



DAVE COONS fastens a plaque onto the wall in a family room at Halton Centennial Manor. The plaque reads "Furnished by the Oakville Milk Producers." The organization is now defunct and donated \$500 worth of furniture to the home for the aged. Vic Lawrence, Craig Reed and Jim Marshall all held executive positions in the organization. Dave Coons is chairman of Halton Region's Community Service Committee.

Photo by B. Burt

Horse talk

by A. Mac Armstrong
With the apparent interest in horses in Halton County, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is sponsoring a horse information meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the agricultural hall, Milton fair grounds. The program will cover the topics foaling, feeding and conditioning, vitamin and mineral nutrition.

Dr. Jim Henderson, D.V.M. from Brampton, will be making a presentation of foaling and care of the foal. Tentatively, a speaker will be present to discuss the feeding and conditioning program for hunters, jumpers and event horses. I will be covering the mineral and vitamin aspects of horses.

All Halton County horsemen are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Delegate

Harold Biggar of Oakville was a Halton delegate to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association convention held in Toronto. It was a two-day session.

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—The Champion's snow sculpturing competition, cancelled due to an absence of snow last weekend, will be held this coming weekend—if there's any snow.

—It was sunny but cool on Saturday. But rumors that the first groundhog seen in the district was wearing long red woolen underwear are completely untrue.

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Beginners

Quick course for beef producers

by A. Mac Armstrong

Where will our supply of beef come from tomorrow? Will it come from the full time farmers in Halton. Take a look around the region and tell me, just how many "beef farmers" do we have left. According to the 1972 statistics we had 2,900 beef steers over one year of age in the county. I know where approximately 1,200 are.

They are on five farms. Assuming the other 1,600 head are on small farms, each feeding 20 steers, this means we have only 80 beef farmers left in Halton.

Part-time or hobby farmers now represent the greatest resource for beef production in Halton. Many farms in Halton are now owned by our so-called "hobby farmers." If each one of our hobby farmers were to keep 10 beef

cows or feed 20 beef steers to market, I am sure our total beef production could double if not triple in the next few years.

Not so easy
Many new land owners are hesitant to start into the beef business, and rightly so. There is more to producing beef than meets the eye.

To help the novice beef farmer we have set up a "Novice Beef Farmer Workshop" to be held in the Board Room of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food office, 181 Main Street, Milton on Feb. 13 and 16. The first session, covering the cow-calf herd (breeding) and the feeder operation, will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. The second session, covering buildings, equipment, fencing and farm financing and tax management will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Plan to attend if you are new in the business of farming. We cannot guarantee you a profit on your farm, but we can definitely help you to minimize your losses.

Organize 4-H club

by Doreen Bannister
4-H Homemaking Clubs in Halton will soon be organizing for their spring project, "The Cereal Shelf". This unit will focus on one of the five food groups in the Canadian Food Guide for Health.

Club members will become familiar with cereal grains and the products made from them. They will learn the food value of cereals and cereal products, and their importance in family meal planning.

Members will also be given an opportunity to make main dishes, snacks, desserts and cookies.

Achievement day
At an Achievement Day to be held at the completion of the project the girls will

display their record books, recipe files and favorite muffins, and will present demonstrations and skits on topics they have studied.

A workshop for 4-H Homemaking Club Leaders was conducted recently by Mrs. Doreen Bannister, Home Economist for Halton Region. Leaders representing 16 local clubs attended from Georgetown, Milton, Acton, Oakville, Campbellville, Norval, Limehouse and Rockwood.

4-H Homemaking Clubs are open to all girls ages 12 to 16. Those interested in becoming a club member should contact their local club leader, or the Home Economist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 3 Elizabeth St. S., Brampton, 451-5474.

Promote plowing match '74

Halton Plowmen has a booth at the Canada Farm Show in Toronto last week, promoting the big International Plowing Match to be held in Halton this fall.

Headed by publicity committee chairman George Swann, the group of plowmen handed out literature and matches to thousands of Farm Show visitors, telling them about the IPM Sept. 24 to 28 on a farm just south of Georgetown.

Ontario Furrow Queen Sheila Armstrong of St. Paul's joined the plowmen in distributing publicity to visitors. The new slide presentation on Halton was shown in the booth and maps were displayed to show visitors how to reach the match site on 10 Sideroad east of Ashgrove.

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