

John McNabb named top farmer



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Well-known Georgetown Guernsey breeder John McNabb has been named Halton region's first Farmer of the Year by the Halton Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. McNabb has been breeding dairy cattle for almost 50 years and his 70-cow herd is one of the finest in Canada, attested by his numerous Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor awards from the Canadian National Exhibition and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The McNabbs own their 67-acre home farm on Trafalgar Road, south of Georgetown, and rent an adjacent 200 acres for cash crops.

Immediate past president of the Halton Milk Committee and the Metro Highlands Guernsey

Club, Mr. McNabb is president of the Ontario Guernsey Breeders' Association. He is also an elder at Hillcrest United Church and a member of the Milton Fair cattle committee.

Like her husband, Doris McNabb is also actively involved in her community serving on the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee and as president of the Hillcrest United Church Women. She is also a past president of Halton District Women's Institute.

The McNabb's three children are also actively involved in agriculture.

Lola, an active 4-H member while she lived at home, is now an economist with the British Columbia government. Ken, who attended the University of Guelph, now works with his father on the family farm and is involved with the Metro Highlands Guernsey Club, the Ontario DHEA Corp. and 4-H leadership. Marilyn, a fourth year University of Guelph student was Halton's 1982 Dairy Princess and a finalist in the Ontario competition. In 1981, she was the Ontario Guernsey Queen.

The Farmer of the Year

Award has been initiated by the Halton Federation of Agriculture to encourage and promote outstanding agricultural achievement in Halton. To qualify nominees must live in Halton and be

actively farming.

Mr. McNabb was chosen from among five nominees for the 1982 award.

—Courtesy
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Monkey around

Curious about "Curious George"? Actors John McCorkell and Jerry Silver of Erewon Theatre present a stage adaptation of the popular picture book series next Wednesday (Dec. 22) at 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown, using two gigantic books, a unicycle, some juggling, a little mime and plenty of dialogue. Tickets are only \$1.50 for the super special Christmas treat.

FUND-RAISER

Christmas Seal Campaign Chairman C.L. McFadden receives a special donation from the children who attended last year's Halton Hills Asthma Day Camp. The funds, totalling \$15.45, were raised at the day camp bazaar which was organized by the 24 children in attendance. The children raised the money to ensure that the camps would be continued. Asthma day camps are similar to regular ones except that special emphasis is placed on physical conditioning and breathing exercise. The camps are held the first two weeks in July each year. These camps are provided free of charge through donations to the Christmas Seal Campaign.

(Photo submitted)

Think 'safety' when buying kids' toys

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When buying toys this Christmas for the kids in your life, keep interests, dexterity and the abilities of the individual child in mind, advises Paul Tuz, president of the Better Business Bureau. The child's age in toy selection is also a big factor, but overall safety is the most important.

To avoid possible toy dangers, here are some suggestions:

— Avoid buying toys with loose small parts or parts that could be detached or broken from the main part of the toy.

— Arrows, darts, and other games involving projectiles should have soft tips permanently attached to shafts. Buy projectile games for older children - not the 4-to-6 age bracket.

— Computer games and similar electrical toys are highly educational, but most utilize 120-volt house-power to operate. Make sure these items meet federal requirements and carry the Canadian Standards Association certified sticker.

— Keep age and maturity of the child in mind when buying athletic equipment, chemistry and science sets, handcrafts, and so forth.

— Watch out for toy parts that could pinch tiny

fingers, catch hair, and block breathing.

After Christmas, Mr. Tuz suggests that you put all toys on a regular maintenance schedule.

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