

Welsh Dairy Princess Visitor Finds Plenty to Learn, See Here

By Elda Presse
"There's lots to learn and lots to see," commented Pat Procter, Welsh Young Farm delegate, in Halton during her first Canadian visit.

Miss Procter describes Halton as "the most agricultural" of the four counties she has visited, and as "fertile as it is at home". Since she left England on April 21, Miss Procter has been to Leeds, Greenville, Victoria and Halton counties and will go to Huron and North

Simcoe before she leaves for home July 23.

Stays at Local Homes
The first week of her two-week stay in Halton, Miss Procter stayed at the A. C. Hunter home, Burlington, and the second week at Merrybrook Farm with Mrs. W. H. Merry. The delegate's report that she wanted to see as much as possible and that "I can rest when I get home" seems to have been taken to heart by her Halton hosts.

May 28 she attended the annual Tui-Light Meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders' Association at Hays Sales Arena, A Get-Acquainted Party was arranged for her at the Boyne School Friday by Halton Junior Farmers. She also attended an auction sale at Hays.

Miss Procter visited the Rock Gardens in Hamilton, the Leaver Mushroom Plant near Campbellville, Nelson Crush Stone, the M. M. Robinson high school, friends in Bronte and the farm of

well known Jersey Breeder, Maurice Beatty near Omagh.

Shows Slides of Wales
The first Welsh girl ever to take part in the exchange tour, Miss Procter brought slides of Wales to show to Ontario Junior Farmers and took films here to show back home to Welsh Young Farmers.

Miss Procter is one of eight delegates from the British Isles participating in the Ontario tour. Four are from Scotland, two from Ireland, one from England and Miss Procter from Wales. She is the only delegate who will be in Halton.

The size of Ontario farms impressed Miss Procter as Welsh farms generally consist of 50 acres. In Denbighshire, North Wales, where the delegate lives, farms are usually 75 to 100 acres in size. Gernas Farm, Miss Procter's home has 151 acres. The Young Farmer reports that in Wales one acre is very important. Her family raises both dairy and beef cattle on their farm.

Represents Country
As the 1964 Welsh Dairy Princess, Miss Procter competed against the young lady who represented the British Isles in the Dairy Princess competitions at the Royal Winter Fair in 1964. Since joining the Welsh Young Farmers in 1960, she has represented her club, her county and her country in Young Farmer competitions. Miss Procter has done work in flower arranging, dress-making and public speaking. She reports that knowledge of milk and milk production is the basis of Dairy Princess competitions in Wales.



WELSH DAIRY PRINCESS Pat Procter visited Halton County during a three month Ontario tour. She stayed with the Albert Hunter family, Burlington and with Mrs. W. H. Merry, Merrybrook Farm. Shown watching Margaret Hunter (left) groom a heifer are Miss Procter and Janet and Lois Hunter.

Six Weeks of Drought

Frost, Lack of Rain Curtail Crops

By Henry Stanley
Agricultural Representative
Rain has been a scarce commodity in Halton during the past six weeks. Less than one inch has fallen since the first of May. This is especially noticeable in grain and corn fields.

Hills have only a very poor stand of grain owing to the drought, and several fields of late planted grains and corn have not germinated to date or have germinated very unevenly. Farmers have rolled or cultipacked some

of these fields lately, in an effort to compact the soil around the seed, hoping for a rain to germinate it.

Curtains Yield
Hay and pasture fields got off to a good start in May, but the frosts during the past week, coupled with the dry weather, have greatly curtailed the possible yield. Several farmers are planning to start haying this week, hoping that they will get a good second cut of hay.

An application of fertilizer following the first cutting of hay, could be a very worthwhile investment this year. Twenty per cent Superphosphate at 200 lbs per acre on our clay soils, with 0-20-10 at 200 lbs. per acre on our loam soils, would help to stimulate the second growth.

To be certain as to the correct analysis if fertilizer is to be applied, a soil test should be taken. Reports will be returned from the Soils Department, O.A.C., in two weeks time at this season of year.

May Rainfall is Below Average Should Irrigate Strawberries

This is a very critical period in the development of the strawberry crop. Rainfall during the month of May has been well be-

low average and as a result, the plants are beginning to suffer on the warm days.

Seek Dairy Princess To Represent Halton

Farm girls between the ages of 17 and 26 are invited to take part in the Halton Dairy Princess Competition.

This annual event is to be held at the Hornby Garden Party, on Saturday, July 17. Prizes are provided by the Halton County Junior Farmers, and the various Milk Producer groups and dairies in the County. The top contestant represents Halton in the Dairy Princess Competition at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Last year Halton's representative, Janette Finnie, Hornby R. 1, had the top score for all girls in this Zone of Ontario.

Entries are to be made at the Agricultural Office, Milton, by June 25.

MUSEUM CONFERENCE
Maj. H. J. Newman, Halton County museum curator and a well-known art instructor, was one of the speakers at a conference held by the Museum Association of America in Philadelphia last week. He also took part in a panel discussion. In his absence, Museum secretary Mrs. Erla Brittain took scheduled tours through the Museum at Kelso.

Tarzwell Pays Top Sale Price

Forty pure bred Holsteins consigned to the Dominion Special Sale at the Georgetown Sales Arena brought a total of \$29,685 for the excellent average of \$742 each. Sale managers were Rockwood International Ltd., Georgetown. Thirteen milking females averaged \$1,080.77, while 27 bred heifers averaged \$579.07 and one baby brought \$250.

The top price of \$3,000 was paid by Howard Tarzwell of Georgetown for a three-year-old daughter of Rosafe Citation R. She was Glenrobbie Citation Laura, who in her first lactation in 305 days produced 13,639 lbs. milk containing 3.6 per cent butterfat.

Other good prices were \$1,600 paid by Sam Gurr and Son, Brandon, Man., for a six-year-old "very good" cow consigned by Keith Leslie, Georgetown; \$800 paid by Thomas Young, Pa., to John Brander, Norval, for a bred heifer; \$775 paid by Bertram Stewart, Hornby, to Joseph Schertel, Norval, for a bred heifer; and \$700 paid by Donald C. Davis, Pittsfield, Maine, to A. H. McKane, Georgetown, for a bred heifer.

Farm Driveways

Does the entrance to your farm lane have trees and shrubs each side of the gate? These can be beautiful and add much to the general appearance of the farm. But now the leaves are out again, have another look at yours. A real look. Do these shrubs or low hanging tree branches block your vision of the road? If so, trim them back. Keep your farm entrance beautiful, but keep it safe.



HON. WM. A. STEWART, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, receives the first of the new Slow Moving Vehicle signs from Jean Hodgins, Middlesex Junior Farmers, and Hal Wright, Ontario Department of Agriculture Farm Safety Specialists. These triangular SMV signs, bright fluorescent orange and reflective red, immediately identify slow moving vehicles on highways.

4-H Club Leaders Plan Busy Year for Members

The Halton County 4-H Club Leader's Council finalized plans for the Club year at a meeting held on June 1.

Lawn Mowing

Many good lawns are ruined at this time of year with improper mowing in extremely dry, hot weather such as we are now experiencing.

The lawn mower should not be set to cut as low as possible. It should be raised to approximately one and one-half inches above ground level, otherwise the lawn will turn brown and die.

Heavy Application
When watering a lawn you should apply about one inch of water every few days, rather than a light application every day. This permits the water to seep down into the soil, giving a deeper root zone for the lawn grasses. Frequent light watering causes the roots to grow near the surface, thus drying out occurs.

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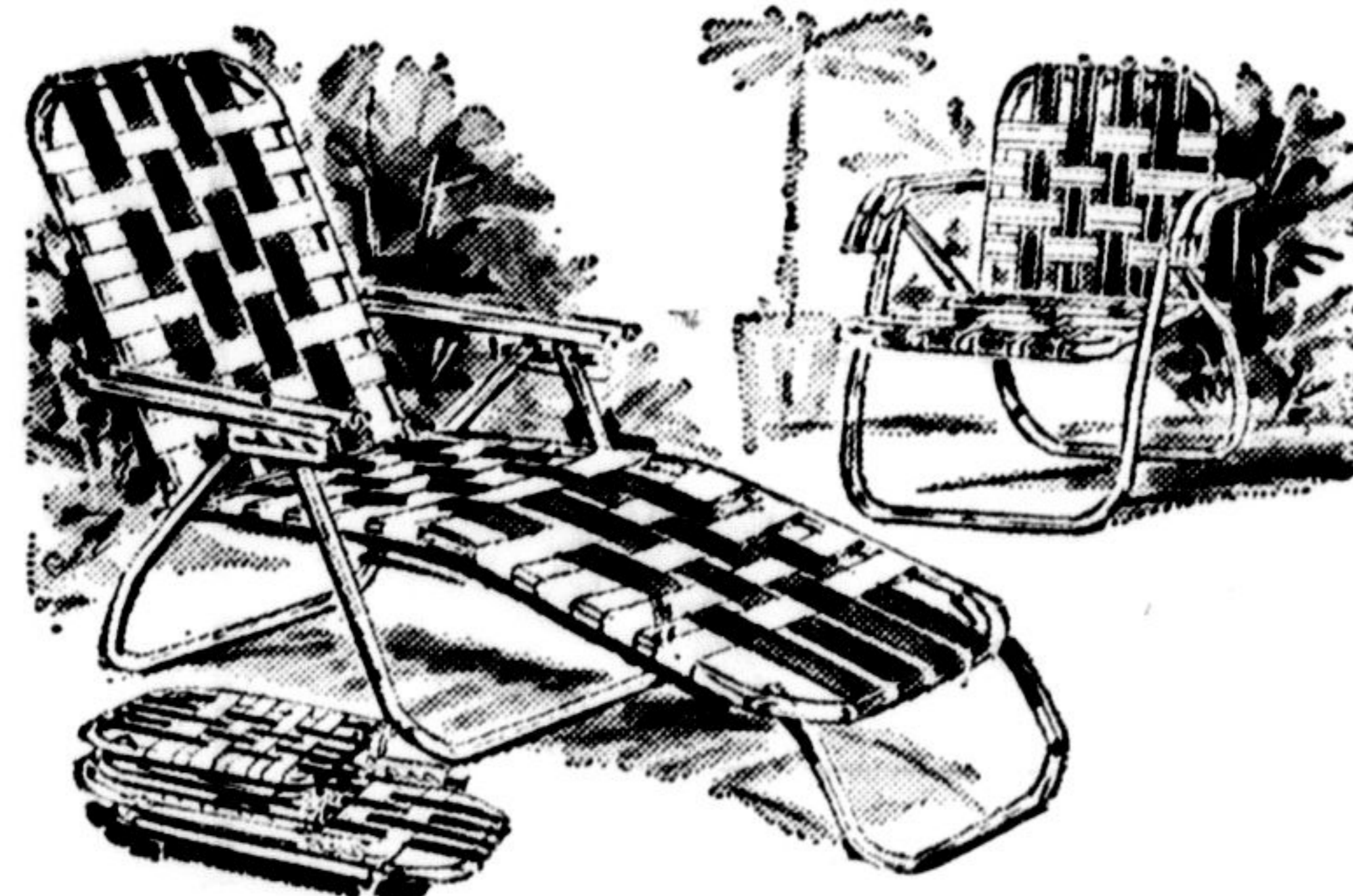
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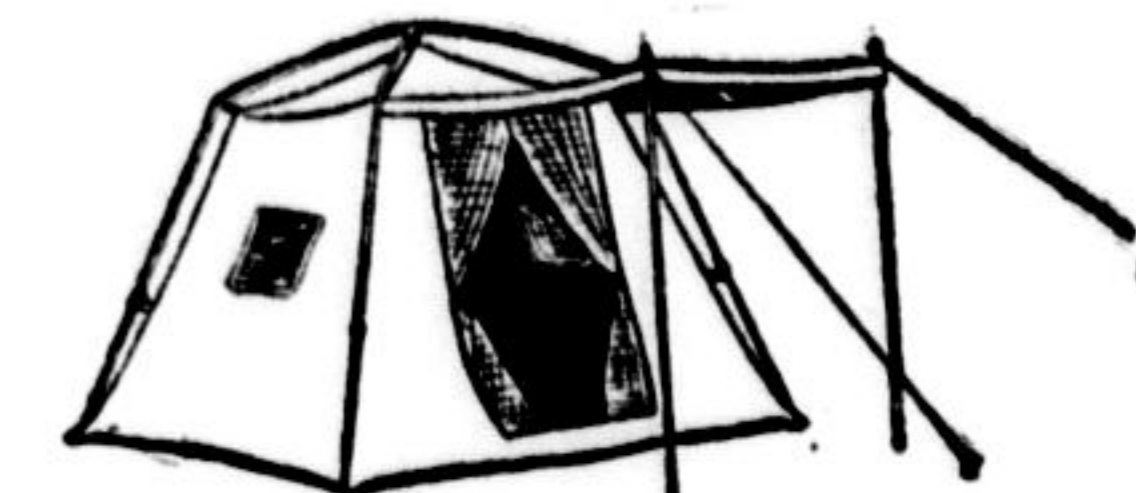
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