

# 4-H Club news



**TED PELUK**  
Assistant  
Agricultural Representative

## Name Westerner Ted Peluk assistant agricultural rep.

A new Assistant Agricultural Representative for Halton County took office on Monday of this week. Ted Peluk (pronounced Pell-OOO) arrived in Halton last week to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Jim Jenkins.

Mr. Peluk has just graduated from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree.

Born and educated at Ladywood, a village about 40 miles north-east of Winnipeg, Manitoba, he grew up on a small mixed farm. After finishing high school he took the four year course at Winnipeg. Since his graduation May 1 he has been helping his family with the seeding at their farm. He expects to live in Milton and work out of the Milton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food.

### BEEF CALF CLUB

By R. Booth  
The May meeting of the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club was held at the farm of Bob Merry Tuesday, May 27. President Doug Gardhouse opened the meeting with the 4-H pledge, repeated by all members.

Bob Merry introduced the Charolais breed and its history to the members. Later a new experience to members and leaders was a class of Charolais heifers to be judged with reasons given later by all. Jim McKay gave the official placing of the class.

Henry Stanley led a discussion on the breeding and the portance of all beef breeds.

Doug Kee thanked Bob Merry for the use of the Charolais cattle and his hospitality.

### JERSEY-Guernsey AYRSHIRE CALF CLUB

By Gail Nixon  
On Wednesday, May 14, the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club held their meeting on the farm of John McNabb. The members discussed the possibility of touring the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for their June meeting.

Bruce Pickering led a discussion with the members on what to look for in a good dairy cow. A class of three-year-old Guernseys in milk were judged by the club members.

The juniors and seniors separated and the juniors discussed the different pedigrees of dairy cows, while the seniors had a lesson with Joe Brent, Milk Commission of Ontario Fieldman, having to do with the Herd Health Program that the members are studying.

The meeting closed with Harley Pickering thanking Mr. McNabb for inviting the members to meet at his farm, for

providing us with an excellent class of cows to judge, and the refreshments which everyone enjoyed very much.

### STRAWBERRY CLUB

By J. Hunter  
The Halton 4-H Strawberry Club held its third regular meeting of the year on Monday evening, May 26, at the farm of Peter McCarthy, Georgetown. The members visited his large pear and apple orchard where Mr. McCarthy explained his methods of grafting, planting, and pruning the trees. He showed the club his strawberry irrigation system, but unfortunately was not able to put it into operation at the time.

The meeting moved indoors for the business which was conducted by the club president, Rosemary Booth. It was decided that the Strawberry Club should enter a display at Milton Fair.

The lesson on planting, weeding, and spraying was presented by Keith Austin, the Club Leader, and the Fruit and Vegetable Specialist Evans Estabrooks. Following the distribution of weed sprays the meeting adjourned.

### LIVESTOCK JUDGING

By Ted Peluk  
On Thursday, May 29, the annual practice livestock judging competition was held. On the farm of Fred Nurse, Georgetown, classes of Holsteins and Jerseys were judged, followed by the judging of one class of two-year-old Hereford heifers, one class of yearling Hereford heifers, and one class of Suffolk ewes at the farm of Peter McCarthy, also of Georgetown.

All Halton 4-H Livestock Club members were present, along with their local leaders Mr. Dunford, Assistant Agricultural Representative; and Henry

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ever try the Gallaudet College entrance exams. In January, the application forms arrived and we found ourselves jittery all over. Nevertheless, we completed them immediately before the deadline, February 1.

The months crept by torturously. Then one day in March, the forms came with such unexpected force that our minds hadn't recovered from the shock enough to begin concentrating on the work that lay ahead of us. But the determination which had strengthened us up to now, pushed us into trying our best on the exams. Two whole days later, much to the relief of our totally exhausted network of thought, the exams were over and we could finally sit back and wait.

Anxious weeks filled with all sorts of worries of the unpredictable, crawled agonizingly by.

The first day of May appeared radiantly, and became even more so, when we received word from the College. When we read the precious letter, stating that we had passed our exams, it knocked us off our guard completely.

The dam broke! All the tensions built up within the last few months melted rapidly away. Our happiness and surprise were indescribable as the wonderful news fell on our ears. The long months of hard work had finally paid off!

Next year will probably be a much better year for those wishing to try their luck on the Gallaudet exams.

We hope by this story, to express to our readers the honor felt by us of being the first students from O.S.D. Milton to try and pass the Gallaudet College entrance exams.

Dianne Hodgins,  
Roman Kazragis.

## Public information meetings to debate farm organization

In response to a request from the General Farm Organization Campaign Committee, the Government of Ontario has introduced legislation providing for a plebiscite by farmers to decide what kind of organization they want to have. The vote is expected to take place on June 24.

The important question on the ballot is whether farmers want a General Farm Organization financed by a checkoff (not to exceed \$2 per \$1000) on all commodities marketed by marketing boards or marketing plans. Other questions on the ballot concern membership and the structure of the organization.

In order that farmers may be well informed of the proposal for a General Farm Organization, a group of information and discussion meetings will be held during the next three weeks. The meetings will be held in Boyne Community Centre on June 11 at 8.30 p.m., and in Brookville Hall on June 12. Other meetings will be announced later.

On June 20 the Provincial Campaign Committee will hold a rally and meeting (time and place to be announced later.)

"This is an important decision for farmers in Ontario, for our future as farmers may depend on having a strong, well-financed organization to speak on our behalf. The farmer's voting power is diminishing at an increasing rate," says Tom Foster of R.R. 3, Campbellville, chairman of the Halton committee.

The many problems which confront us cannot be solved by individual effort, therefore the need for a General Farm Organization is apparent.

We must be careful not to create an all-powerful bureaucracy that would have too far-reaching power over the individual. This could happen if the majority of farmers are apathetic at this time, he warned.

## John Dunford goes farming

By H. J. Stanley  
John Dunford, Assistant Agricultural Representative for Halton and Peel Counties for the past year and a half, follows in the footsteps of Jim Jenkins, former Extension Assistant in these two counties. John left at the end of May to take up dairy

farming in his home county of Peterborough.

He, his wife, their two sons and a daughter, will be farming behind his home farm, producing fluid milk.

All wish John the best in his new undertaking.

### Halton Jersey men on junket

## Sell Canadian cattle in South, Central America

Two Halton Jersey breeders are touring four South and Central American countries this month, searching for new markets for the export of Canadian Jersey cattle.

Ken Ella of Hornby and Don McCaig of Norval, accompanied by John Kneale of the Agriculture and Fisheries Branch of the Canadian Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, left May 18 to visit Peru, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Guatemala. When they fly home on June 11 they hope to have convinced many of those countries' prominent agriculturalists to visit Canada when they're in the

market for some quality foundation stock.

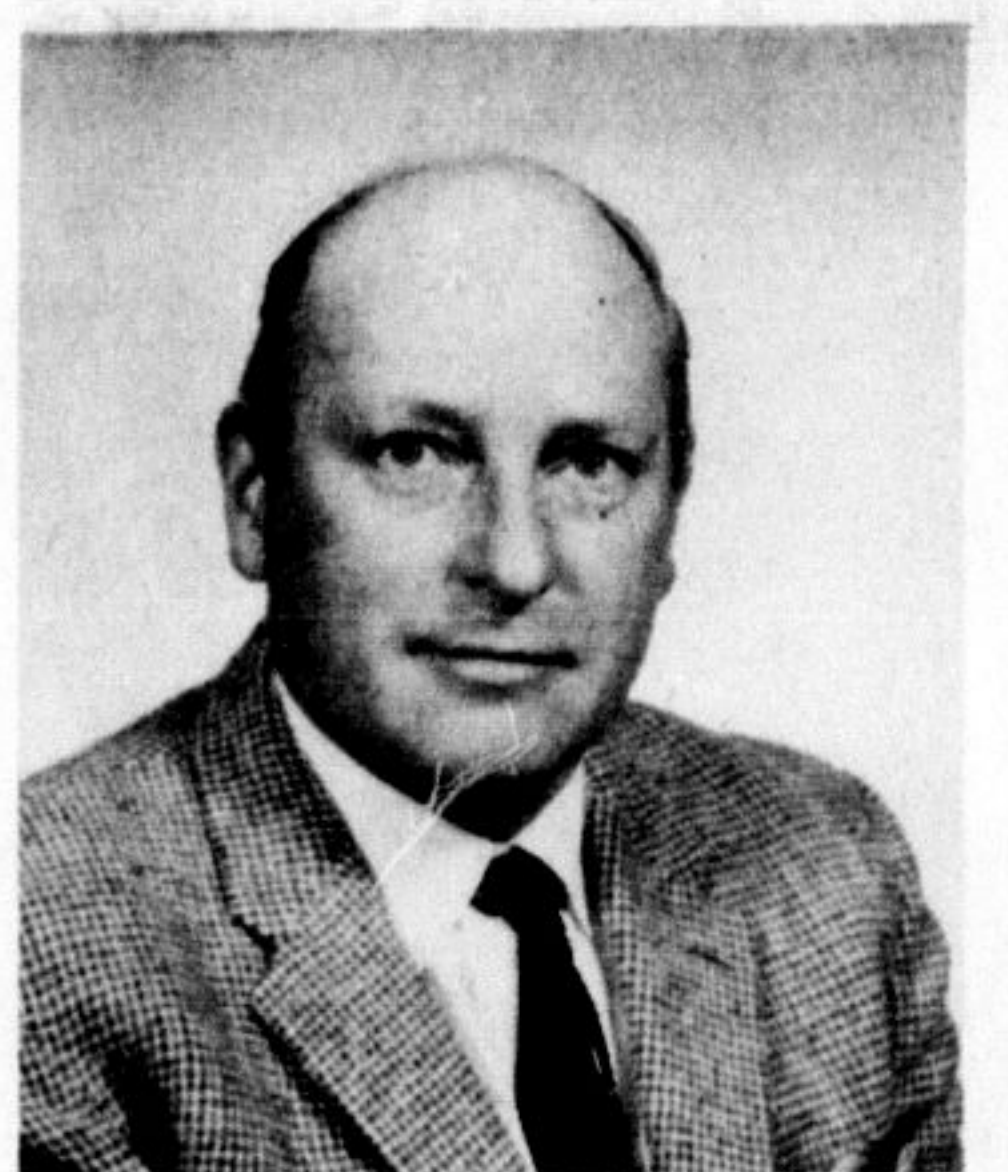
This is the first Jersey junket of its kind, but according to Ontario Jersey Club secretary Dudley Oliver, Toronto, it is just the start of a long range program to interest dairymen from foreign countries to shop in Canada. The four countries they are visiting are "emerging" countries. "They have the money, but they are not milk-producing nations," Mr. Oliver explained. "There is a big demand for fresh milk and they have to buy it."

Jerseymen here hope to influence the agriculturalists in those countries that Canadian Jerseys will provide the best foundation stock for the herds of the future. And right now the Canadian market for Jerseys is at its peak.

Cattlemen blame the new Ontario Milk Marketing Board for the present glutted market. Jersey and Guernsey milk once commanded premium prices from the bottlers but under the O.M.M.B. plan it rates equal to milk produced by other breeds. The Jersey men were forced to look outside the country for buyers.

The current sales mission is actually a joint venture of the Ontario and Canadian Jersey

organizations. Mr. McCaig is on the Ontario exports sub-committee for the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, and Mr. Ella is president of the Ontario Jersey Club. While the buyers



KEN ELLA

they find will be looking at the entire Canadian market for animals, 65 per cent of Canada's Jersey population is concentrated in Ontario.

The junket will not be selling animals during the visit to foreign countries, just paving the way for future sales. If cattlemen from any of the four

countries come to Canada looking for foundation cows, Canadian and Ontario Jersey officials will provide them with transportation and assistance while in Canada.

Similar considerations were extended to visitors from Honduras and Guatemala who have purchased Jerseys here during the past 10 years. Last fall an importing firm from Lima, Peru purchased 300 Jersey heifers in Canada and one of the Canadians who helped select the shipment later went to Peru to judge a big cattle show. The Canadian Jersey Club provided a trophy for the winner of one class at that show.

"We have had considerable enquiries from a number of these countries, particularly Guatemala," said Mr. Oliver.

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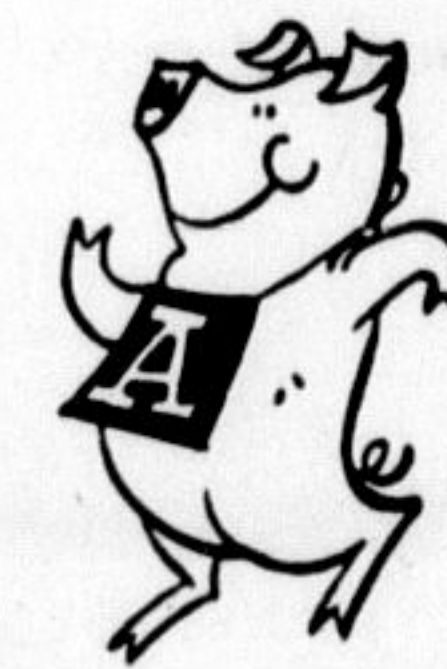
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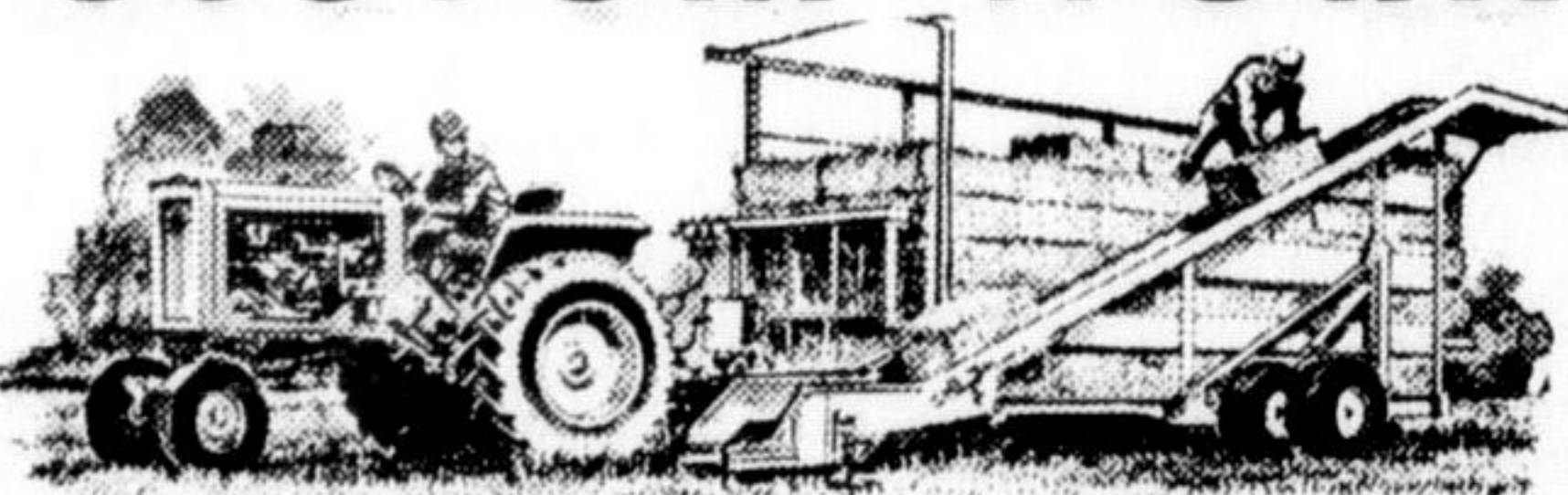
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