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Halton exhibitors competing in C.N.E.

The Canadian National Exhibition has once again rolled around. Several Halton County farmers will be competing again this year in this annual event.

All dairy breeds will be shown this Thursday, August 25, commencing at 9.00 a.m. That evening Halton's Dairy Princess, Margaret Hunter, will be competing in the Coliseum, for the Ontario Dairy Princess title.

The beef classes get under way on Friday, August 26, with the market steer section. All breeding classes are held on Monday, August 29. Swine judging is from Thursday to Saturday, August 25 to 27.

On Friday, September 2, 25 Halton 4-H Club Members will compete in the Junior Agricultural division. They will judge live-stock, field and horticultural crops, and answer quizzes on general agricultural knowledge and safety; identify machinery parts, plants and seeds.

Verna Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, and Larry Gardhouse, Milton R.R. 5, representing the Halton 4-H Club, will compete in the Inter-County Demonstration class, demonstrating the various types of Beef Housing.

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—Officials at Georgetown Fair are adding a Western Quarter Horse Show to the fair this year. About 70 to 100 horses are expected to take part.



SASKATCHEWAN 4-H VISITORS Diane Lockhart and Les Haugen chat with Halton's assistant agricultural representative Geoff Taylor, left, during their two-week stay in Halton County on a 4-H exchange trip. Ted Walker, the third delegate who visited Halton, was not with them at the time.

Two valuable heifers shot on Oakville farm

Prowlers thought to be using a nearby Town of Oakville dump for shooting practice, are believed responsible for the slaying of two valuable heifers last week at the Dundas Highway farm of Gordon King.

Carcasses of the two registered two-year-old Guernseys were discovered Friday morning by the owner, in a field at the back end of the farm. One was due to call in a month and the other was due in February. Their sale value was over \$700 but Mr. King felt his loss was more like \$1,000 per animal, for they would be worth that in a normal lifetime.

Mrs. King reported the shooting probably took place on Wednesday evening. Mr. King had gone behind the barn then with a shotgun, attempting to scare

off coons which were bothering their crops. His wife, who was in the house, heard shooting, but questioning her husband on his return, learned he had not spotted any coons and had not done any shooting. It was Friday morning when he spotted the decaying carcasses of the calves in the field.

"We were just up to the heifer pasture on Monday, to bring down some springers," Mrs. King said. "We were going back later this week to get the heifers."

Mrs. King said the town dump on the Fourth Line is often used by gun owners for target practice. The King farm was not posted with signs — "it doesn't do any good anyway, in the last

deer season the hunters got a doe in our bush."

The owners said it was "heart-breaking to lose heifers just at the point where they are starting to produce and return some revenue." Both animals were described as "excellent" quality.

An application was made through the Halton County Clerk's office in Milton for aid from a recently-established government fund designed to aid farmers for similar losses. Insurance carried by Mr. King covers loss of animals through fire or theft, but not through shooting.

Anyone with information which might help police trace the killers is urged to contact Oakville Police.

Joseph Schertzl, Fred Nurse top Halton herds in R.O.P.

The results of the 1965-6 Record of Performance for local Holstein herds has been announced by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. A total of some 70 purebred Holstein herds in Halton County are tested under R.O.P.

In the section for herds with at least 20 records reported, the winner was Joseph Schertzl, Norval R.R. 1. He had 33 records, 15,897 lbs. milk, 598 lbs. butterfat, 3.76 per cent test for a breed class average of 149 for milk and 149 for fat.

Runner up in this division was James C. Reid, Norval R.R. 2, with 28 records, 14,271 lbs. milk, 504 lbs. butterfat, 4.09 per cent test, for a breed class average of 132 for milk and 148 for fat.

For herds with under 20 records reported, for the third year out of the last five, Fred Nurse, Georgetown R.R. 2, was declared winner, with 13 records, 16,228 lbs. milk, 551 lbs. butterfat, 2.39 per cent test, for a breed class average of 150 for milk, 139 for fat.

Runners-up were Howson Rud-

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Saskatchewan visitors have "wonderful time"

After two weeks visiting farm families in Halton County on a 4-H exchange tour, three young farm people from Saskatchewan were unanimous in their agreement: they would all have liked to stay a lot longer.

Friday of last week culminated an educational, busy, and fun-filled two week holiday for the western Canadian trio, as they headed home to report on their program that began here Monday, August 8.

"I have never been in Ontario before, and I really like the country. We had a wonderful time, and all the people were so friendly," pretty Diane Lockhart of Maple Creek, Sask. reported. "I sure hate to go home, the two weeks went so fast and I enjoyed every minute of it."

Diane, with Les Haugen of Kinistino and Ted Walker were among seven Saskatchewan delegates enjoying the two-week stay in Halton and Peel Counties. Diane spent her first week with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Brownridge and Marg, and her second week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter and daughters Lois, Margaret and Janet.

Les was with the Brock Harris family one week, then moved to David Lawson's farm. Ted stayed with the Thomas McGees and the Wallace Lasbys.

Highlight of the trip for all three delegates was a weekend they spent at the Conservation Camp at Albion Hills north of Bolton. But to hear them talk, every minute was a "highlight".

Les particularly enjoyed watching local ball games because he didn't get a chance to see them at home. He also made mention of a trip through the Fuller Brush factory in Burlington, a firm he once worked for. He was very impressed with the Livingston farm near Brampton, one of Ontario's larger farms, where 200 head of milking cattle are handled by just two men.

Les also visited Niagara Falls, Fort George, General Brock's monument, and several farms around Halton. Diane enjoyed a day at Wasaga Beach, a tour of Toronto's City Hall, a visit to the show "Sound of Music", and seeing farms in Halton and district.

All the delegates took a tour of the Agricultural College at University of Guelph and they all visited Yorkville in Toronto. They attended 4-H meetings and on their final evening in Halton they were together with their hosts and guests for a hayride and wiener roast at the McGee farm.

When they arrive home, the 4-H delegates will give talks on their trip at their own 4-H club and the district 4-H council. They also expect to produce an article for "Focus", the Saskatchewan 4-H magazine.

Georgetown firm ships 473 Holsteins to Italy

Two large shipments of purebred Holsteins have just left Montreal by ship for Italy. One group of 473 head was shipped by Rockwood International, Georgetown, to Attilio Ladino, Cremona. The other shipment comprised 251 head from Richard Schleissner, Jerseyville, and 15 head from Erik Anderson, Brantford.

Hermas Lajoie of Montreal, Secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, inspected the cattle prior to departure. He reports that they were of excellent quality, one of the best large groups of purebred Holsteins ever exported from Montreal. Most of the Holstein cattle exported in recent years have come from Ontario, but Quebec animals were prominent in the current Rockwood shipment, 243 head originating there. These included 18 from Excellent dams, 82 from Very Good dams and 177 from Excellent sires, a very good indication of their overall good quality.

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