrolled and all 12 exhibited. Gary Patterson of Milton placed first in the corn section. Exhibiting hay, Ken McNabb placed first, Bill Stokes second and Cecil Patterson of Milton placed third. Showing Oats, Karen Wickson of Georgetown placed first, Gary Patterson second and John Patterson third. Of the 4-Hers exhibiting Harley, Joanne Wilson and Lorne Wilson of Georgetown placed first and second respectively. Dennis McCure of Georgetown exhibited the only wheat sample. Two entries were present in the Horticultural Section with Marilyn McNabb of Georgetown placing first and Dale Wickson of Georgetown placing second.

## Let's talk about HORSES



with Jennifer Barr

A Belgian draft horse is a large animal at the best of times but my husband, Mac, was at one time the proud owner of one of the largest of these magnificent beasts. The times we had with "Tinkersdale MacDonald" were some of the funniest I remember, the big horse never knew his strength and was constantly surprising himself.

Mac raised MacDonald from a yearling through many championships, till he was sold to stud as a three year old (MacDonald, not Mac). The names were confusing. MacDonald's father, a very famous horse, was also a MacDonald - called "Big Mac". Our colt was tabbed "Little Mac" at first, until it got a bit ridiculous for a stallion that eventually reached 2400 lbs. So he was granted his full title, much to my Mac's relief. Now we've got that cleared up, I hope.

### Turned turtle

The day we picked up the yearling colt, already a good 1300 lbs., we were ill-equipped, as always, with a pickup, plywood racks, and no tailgate. MacD. was not halter-broken and had never been handled, however the big gentle boy submitted to all the preliminaries and obediently hopped the two feet into the back of the truck, much to everyone's surprise. Once in the truck and tied up, he said "I don't really like this" and calmly flipped himself onto his back, four enormous feet in the air. Now this is not a sight for a coward but my man was up to it. Equally calmly, Mac jumped astride the colt's tummy, tucked his legs down, yanked his tail, and while the racks belled frighteningly, MacD. righted himself. The truck was never the same again.

Some time later, Mac made a tremendous loading ramp tailgate for the growing show horse. He had me test it for strength until I realized the insult. Our blue pickup, with the tall chestnut stallion ducking under hydro wires and peering over the cab became a familiar sight at the shows. We'd come rolling onto the grounds with MacD. almost upending us by his excited prancing, take him out, doll him up with homemade ribbons and flowers and inevitably take the red from the expensively turned out horses.

### Tilting house

At home, MacD. was quite a character. He was bad news for all fences because of his habit of scratching his backside. He'd just get going nicely, luxuriating in bliss, when the darn fence would let him down and disintegrate. He was always so disappointed and would come to the back kitchen door to ask to be let in again, please. More than once I met him actually in the back kitchen, having come up three steps and through a narrow door. I was then faced with the problem of getting MacD. through the dairy into the barn or yard again. By the time he was two, he was a formidable size so I used to hold my breath, tell him to bend his knees and squeeze him through the two doors on a prayer. After a peculiar bowed appearance and the doors wouldn't fit.

MacD. did find a good scratching post, eventually. He backed up to the well house one day, and went into action while we watched horrified as the house creaked, snapped, and tilted to a 45 degree angle. It

## Unveil plaque ceremony Saturday

This Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Halton County Council will unveil a memorial plaque commemorating the name of the county, at the county's administration building and court house at 491 Steeles Ave., Milton.

The idea for the plaque came from G. F. Thompson of Milton, a keen local historian and retired director of the Halton Children's Aid Society. The county was formed as an electoral district in 1816 but wasn't actually designated as a county until 1855.

Garfield Brown, clerk of Halton will chair the brief program. Special guests will include court, Halton County Board of Education, Halton Museum and Halton Department of Agriculture and Food officials, in addition to MP Rud Whiting and local MPP's Jim Snow and George Kerr. Warden James Swanborough will unveil the plaque and the Rev. John C. Bothwell, co-adjutor bishop of Niagara diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, will dedicate it.

The Lorne Scots Military Band will play before and after the ceremony, which is open to the public.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

To the Editor:  
Acton Free Press.

Dear Mr. Editor:  
ACTON FALL FAIR

From the first number played by the Acton Citizens' Band to the grand finale, the adoption in the arena on Friday, Sept. 15 was much enjoyed by the full house which attended.

The three hour show under the direction of Zena Cheevers was of the highest calibre and had all the showmanship of an Ed Sullivan stand-out.

Then during the Saturday show, another all-star program was provided by the George Harvey Secondary School band of Toronto under the leadership of our well-known Art Hilliard.

Who says fall fairs are on the way out? No such thing. The crowds attending will dispel all doubts about this.

With such fairs as Acton we can look forward to high quality not only in entertainment but in items of interest to the farmers as well.

Hats-off to Acton for well supported activities.

Yours truly,  
Ed. A. Peters,  
31 Byron St., Georgetown, Ont.  
Sept. 25, 1972.

## 32 occurrences in O.P.P. week

A total of 32 general occurrences were investigated by the officers of the Acton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, during the reporting week of September 17 to September 24.

Officers investigated two reports of malicious damage, three reports of missing persons, one report of indecent exposure, one complaint of assault and one report of trespassing.

Major investigations included the offence of "Arson" and a fatal motor vehicle collision.

Other occurrences investigated ranged from requests for assistance to minor disturbances.

Of the 32 occurrences investigated, 29 were brought to successful conclusions. A total of ten charges were laid. There were six charges under the Criminal Code, three charges under the Liquor Control Act and one charge under the Petty Trespass Act.

### Fires set

During the reporting week, two homes were set ablaze and an attempt was made to burn a third. The efficiency of the Acton Fire Department greatly contributed to the prevention of a possible disaster. After extensive investigation, the person

responsible for the fires was located and arrested. A local man will appear in court in the near future to answer to charges of "Arson" and "Attempted Arson".

A total of five motor vehicle collisions were investigated during the reporting week. One of the collisions resulted in the death of two local men.

The fatal collision was a result of the driver of a small car losing control of the vehicle on a curve and striking an oncoming bus. Both the driver of the car and the front seat passenger were killed. A second passenger sustained minor injuries.

Total damage resulting from the five collisions was estimated at \$2,000.

**DRIVERS!** Please refrain from consuming alcohol when driving. When your alertness and reflexes are impaired by alcohol, you not only endanger your own life, but you also endanger the lives of everyone else on the road. It takes only one drink to impair your ability to drive. Consider the possible results before driving after you have been drinking.

Prov. Const. Paul Brown

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