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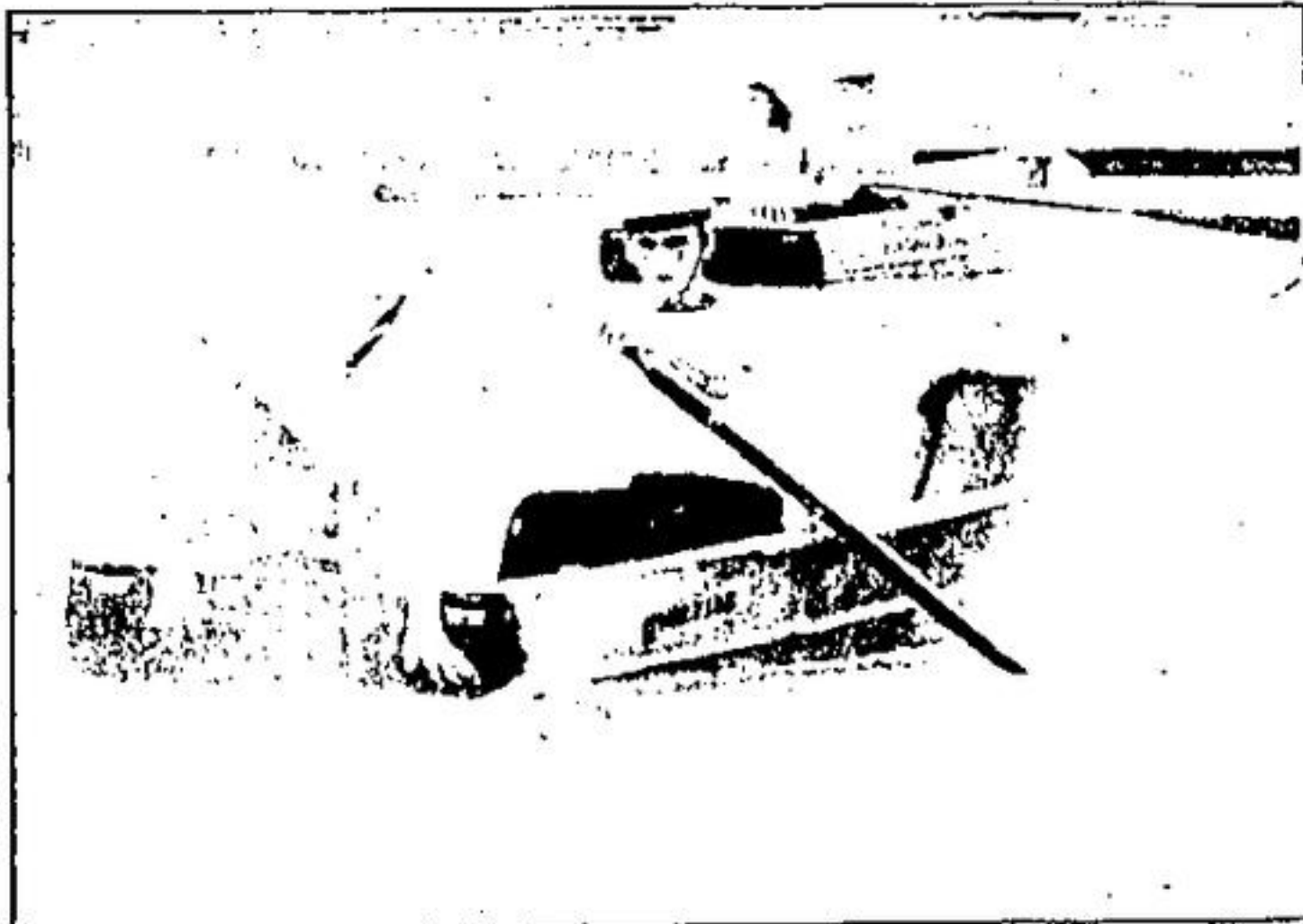
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Local winners . . .

. . . at Canada's largest fair

Shining stars at the CNE



Sam the 'ordinary superstar' dog swimming form in the waters of Lake Ontario.



The tough, strong contingent representing Halton Region Police weren't good enough to be the top tug-of-war team at the 'EX'. However, they did put on a good showing for spectators.



Winning Grand Champion female jersey made Frank Robinson's trip to the 108th annual Canadian National Exhibition worth the visit. The Robinson family Starcrest Jerseys won a variety of ribbons in other classes.

Start of a win streak for Starcrest Jerseys?

TORONTO—Being a winner, says Starcrest Jerseys farmer Frank Robinson, "is great."

Starcrest Jerseys left the cattle competitions at the 108th annual Canadian National Exhibition Wednesday with the Grand Champion jersey banner proudly affixed to the farm's plaque.

The win was a welcome comeback from last year's competitions when the farm's top award was a first-place win in the five-year-old class, Mr. Robinson said.

This year Starcrest also won a second-place ribbon in the best udder class, but as Mr. Robinson said,

with a Grand Champion win "what else do you need?"

This year marked the tenth year the Robinsons have been coming to the CNE and could also mark the start of winning streak for Starcrest, owned by Frank's parents Emerson and Eleanor.

Frank predicts that their cows should do even better at the Royal since one of the farm's best jerseys was forced to miss the CNE competitions.

Meanwhile, Frank is off to Oregon to work at the jersey competitions there and then off to California for more jersey competition work.



Angle Spence (left) helps "Mrs. Guardhouse" quilt at the Canadian National Exhibition. A new edition to the family at The Hobby Horse in Georgetown, the Exhibition is Mrs. Guardhouse's debut. The Hobby Horse was asked to participate in this year's CNE.

Antique Meteor soars into 'classic' car mold

TORONTO—Keith Pierce celebrated an anniversary recently, but it wasn't his own.

The Georgetown car buff has seen his 1956 Ford Meteor soar into the antique car circles.

"We bought the car in 1979. It was 24 when we bought it. It became a classic the next year and an antique this year," said Mr. Pierce.

The driver said twice he has "taken it down to the ground", rebuilding it to its original form.

"We learned a few lessons the first time around. This time it's the way it was made. It's probably a little nicer than the way Henry (Ford) originally made it."

Mr. Pierce enjoys taking the vehicle to car rallies. Recently he was at the CNE car show and rally.

Heavyweights out muscle our Halton police force

TORONTO—They huffed and they puffed but the competition proved tougher as the Halton Region Police team pulled its way to a last place tie during the Canadian National Tug of War Championships held Sunday at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Stretching their muscles and weight against some of the heaviest and most experienced teams in southern Ontario, the Halton police team lost eight of nine games, tying with a Woodstock team for last place.

Halton's one victory came against the Woodstock team, while the Metropolitan Toronto Police team walked away with the championship after defeating all contenders for the

title. Tug of war games are traditional tests of strength which date back to 136 B.C. when they were introduced into the Grecian Olympics by the conquering Romans. The sport was also part of the modern-day Olympics from 1900 until the beginning of the First World War. Since then, they have not been a part of the Olympics.

The longest recorded pull time in southern Ontario is 19 minutes and 45 seconds, which took place at the Wellesley Fair in 1976. The world record time is two hours and 41 minutes which occurred in 1889 in India between two rival British regiments.

Rough, rough says Sam about dog day races

TORONTO—It was a dog day afternoon at the Canadian National Exhibition Sunday as more than 100 dogs beat the heat by swimming in the annual 250 feet Hartz Dog Swim competition.

Georgetown resident Jane Bailey and her mother Maureen entered their dog Sam for the first time, hopeful that the dog's talent in swimming in the family pond, can be repeated when racing against competitors from across southern Ontario.

But Sam wasn't thrilled with the competition nor with the race, and

after a flying leap into the water, refused to leave the dock.

Coaxing from Maureen on the dock and Jane in the boat finally brought him around. But it was too late and all his dogged determination couldn't make up for Sam's lost time.

"It's only for the fun of it," said Maureen after Sam lost to first-place winner Alabama Talking Dog.

What did Sam think of the competition and the water?

"Rough".



Georgetown's Julie Hancock kicks up her heels in the Canadian National Exhibition's highland dance competition, Saturday. More than 300 dancers competed in the day-long affair.



Keith Pierce of Georgetown shines his 1956 Ford Meteor, at the CNE's recent car show and rally. Pierce bought the car in 1976. "It was 24 years old when we bought it. It became a classic the next year, and an antique this year," said the car buff. (Toronto bureau photo)

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