

—Be sure to see the Halton County display if you attend the International Plowing Match near Paris this week.

—The political pot is starting to boil locally, with Milton's council and hydro commission nominations slated for Nov. 17.

Halton takes county herd title

For the second year in a row, Halton County won the county herd trophy at the West Central Ontario District Championship Holstein Show held at Erin Fair on Friday. There were nine entries in the class and Halton topped Waterloo and Peel to claim the W. C. Wood trophy.

Halton's Holsteins made a fine showing, bringing home a number of prize ribbons and some trophies. There were 14 exhibitors from this county, and a total of 78 exhibitors altogether. Halton entries included Ashville Farms, Milton; T. H.

McGee, Norval; A. H. McKane, Georgetown; Harry Moore, Terry Cotta; Fred Nurse and Sons, Georgetown; Jeff Nurse, Georgetown; Claude F. Picket, Georgetown (who had 15 entries); John Popp, Rockwood; W. J. Proud, Palermo; H. C. Reid, Milton; Gordon R. Sinclair

and Sons, Burlington; Bert Stewart, Hornby; Howard Tarzwell, Georgetown; and M. D. Wingrove, Campbellville.

Claude Picket was runner-up to Bolton's R. J. Stewart for the honor of being named premier exhibitor. Mr. Stewart was also premier breeder. Mr. Picket showed the senior, grand and reserve senior and grand champion female, and his entry won the best udder competition.

Bert Stewart showed the grand champion male and Craig Reid had the reserve junior champion female of the show.

Film on meat shown Nymphs

By Susan Kidd
The Nassagaweya Nymphs held their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the home of Mrs. H. Stanley, who is our new leader. She is assisted by Mrs. H. Heist.

The election of officers took place as follows: president,

Audrey Allison; vice-president, Irene Kidd; treasurer, Benita Pries, and secretary and press reporter, Susan Kidd. Other members include Jane Norwood, Lila Dennis and Susan Powaduk. We then took notes on choosing food for health and meat and its value as food.

Meeting two was held at the home of Mrs. Stanley on Monday, Sept. 29. The roll call was "my family's favorite meat dish". We took notes on the selection of meats, characteristics of quality meats, identification of meat cuts and cuts of beef with suggestions for cooking. The demonstration was on cuts of meat and their location on the chart.

To end the evening we had an interesting film on "The Story of Meat in Canada" followed by questions and a discussion headed by our leader's husband, Mr. Stanley.

Colleens cook steak dinner

Pounding and preparing stuffing for a (later) delicious flank steak began the third meeting of the Campbellville Colleens 4-H club. All watched as Brenda and Ingrid tried their hands at stuffing it. It was browned and put in the oven to cook.

The meeting notes dealt with the various cuts of meat and methods of cooking each cut. Members were taught the dry and moist methods.

Grilled cheese and bacon sandwiches were served with the steak.

Art Lindop is candidate

Burlington's Ward Three councillor Art Lindop this week announced publicly he would be a candidate for the same north ward seat in Burlington's December election.

Mr. Lindop said he had been asked to seek the seat of deputy-reeve but he preferred to remain a ward councillor "as there is so much yet to be accomplished in North Burlington". He joined council part way through its present term.

More winners at Erin...

Halton exhibitors made another fine showing at Erin Fair over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Several 4-H club members won prizes and Halton exhibitors did well in the Jersey show, field crops and vegetable competitions.

In field crops, John Nurse won first for chopped hay and grain corn ears, plus a second prize on stalks of silage corn. T. J. Brownridge took firsts for his red mangolds, white mangolds, yellow mangolds, fodder beets, sweet corn, Spanish onions, citrons, squash and a collection of vegetables.

Rock-Ella Jerseys owned by Ken Ella and Sons, Hornby, showed the grand champion bull in a large Jersey competition. They also took first in the yearling class and their entry went on to win the junior female championship; and a first prize four-year-old went on to be senior and grand champion female. Ella's also had the first aged cow, first breeder's herd and first in the inter-breed best udder class.

In the 4-H oats competition

Rosemary Booth was in the first prize group, Don McClure second, and Barbara Brownridge and Dennis McClure third. Keith Austin and John Nurse were in the first prize group in 4-H corn, with Philip Agnew and Joe Anderson in the second prize group and John Alderson in the third group.

A 4-H interclub calf show was held for calves from Wellington, Peel and Halton Counties. In senior Holsteins, Gail Beardmore of Peel won out over 26 head. Mary McGee was second high, David Reid fourth and Bill McDonald 10th in the first prize group; Sandy Bennett, Barbara Brownridge, John Alderson, Bob McDonald and Beryl McEnery were in the second prize group; and Paul Stewart was in the third prize group.

In junior Holsteins, Les McDonald was second and he and Barry Reid were in the first prize group; John Patterson and Mary Fuchs were in the second prize group. There were 11 head in this competition.

Five head, all from Halton, were exhibited in the senior 4-H

Jersey class. John, Susan and Gail Nixon were first, second and third in the first prize group; Bruce McKeown and Marg Robinson were in the second prize group.

Just two head from Halton were in the junior Jersey class. Carol Nixon was first and Jane Nixon second. Carol's calf was also chosen reserve champion calf and the calf of Gail Beardmore was champion.

A competition was held for a group of three calves from one 4-H club, and 11 groups made entries. Peel 4-H Holstein Club was first; Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club took second, third and fourth prizes, Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey Calf Club was sixth and eighth.

The second place team included Bob McDonald, Sandra Bennett and Barbara Brownridge; third, Les McDonald, Barry Reid, John Patterson; fourth, Mary McGee, Bill McDonald, David Reid; sixth, John, Susan and Gail Nixon; eighth, Carol and John Nixon, Marg Robinson.

An editorial

Agriculture at the cross-roads

By Henry J. Stanley
Agricultural Representative

Agriculture in Halton County is at the cross-road. It must change course and move up the hill of progress or slide down and out of competition.

Nobody, least of all a farmer, can stand still. His costs have continued to rise at an accelerating rate, while his receipts per unit of produce have remained fairly constant. To meet this challenge, the Ontario farmer has become more and more efficient. He produces more and more produce per man on his farm.

Such is not the case on many Halton County farms. Additional road blocks have been thrown up along the way — greatly increased assessment and spiralling taxation, regional school boards, nobody on council to represent the rural area (a complete reversal of the past), etc. Many farmers have become discouraged when no one seemed to lend an ear or care. When the knight in shining armor appeared, the land speculator, many welcomed the opportunity to get out of farming, at least in this county. (Sometimes the armor turned out to be tin instead of hardened steel).

Others are progressing at one-eighth throttle. They are undecided as to whether or not they should sell or wait another year. Many are not changing at the rapid pace necessary to keep up with our competition in the rest of Ontario. Very few are remodelling their barns or building new ones. The thousands of acres of heavy

clay soil which should be drained is not being drained because of the uncertainty of agriculture.

The farmers in the rest of Ontario are changing and updating their farming at a rapid rate. While taking part in the Land Use Tour of Eastern Ontario last month, I was most impressed with the great strides made in this so called "backward" section of our province. Their corn yields for the past two years are superior to our county. They are definitely our competitors in this field, not just western Ontario as we might have thought. A similar situation exists in most farming fields.

Do we continue at our present pace and slowly slide farther and farther behind? Or, do we run ahead, having faith in this county and in the future of agriculture? Do we ignore the persistent real estate salesman who have found clients with more money than can be imagined, and keep in this business of farming?

Many will say "No". But many, I am sure, will decide to keep in the race. They will change their attitudes — considering performance of livestock over looks or breed, volume of production over number of cows, yields per acre over number of acres, etc. This is the thinking of the farmer of the future.

Are you at the cross-road? Which way will you go?

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Class leader

Rock Ella Climax Debra, a cow bred and owned by Kenneth Ella and Son of Rock-Ella Farms, Hornby was senior three-year-old class leader for the month of September, the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club reports.

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