

# Six months preparation for Guineas at Royal



HERE COME DE JUDGE for David Lasby and Doc, a purebred Short-horn steer. The Rockwood resident is entering in the Queen's Guineas competition, part of the Royal Winter Fair.

by Jennifer Barr  
The Royal Winter Agricultural Fair may be six weeks away but one young area man has been working towards Canada's largest farm show for six months.

David Lasby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lasby of R.R. 2, Rockwood, is raising a calf for the Queen's Guineas competition, the highest award a 4-H calf club member can achieve. Although David has shown cattle most of his 14 year old life (he'll be 15 by competition time), this is the first time he's gone to the Guineas. Contestants have to be 14 or over to enter.

This young man is not only a first class showman already, but he can only get better with all the help he has at home. His parents raise Short-horn cattle and have worked their 30th Sideroad farm for four generations. His older sister Cathy is with the Canadian Short-horn News and both his brothers, Bill and Bob have been the show

route before him. In fact, Bill had the distinction of winning the Queen's Guineas in 1967. "It was our centennial project," chuckles Wallace Lasby. "We do it every hundred years."

Over 400 in class The Queen's Guineas is an enormous class this year, having 465 entries. A few contestants are eliminated before competition but there will still be over 400 in the judging ring.

Young 4-H'ers wishing to enter the class must select a calf of suitable weight by spring of the same year. The calf is usually ten months to a year old at that time and likely to make the weight of 1000 to 1200 by fair time. A weight gain of 2.1 pounds per day is required for qualification. The calves are weighed by the local agriculture representative in April or early May and are then weighed six months later to determine average gain.

The class is judged on showmanship of the handler

and quality of the beef animal. After the all morning class, this year being held on November 9 at the Coliseum, the animals are auctioned off for market. A young contestant can expect to get better than market price for his animal and prices go up as class placing rises. The first prize winner is traditionally bought by Dominion Stores for as much as five or six dollars a pound.

Judging 400 cattle is not an easy task for any judge so animals are shown first by breed in a total of eight classes. The judge then combines the top two or three from every class for further judging.

Doc makes the grade David Lasby selected his calf, a beautiful red Short-horn steer called "Doc" last March, and started feeding him with competition in mind. With the expert knowledge of David's father and access to the variety of feeds on the farm, Doc has gained his weight on schedule.

It's not just a question of filling an animal with feed to make him fit. The steer must be well muscled and lean with a fine finish coat of fat put on in the last month. It takes very careful feeding to produce the beef desirable in a prize market animal.

Doc has been fed grain all summer with only a small amount of hay - hay makes too big a belly (take note weight watchers. He's had no grass - grass is softening to the muscles - but he goes out in the barnyard for nightly exercises. The heat of the sun will not only sweat weight off him but dry out his shiny red coat.

All this time, David has been patiently training the big animal the's still called a calf but he's no lap dog. To

walk, stand, and show for the judge. At the time the accompanying photograph was taken, Doc had been taught so well, he stood like a rock, not moving a muscle, for ten minutes, proudly watching the photographer's every move. When David asked him to move a foot an inch or so, Doc would oblige with extreme professionalism—a tribute to the expert handling of his trainer.

David has been showing cattle since he was about five years old, he says. At the age of seven he showed a full-grown bull for Bedford Gard-house of Milton, David barely coming up to the bull's knee.

He's shown at the Royal before and spent this summer handling cattle at the C.N.E. for other showmen.

He is currently showing Doc at the local fairs - Acton (a must for 4-H achievement), Milton, and Erin.

David has shown calves with 4-H for many years and is enthusiastic about the help this organization has given him. The whole Lasby family feel the 4-H program is a fine one.

His involved farm background has given David a philosophic view about his calf's eventual demise after the Queen's Guineas.

"He's gotta go sometime," he nods sagely, old beyond his

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VAUGHAN COLE RECEIVES awards for his parents labors in the garden on Holmesway Place last week. Halton Housing Authority members Dolly Moulden, left, and former Acton clerk Jack McGeachie presented Benjamin and Forsythia plants. The authority sponsored a contest for families. Vaughan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cole.

## 'Sweatbox' incident to be heard by judge

A hearing is to be set up concerning an alleged "sweatbox" incident, Halton's Police Commission decided Thursday at Oakville.

Twelve prisoners claim the heat was turned up and the windows shut in a Halton police van in which they were being transported from Milton to Toronto West Detention Centre on August 15.

"Get it out of our hands," Burlington commissioner David Coons said after the go ahead was given Police Chief Ken Skerrett to consult the crown attorney concerning a course of action.

Chief Skerrett said Monday he expects charges against the officers involved will be laid this week. He continued by saying the senior judge in

Halton has been written concerning who will sit at the hearing.

The Ontario Police Commission (OPC) was asked by Halton for direction. In a single page letter from the OPC, chairman Thomas Graham stated the commission is "of the opinion that there are persons who should be charged under The Police Act."

Chief Skerrett is trying to determine which court, county, district or provincial should hear the case. The police chief passed over the opportunity of hearing the case himself, as Graham states he could.

Someone with more training in law should hear the matter, Skerrett told local commissioners.

## OPC to set hearing date

The Ontario Police Commission has been asked to establish the employment status of Halton's police administrator.

Both the Halton Police Commission, which hired administrator Ray Munro in May, and the Police Association asked for a "full and formal hearing" to establish the status of Munro, a letter at Thursday's com-

mission meeting revealed. Munro appears to have a foot in both camps. The commission hired him on a verbal contract as a consultant, according to Halton commissioner Harry Barrett. The contract, at \$30,000 per year, is renewable for a four or five year term, he said.

In the other camp, the police association also claims to represent Munro.

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**NOTICE**  
Refuse normally picked up Monday, October 9th, 1978 will be picked up Tuesday, October 10th, 1978.  
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**Police commission drops code**  
Halton Police Commissioners found themselves backpedalling on the issue of the Code of Conduct for civilian employees. Oakville mayor Harry Barrett, a commissioner, revealed at last Thursday's meeting the commission's recent discovery that a civilian cannot be charged under the Police Act, the source of much of the Code of Conduct. The commission introduced the code this summer in an effort to discipline employees. Under the code, civilians could not gossip, swear or wear jeans to work without facing suspensions. Other parts of the code forbade civilians speaking to members of the press. The commission is now looking for something along the lines of rules of employment, Barrett said.

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2. J & T. Sports	5 Mill Street East, Acton	853-3740
3. North Halton Sport Shop	71 Main St. S., Georgetown	877-7777
4. Hornby General Store	R.R. 1, Hornby	878-3329

  
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