

## Larry Picket top plowman in Jr. match

Larry Picket, R.R. 3 Georgetown, won the J. E. Whitelock Memorial Trophy for the high-scoring contestant in the Halton Junior Plowing Match. This annual event was held on the farm of Cameron Marshall, Milton R.R. 4, on Saturday with six competitors.

George Hostrawser of R.R. 4 Kitchener, coached the contestants in the morning, following which each member plowed a sod and stubble. In Class 1, for those 14 to 16 years of age, the winners in the Sod class were:

Roy May, R.R. 4 Milton — 71 points; Janet Taylor, 1309 Appleby Line, Burlington, 63 points; Harley Pickering, 273 Back Concession Rd. East, Oakville, 60 points; Keith Leriche, Milton R.R. 4, 57 points.

**Utility Class** — Roy May, 64 points; Harley Pickering, 58 points; Keith Leriche, 53 points. Thus Roy May won the Class 1, for top combined score.

In Class 2, for those between 14 and 21 years of age, Bryan Marshall, Milton R.R. 4, won the Sod Class, with a score of 70; followed by Larry Picket at 69. However, Larry went on to defeat Bryan in the Utility, 70 points to 68, and thus winning the first prize trophy. Larry will receive his trophy at the banquet following the Halton County Plowing Match, on Saturday, October 29.



—Staff Photos

**HALTON JUNIOR PLOWING MATCH** was held Saturday at the R.R. 4 farm of Cameron Marshall, with seven competing for the awards. In the photo at left, Janet Taylor of Burlington, only girl competing, receives some coaching advice from her brother Don as she plows a furrow. On the right host Cameron Marshall,

a second vice-president of the Halton Plowmen's Association, gives a few pointers to his son Brian, 19, who was winner of the sod class for senior entrants. Larry Picket was overall winner with high score for the day, and will receive the J. E. Whitelock Memorial Trophy later.

## ARDA grants are available for enlarging small fields

Farmers in Halton County handicapped by small fields, unsuitable for the use of modern farm machinery, may now receive assistance under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act.

Under the joint Federal-Provincial agreement, farm operators will be able to receive financial assistance for the removal of fences to enable economic use of large fields which lend themselves to mechanical equipment.

Many farms were laid out in small fields separated by stone and brush fences, which are now impractical under modern farming procedures.

Under the plan the Federal-Provincial ARDA pay 40 per cent

of the cost to the farmer of hiring heavy equipment and operators, for the removal of stone, stump and brush fence rows up to a maximum grant of \$500 per farm.

Farmers wishing to participate in the proposal can obtain an application form from the Agricultural Office, Milton. The ARDA grant will be paid on presentation of a certificate that the work has been carried out.

### POULTRY WINNER

Local poultryman All Waldie of Milton won 18 prizes on his 19 entries at the Canadian National Exhibition poultry show this year. They include nine firsts, three seconds, three thirds and three fourths.

## H. Tarzwell, C. Picket buyers at Alberta sale

One of Western Canada's greatest Holstein herds was sold at auction September 3 at Calgary Exhibition grounds as the Acme herd of Picket and Clark, Carstairs, Alberta brought a total of \$82,750 for the remarkable average on 57 head of \$1,435.

Top price of the sale was \$9,200 paid by Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown, for Acme Sylvia Annette, a seven-year-old "Excellent" cow, that was recently Grand Champion at Edmonton Exhibition. Last year she was Reserve Grand Champion at Calgary and Edmonton, also winning the inter-bred Best Udder class at these two shows and Regina and Saskatoon.

Annette's heifer calf by the All-Canadian Thorncle Texal Supreme, sold for \$3,100 to Jerry Tucker and Fred W. Stewart of St. Catharines. A full sister

of Annette, Acme Sylvia Baroness brought \$3,600 on the bid of Claude F. Picket, Georgetown.

Another family group that sold well was that headed by the "Very Good" cow, Rosalee Reflection Phoebe. She is classified "Very Good" and has a yearly record of 23,847 lbs. milk. She brought \$1,500 on the bid of George and L. H. Leaver, Campbellville.

Another excellent family group was that headed by the "Very Good" Two Star Brood Cow, Acme Tzena Rockette. One Very Good daughter sired by ABC Reflection Sovereign sold to Claude Picket, Georgetown, at \$2,000.

Howard Tarzwell paid \$2,300 for the "Very Good" cow, Acme Laurel Olive while her two-year old full sister went to Howard Tarzwell at \$1,600.

## Champion

## Farm Page

MILTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1966

## Verna Thompson top junior

# 27 Halton 4-H club members win judging prizes at C.N.E.

The 27 4-H Club members from Halton won a total of 33 prizes at the annual Canadian National Exhibition judging competition on September 2.

This Competition consists of all contestants judging four livestock and four field crop classes, answering quizzes on livestock, machinery and safety, identifying machinery, feeding plants and weeds.

In the Junior Section, with 207 competitors, Verna Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, was the outstanding winner, placing 14th in the livestock, 8th in Field Crops, fifth in Farm Engineering, and first in the Junior section for overall score.

Walter Tryssenaar, Acton R.R. 3, won the Field Crop section with a score of 297 out of 300, and placed 15th in the Championship class.

Other top scoring members in the Junior section were: Livestock — 14th, Lois Hunter, Burlington R.R. 1, and Verna Thompson, Milton R.R. 2.

Field Crops — 2nd, John McGee, R.R. 1 Norval; 8th, Carol Swackhamer, Acton; 14th, Elizabeth Norrington, R.R. 6 Milton; and 17, Keith Aitken, R.R. 3 Acton.

Farm Engineering—19th, Carol Swackhamer.

Junior Championship — 4th, John McGee; 7th, Carol Swackhamer; 20th, Lois Hunter.

In the Senior Section, with 91 contestants, Halton placed as follows:

Livestock — 11th, Bill Alexander, R.R. 1 Norval; 13th,

Wayne Aitken, R.R. 3 Acton; 19th, Harold Thompson, R.R. 2 Milton.

Field Crops — 6th, Dan Heatherington, R.R. 3 Campbellville; 7th, Wayne Aitken; 10th, Art Lawson, R.R. 5 Milton; 14th, Bill Alexander and Harold Thompson.

Farm Engineering — 9th, Bill Alexander; 16th, Wayne Aitken;

20th Art Lawson. Championship — 6th, Wayne Aitken; 8th, Bill Alexander; 13th, Harold Thompson; 15th, Dan Heatherington; 17th, Art Lawson.

Following the competitions, the members watched the Canadian and Ontario Dairy Princess Competitions, and attended the night show.

## Corn crop is below normal from cold spring, dry summer

The combination of a cold, wet spring and a dry summer has resulted in a corn crop which is considerably below normal in Halton. However, we have missed the early frost which occurred last fall, and the corn is maturing rapidly. What is the right time to harvest corn for silage?

The ideal stage to harvest corn is nearly full dented and the kernels are firm — not soft or milky. At this stage of maturity, the ear contains 45 to 50 per cent moisture, the leaves and stalks average close to 80 per cent moisture, and the total crop has about 70 per cent moisture. This is ideal for good preservation in the silo and the silo doesn't run!

The early dent stage is far too early to make silage. The corn is no more than half developed, resulting in a large loss in yield. Also, this silage will be wet, sour and poor in quality. This lowers

dry matter intake by dairy cows and therefore lowers milk production.

Many farmers worry about well-developed kernels passing through the digestive system of cattle without being digested. But remember that a 30-pound feeding of well-eared silage corn should contain at least three pounds of grain with about 2,000 kernels in each pound, or total 6,000 kernels. A few whole kernels of corn should be no cause for concern.

Ideally, corn should be the late dent stage of maturity before the frost. It is a better idea to get the moisture for ensiling by choosing a hybrid that reaches the proper stage of maturity in time than by freezing corn. On the other hand, even with some loss in feeding value, including leaf loss, it may pay to freeze very immature corn in order to get some measure of dryness.

### Demonstration

Larry Gardhouse and Verna Thompson, representing the Halton 4-H Beef Club demonstrated at the C.N.E. on September 2. They demonstrated and discussed the Beef Feedlot of the future. Their feedlot for a 20 acre farm with all the feed grown on the farm, consists of three silos and a pole barn. Corn silage, haylage, and high moisture corn were their feeds used to fatten the steers.

This 4-H unit was won by the Guelph 4-H Calf Club, with the Halton team placing in the "A" group.

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## 4-H Homemaking club leaders attend school on fall project

The Training School for the leaders of the Halton County 4-H Homemaking Clubs, was held this week on Tuesday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 14 in Grace Anglican Church, Milton, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The project selected by the Homemaking Club Members for this fall is "Accent on Accessories". This is a new unit, which is being offered for the first time in Halton County.

The success of any costume

depends largely on the choice of accessories. They serve a functional need, add interest and beauty, and can give the finished look. In this unit the girls will learn to combine accessories effectively, and will also discuss the etiquette of wearing accessories such as hats, gloves and jewellery. Each member will plan and make a set of co-ordinated accessories, including a tie-dyed scarf, and hat, while senior girls will make a simple handbag as well.

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**HALTON'S SENIOR 4-H CONSERVATION CLUB** held its achievement night program in the Department of Agriculture Office on Thursday evening. Shown looking over a farm manage-

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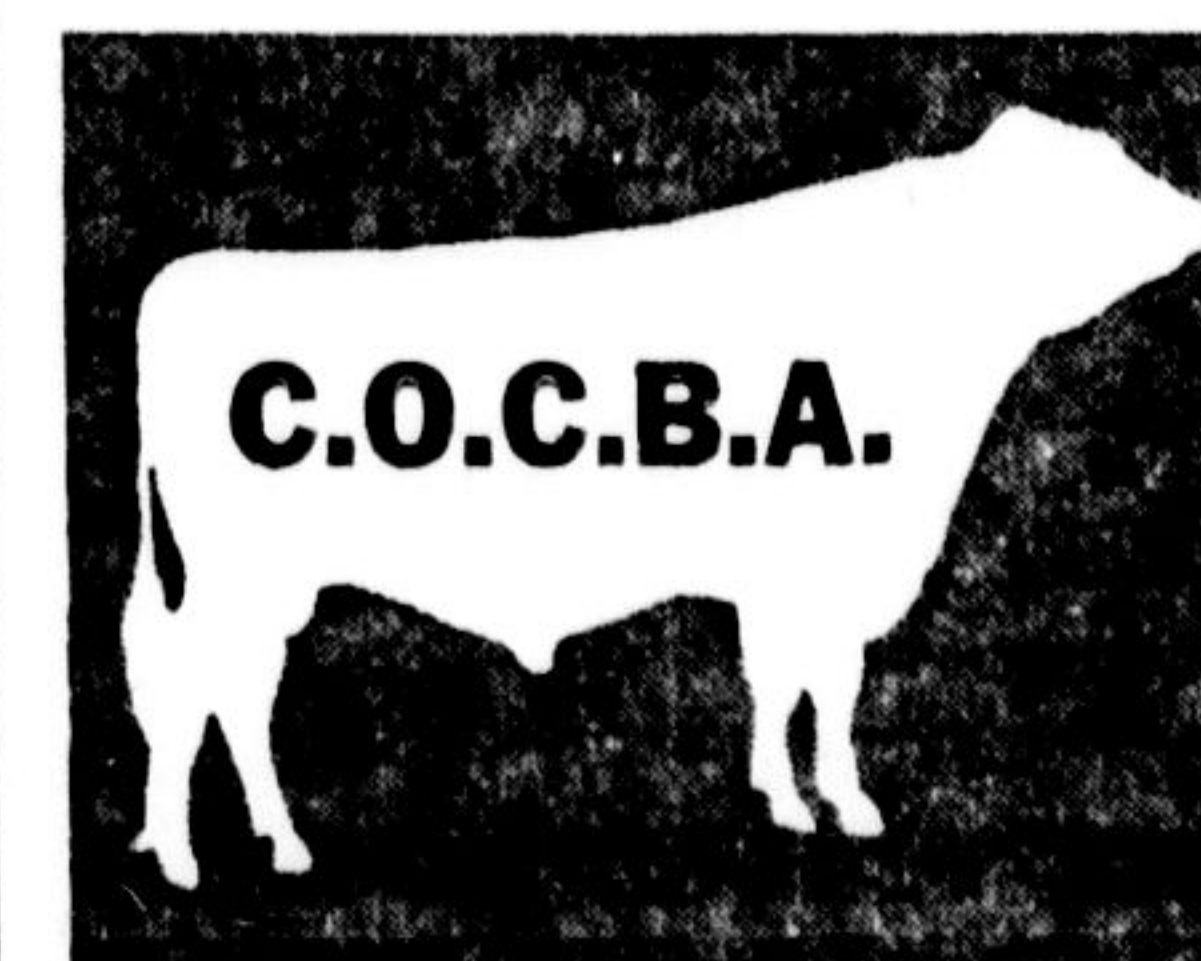
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## Weed control news

### SILVER CINQUEFOIL

This is a perennial that spreads by seeds and easily recognized by its palmate leaf composed of 5 to 7 sharply toothed leaflets which are silvery white on the underside. The stems are usually inclined or trailing on the ground.

It is found in lawns, pastures and waste places; often on poor sandy soil — a symptom of poor fertility says Soils and Crops Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

This weed has completely taken over areas of rough pasture land in some sections of Ontario. Applications of fertilizer can be used to stimulate the grasses on this type of land.

Unless one is going to renovate this land by breaking up and reseeded, with the application of adequate amounts of fertilizer, there is little use in using chemical sprays for its eradication.

Amino triazole is very effective but because of its cost is only practical on small areas.

2,4-D or 2,4-D/2,4,5-T mixtures used in June and September with a repeat the following year, followed by good pasture management practices, would help to put some of this land back into pasture production.

For further information on the use of chemicals for weed control see Publication 75 of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Known as "Guide to Chemical Weed Control" this publication is available from the County Agricultural Representative or from the Information Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 2, Ontario.