

## Hunters host club meeting

The Halton 4-H Sheep Club hosted the inter-club meeting at Mr. Albert Hunter's farm on Wednesday evening, Aug. 8. Members were present from North Niagara and Haldimand sheep clubs.

Mr. Hunter gave a talk on his flock of Dorset ewes, after which the members judged Dorset ram lambs. A few members from each club were chosen to be spokesmen and gave their reasons on the placings. The 4-H leaders then gave their reasons and announced the official placings.

**Helpful hints**  
Fred Lowden from Smithville

gave a helpful and informative demonstration on shearing and trimming lambs for show, as the members should be confronting this aspect shortly for the fall fairs.

The committee responsible for the club display at Milton Fair was chosen, namely, Steve and David Stanley, and Jim and John Summerfield.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by refreshments served by Mr. and Mrs. Hunter which proved a delicious ending to an enjoyable evening.

The next activity will be the quiz night at Master Feeds Research Farm on September 4.

## Demonstration shows proper calf clipping

The fourth meeting of the Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club was held on Monday, Aug. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bert Stewart, Hornby. Dave Reid opened the meeting with all members present.

Larry Bennett showed the proper way to clip a calf. Bert Stewart and three members used the Stewart family's three 4-H calves and demonstrated showmanship for the 40 members and visitors.

Committees were nominated for the exhibit at Milton Fair and

for the inter-club herdsman competition. Mrs. Stewart served a delicious lunch. Dave Reid closed the meeting. The next meeting will be quiz night to be followed by Achievement Day on Saturday, Sept. 22 in the morning at Milton Fair.

The July meeting was held at the farm of Jim Reid, Hornby. A lesson on milk quality was given by Jeff Nurse. The members inspected the barn for causes of poor milk quality. A lunch was served by Mrs. Reid.

## Not enough hosts

## Rural—urban exchange runs short on farms

With the last country visitors coming home from the city on the 1973 urban-rural exchange today, local co-ordinator Cathy Lasby is preparing a final report.

Qualitatively, she felt this year's program was excellent. Quantitatively though, there were some disappointments. Of 105 urban teenagers who applied to visit a farm, 60 had to be refused because not enough farm hosts were available. This has been a problem all over the province, Cathy said.

**More north-south**  
The only solution for the current program seems to be

earlier contact with the mass media, she thinks. It has been suggested, also, that the exchange be more north-south in its organization and not concentrate on finding host farms so close to the cities. The urban exchange might hold more interest for rural children from counties farther north.

The people who did get involved enjoyed themselves, Cathy says. One farm family enjoyed their first visitor so much they asked Cathy to send them a second and a third; and every body stayed longer than the scheduled one week.

## Beans won't work

A new protein crop known as Faba beans isn't what it is sometimes cracked up to be, Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley told Halton County Council's administration committee Thursday.

Stanley told the committee the beans were felt by some people to be the cure to the world shortage of soybeans, which is generally used as a protein crop.

He explained the Faba bean

are difficult to grow here as they are susceptible to a number of factors which cause poor crops.

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—Halton Plowmen will attend the international plowing match near Sarnia Sept. 25-29 to promote the 1974 match in Halton.

## Champion Farm Page



NANCY STANLEY of Oakville recently enjoyed a one-week exchange program at the Kitching farm in Nassagaweya.

Here Paula Kitching (right) introduces Nancy to a calf.

(Photo by D. Pink)

## Tour crops of members

by Karen Wickson

The last meeting of the 4-H Field Crop Club was held on August 14. The meeting was a tour of all member plots which started at Ken McNabb's and ended at Greig Reid's. Unfortunately, it got dark sooner than expected, and members couldn't visit all the farms. The meeting was closed with lunch served by Mr. and Mrs. Reid.

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## Oakville visitor enjoys Nassagaweya farm

The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food's rural urban exchange program provided Nancy Stanley, 13, of Oakville, with a memorable week on the Kitching family farm in Nassagaweya.

A full time farmer, John Kitching raises Holsteins at his farm on 30 Sideroad, bordering the Puslinch Town Line. This is the second time Mr. and Mrs. Kitching and daughter Paula, 13, have hosted an urban visitor.

Nancy's father, an Oakville school principal, acquainted his daughter with the program through information he obtained in the schools. Nancy "thought it would be interesting" and applied to be part of the rural urban exchange program.

During her stay at the Kitching farm Nancy loaded straw, picked corn and beans, brought in steers, worked with the animals and swam in the Kitching family pool.

Though she admits there is lots to do in both Oakville and Nassagaweya, Nancy concedes

she'd rather live on a farm for summer. "It's lots of fun," she said.

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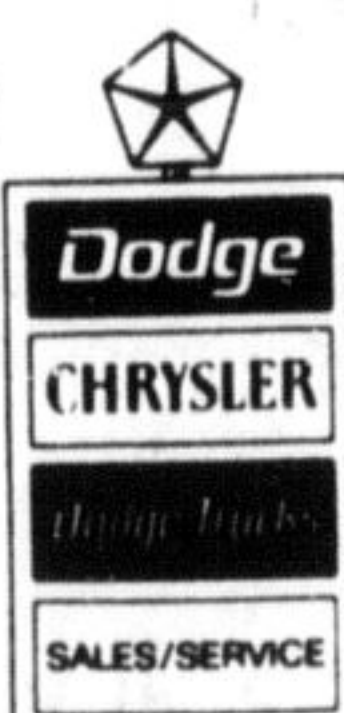


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