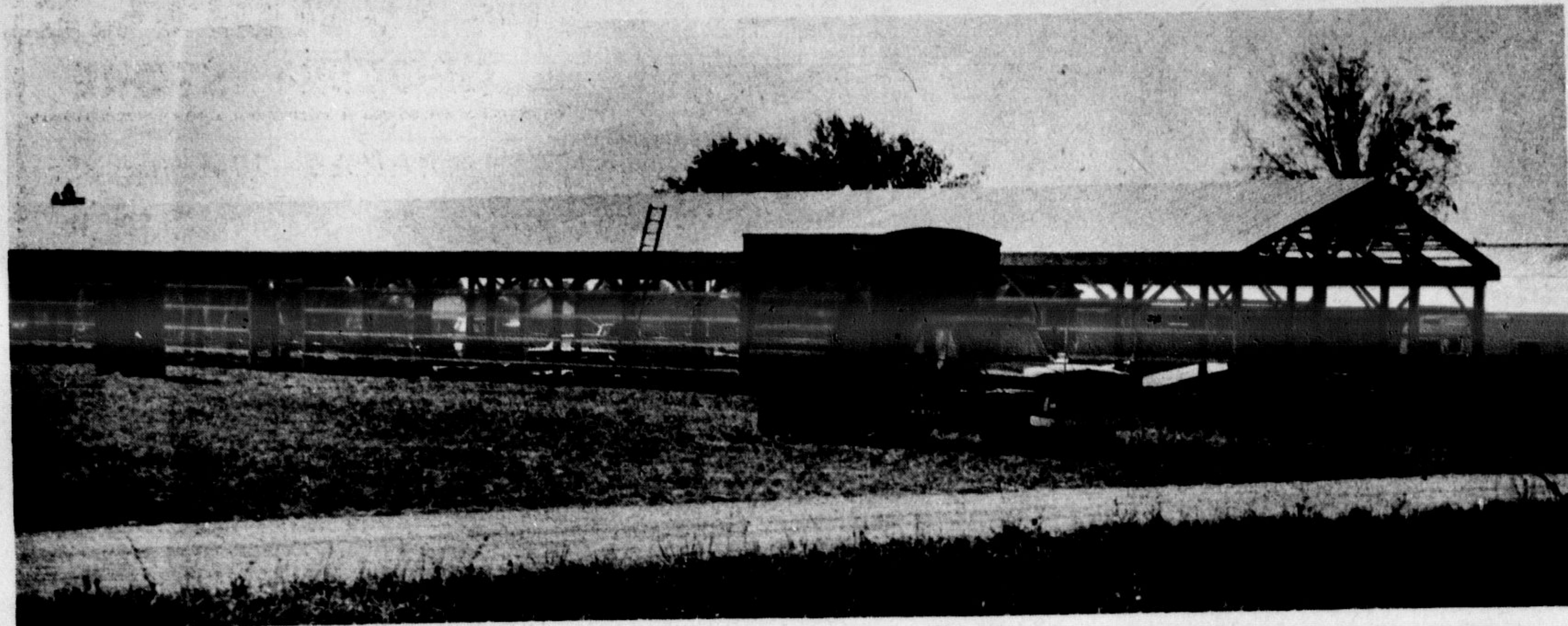


New home for cattle at fall fair



A LARGE NEW CATTLE BARN is under construction at Milton Fair Grounds, where it will house the beef and dairy cattle entering the 1967 edition of the Halton Agricultural Society's

fall fair. The 30 by 200 foot building is being erected at a cost of \$9,300 and should be ready for fair time, Sept. 29 and 30. (Staff Photo)

News from O. S. D.

a report on activities at Ontario School for the Deaf, Milton

JUNIOR BOYS' RESIDENCE NEWS

Wednesday, Sept. 6 saw the beginning of another term here at O.S.D. This year we welcomed approximately 31 new boys to the junior school residence. The majority of these children are in the 5-6 age group. Our routines and schedules will seem strange to them for the first few weeks but soon, they will be telling us which days or weekends we have off.

The older or "veteran" students (if you can imagine a 10-year-old veteran) are usually settled in after the first few days. However, they too criticize the routine with quips like, "But I didn't go to bed at 8.30 when I was at home" or "I didn't have a shower every night". Nevertheless, they retire at the stated hour after their nightly shower, if somewhat reluctantly. The boys, especially the older ones, are glad to be back. They have countless stories and adventures to relate to their fellow mates. Some, however, are dismayed to find that a few of their "buddies" have moved on to a new Dorm and younger boys have replaced them. For the next few weeks the older boys try to "boss" these younger ones around, thinking that "these little boys aren't big enough for our Dorm. I guess this is the same as high school. Once we'd reached grade 10 or 11, we "looked down our noses" at the Grade 9 students.

This year we have something new athletic-wise, in the junior boys' residence. It is the formation of a House League. Previously, we took our boys to the gymnasium for Physical Education. This year, however, it is up to us, the counsellors to provide this training. Thus, the formation of the House

League. There are five teams consisting of 12 boys. Each is coached by a Counsellor, and I have good reason to believe that the competitive spirit (between Counsellors, not boys), will be fierce.

I think the House League will develop not only the incentive to win among the boys, but also will help to develop physical well-being and sportsmanship among them. Games will include soccer, football, baseball, ball hockey, basketball and perhaps ice hockey. I know that all the boys are intensely interested and keep asking me "when will the first games be?"

So, although this school year is only beginning, already it has progressed well and the future seems to hold a great deal in store for everyone.

By Graeme Colven, Residence Counsellor

JUNIOR GIRLS

The first week back at school is always a busy, confused and hectic one, and the Junior Residence at O.S.D. was no exception. The corridors resounded with shouts of joy at the sight of old friends and tears of loneliness and bewilderment of fearful newcomers. Now the daily patterns are becoming established and the children are settling happily into the routine.

Swimming, the perennial favorite, has begun, and the little ones scream with delight at the sight of their towels and swim suits. The Fawns in dorm one are rather young to participate in the recreation program, but they are most enthusiastic with their time spent swinging, sliding and riding their tricycles.

The older girls in dorms two and three have begun their

house leagues for another year and the season got underway Tuesday night with a rollicking game of broom ball, in the girls' gymnasium. Thursday night was games night in the Junior Residence, and this event began in the games room where paper bag masks were created. From there, we progressed to the auditorium to join in games with bean bags and balls etc. The final stage involved a trip to the boys' dorm — an adventure in itself — where everyone set to work creating a large mural. From all reports the evening was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Another year is now underway and it promises to be an active and interesting one with the varied program of recreational activities and exceptional facilities in which to carry them out, we are confident the last traces of home sickness

will disappear and our children will enjoy and thrive on residence life.

GIRLS' SPORTS

This week we chose cheerleaders for the 1967-68 season. Congratulations to captain Jean Maitland and cheerleaders Patti Wisnoski, Dale Payne, Mary Martin, Janette Jacques, Debbie McClure, Linda Russell and Shawn Chard.

The girls' first appearance of the year will be at the pep rally Thursday, Sept. 20 in the girls' gym at 12.45. Go team, go!

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DISAGREES WITH AMATEUR SHOW AWARDS

Dear Sir:
I was one of the 250 persons who went to see the amateur show at the arena here in Milton. I went there to see and hear the local talent presented by the Milton Chamber of Commerce, and I write this letter to voice my disgust at how the semi-professionals snatched the prizes from the youngsters.

In my opinion, the first prizes were given to the semi-professionals just because they were winners elsewhere. A person who wins trophies from all over the country should be big enough to entertain for the sake of entertaining, and let the prizes go to some of the very good younger and first-time contestants.

The September 6th issue of The Champion shows a picture of two kiddies who danced their way to the "favor of the crowds, but everyone can't be winners". Right above this picture are the pictures of the first prize winners. In that show were others who could have taken the first prizes but they were big enough to entertain for the simple joy of giving pleasure to others without gain for themselves.

Yes, I admit that the first prize winners were good, but they had years of experience behind them, where the youngsters were, after all, only amateurs. In my estimation, the first prize winners were those who were lowest on the list. In reality, they are highest because they were contestants unsure of winning.

How someone with so many trophies, and someone with perhaps years of experience in their past, can stand up there and compete with amateurs, knowing that they will win, is beyond me. Why don't these people get some gumption and go out and work as professionals in the entertainment world, or is it that they fear failure,

and will compete only where they are sure they cannot fail?

There is another matter that took place that night which was very noticeable to everyone, I am sure. Miss Chamber of Commerce should have been up on the stage from the beginning of the program. It was downright shameful how she was taken on stage and was practically ignored in an indifferent manner.

To top it all, the contestants were lined up in front of her and she was subjected to this abominable disrespect for the First Lady of the Chamber of Commerce. She deserved much more courtesy than what she received on that stage.

If there are no letters agreeing with me on these subjects in The Champion in weeks to come, I will be greatly disappointed in the mothers of the talented children of the town of Milton.

Yours truly,
Marie Henry,
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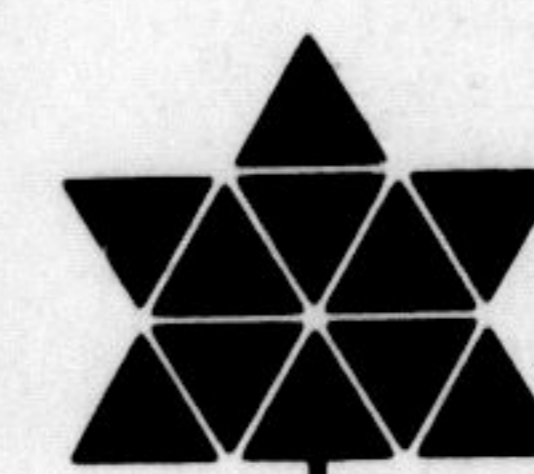
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