



GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE in Dual Purpose Shorthorns at the Royal Winter Fair was Braerob Lady Worcester I.C., owned and shown by Allan Patterson and Son of Milton. Pattersons also won the reserve junior champion bull award and several other prizes at the Royal. —(Photo by Jim Rose)

Farmers must survive on lower profit margin

By H. J. Stanley
The huge surplus of wheat has spread a gloomy picture over the heads of all Canadian farmers last year. Below average wheat harvest in Europe, Argentina and Australia rapidly changed this picture with greatly increased exports from Canada. However, the future of our wheat exports is still somewhat hazy depending upon the growing conditions in these other countries.

The damage to the 1970 corn crop in the U.S. has resulted in considerably higher grain corn prices. The prospects for increasing exports of Canadian feed grains, particularly barley, are promising.

Poultry produce up
Increased production of poultry

meat and eggs is expected to continue for most of 1971. Broiler production in Canada rose to a record level again this past year, with the outlook not too favorable.

Returns to producers on eggs was approximately 6c per dozen lower in 1970 than the previous year except for the latter part when the spread in price widened. Outlooks are for five to 10 per cent increase in egg production in Canada in 1971.

Dairy optimistic
There are reasons to be optimistic about the dairy outlook. Milk production in Canada has stabilized at 18.5 billion pounds. Sales of fluid milk and cream will likely continue to increase and thus reduce the amount of milk going into butter

and skim milk powder. Surpluses of butter have increased somewhat during the past year and are expected to increase by another 10 million pounds in 1971. The long term outlook for beef on the North American continent appears promising. Projections show that by 1980 the average consumption for each Canadian will be from 110-120 pounds annually. This will require an increase of 35 per cent in total beef production in the next 10 years.

Hog prices down
Hog gradings in Canada increased by some 15 per cent during the past year, with a resulting drop in price. Increased gradings are expected, especially for the first half of 1971. Per capita pork consumption might show relatively little change by 1980, remaining close to the 55 lbs. per capita level.

Larger operating and depreciation charges result in lower net incomes for many farmers. More and more farm families are supplementing their farm income by off-farm earnings. The farmers must continue to attempt to develop a farm operation that can survive on lower profit margins.

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Girls receive honors for 4-H achievements

By Mrs. D. Bannister
home Economist
Needlecraft, the fall project of Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs, was completed Saturday, Dec. 5 by eight clubs and their 80 members. The Achievement Day was held at the Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. Mrs. Doreen Bannister, County Home Economist, conducted the day's program assisted by Mrs. Sandra Schneller of Erindale. Special awards were presented to 15 members. Dianne Pell, a

member and leader of Palermo South club received the "Advanced Honors Certificate" and engraved pie server for the completion of 18 different 4-H Homemaking Club projects.

Provincial honors

Provincial honors certificates and pins for 12 projects were awarded to Rosalyn Merry of Hornby South, Shirley Sayers of Acton, and Eleanor Smith from Hornby North Senior Club. Mrs. George Henderson,

Georgetown, president of Halton District Women's Institute brought greetings to the members and leaders, and presented county honors certificates and pins. Recipients were Norma Boomhouwer, Janice Inglis, Judy Inglis and Anne Mahon of Campbellville, Margaret Kubinec of Hornby North (Jrs.), Judy Chase of Hornby North (Srs.), Irene Kidd of Nassagaweya, Carla Jansen and Elizabeth Koppers from Palermo North, Antoinette and Diane Westelaken from Palermo South.

Display work

Each member displayed two embroidered articles and her record book. This work was of great interest to visitors. Needlecraft was exhibited on wall hangings, cushions, aprons, hand bags and clothing. In addition, each of the eight clubs presented an exhibit or skit to demonstrate what they had studied in the project.

North Halton Achievement Day was held Saturday, Dec. 12 at Stewarttown Public School.

Halton 4-H winners earn scholarships

By Hugh Cook
The Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway are very much interested in 4-H in Halton County. Every year they sponsor various activities in the county 4-H program. The prize money offered for the special projects done by 4-H members this year was sponsored by the Kiwanians. On a trip to the Toronto Science Centre this summer, the 4-H'ers were the guests of the Kiwanis Club.

To top off the year they also present the Claude Baine and J. E. Whitelock Trophies as well as the Kiwanis Club Scholarships. The Claude Baine Trophy goes to the top first year member in the county and the J. E. Whitelock Trophy goes to the top overall 4-H'er in the county. The scholarships go to the highest standing member in each 4-H club in the county, who has not won it previously.

Trophy winners

The trophy winners were as follows: Claude Baine Trophy, Marianne Lepa; J. E. Whitelock Trophy, Keith Aitken.

The scholarship winners were: Beryl McEnery, Acton 4-H Calf Club; Bruce Stevenson, Halton 4-

H Beef Calf Club; Ann McClure, Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club; Marg Robinson, Halton 4-H Jersey, Guernsey, Dual Purpose Shorthorn Calf Club; Leah Leslie, Acton 4-H Field Crop Club; Dennis McClure, Halton 4-H Field Crop Club; Glen Stevenson, Halton 4-H Sheep Club; Valerie Ella, Halton 4-H Horse Club; Edward Bird, Halton 4-H Electric Club; Heather Hyatt, Halton 4-H Homemaking Club and Doris Black, Halton 4-H Homemaking Club.

Dinner guests

All the above mentioned members were guests at a dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway at the Old Mill in Toronto on Dec. 7. At this dinner the trophies were re-presented to the two winners and a small representative trophy was presented for the winners to keep. The scholarship winners were each presented with a dictionary which had their initials imprinted on the cover in gold lettering.

A special thanks goes out to the Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway for their continued interest and support.

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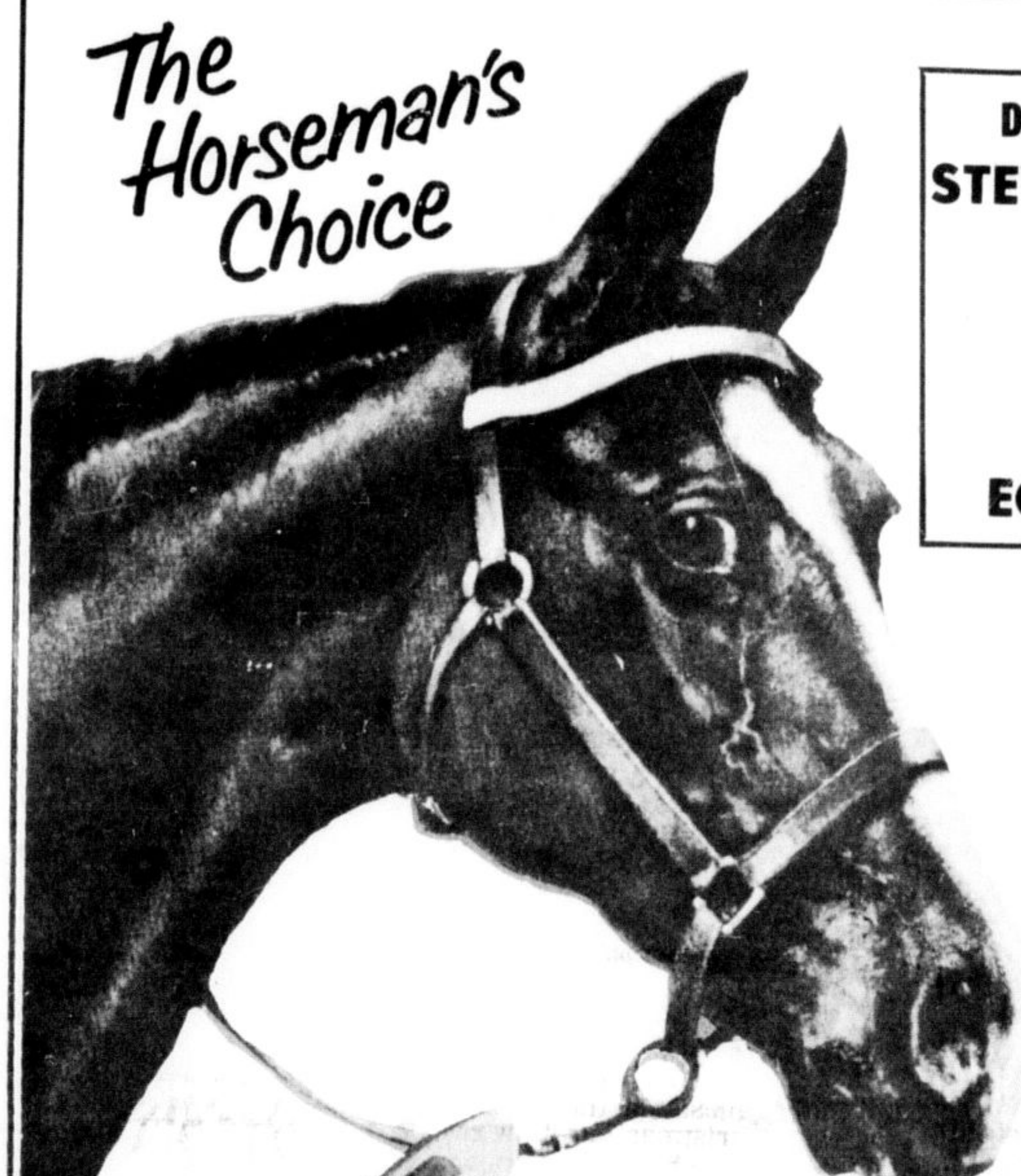
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