

Horse, tractor pulls at Canada Farm Show

An invitational tractor pull for purses totalling \$16,200 and a championship draft horse draw for \$4,000 in prize money are among features of the 1977 Canada Farm Show, Feb. 1 to 4, at the Coliseum, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

Top tractor pullers from Canada and the United States will compete in the tractor pulling events on the show's last two nights, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 3 and 4.

"Purses have been increased by \$6,200 over the \$10,000 in prize money awarded winning tractor pullers at the last show," said Mrs. Dawn Morris, show manager.

"This year's tractor pull is by invitation only and many of the leading pullers in North America have already accepted our invitation to compete."

\$100 to \$450

Six tractor pulls for modified and super stock farm tractors will each award purses totalling \$2,500 to winning pullers. Purses range from \$450 for first to \$100 for the tenth place finisher in each event.

In addition, two events for mini-tractors, sanctioned by the Canadian Mini-Tractor Pullers Association, will each offer \$600 purses.

Championship draft horse draws, sponsored by the Ontario Belgian Horse Association, will be held on the show's second night, Wednesday, February 2. A light horse draw, for teams weighing up to 3,300 pounds, and a heavy draw for teams over 3,300 pounds, will each award \$2,000 in prize money. For the first time at this event, win-

ners of each class will compete to decide a grand champion.

The association will also sponsor a championship draft horse sale at the show of more than 100 head of registered and grade Belgian, Clydesdale, Percheron and commercial horses.

Selling well

"Reserved seat application forms for the horse draw and the tractor pull events are available through local farm equipment dealers, feed stores and co-ops," said Mrs. Morris. "Requests for tickets for both events are at an all-time high and we expect a sell-out of over 6,000 seats for each of the three nights."

The feature events are being staged in conjunction with displays of latest farm equipment by more than 300 exhibitors, including exhibits by major farm tractor manufacturers. Sponsored by the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers Association, the show is Canada's largest indoor agricultural equipment exhibition.

Registration cards for admission to the exhibits are being distributed through farm equipment dealers and exhibitors. Mrs. Morris urged persons planning to attend to obtain these cards which offer a saving of \$1 off the regular admission price and also entitle visitors to participate in a number of prize draws. Visitors without registration cards are required to pay a \$2 registration fee and are not eligible for the draw prizes.

Exhibits at this year's show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Tractor and horse pulling events start at 6 p.m.



THE CHORES CONTINUE. Ontario farmers continue their farm chores, even in winter when the fields are covered in snow and the earth takes its annual rest. Inside, farmers are busy feeding animals, repairing machinery and making plans for spring planting. (OMAF Photo)

Halton-Peel cattlemen review SHARE program

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The annual meeting of the Halton-Peel Cattlemen's Association was held Jan. 13 in the Junior Building, Brampton fair grounds. President Lee Wilkinson chaired the day's events.

Bob Bell, Agricultural Representative for Peel, introduced a slide set developed in the Region of Peel entitled "Farming in the Urban Shadow". This presentation emphasized the problems that farmers experience as a result of urban expansion. Mr. Bell stated that the slide set was available for use by any groups interested.

Dave Armstrong, a Peel dairy farmer, along with Bob Bell, discussed the new SHARE program. This is a project undertaken by the farmers in Peel and surrounding area to send dairy heifers to countries where they are badly needed. The

program title stands for "Send Help and Resources Everywhere". Anyone interested in taking part in the program should contact the Peel Agricultural Office.

Slides of Brazil

Bob Bell showed slides on his trip to Brazil with Neil Armstrong. Brazil is the first recipient of heifers through this program. At noon a roast beef on a bun dinner was served.

In the afternoon, Herb Norry, Area Co-ordinator with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, spoke on farm taxes, succession duties, estate planning, etc. This created a lively discussion.

The Halton-Peel Cattlemen's Association delegate to the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Keith Monkman, R.R. 2 Brampton, informed a meeting about the concerns of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association. A resolution from the Bruce County Cattlemen's Association

concerning the marketing of steers was discussed and defeated.

The election of directors followed. The new directors from Halton for 1977 are

Keith Aitken, Bill Alexander, Bill Allison, Allan Cook, Don Lindsay, Charles Martin, Bob Merry, Jim McKay, Don Sherwood, Fred Wartlick, and Lee Wilkinson.

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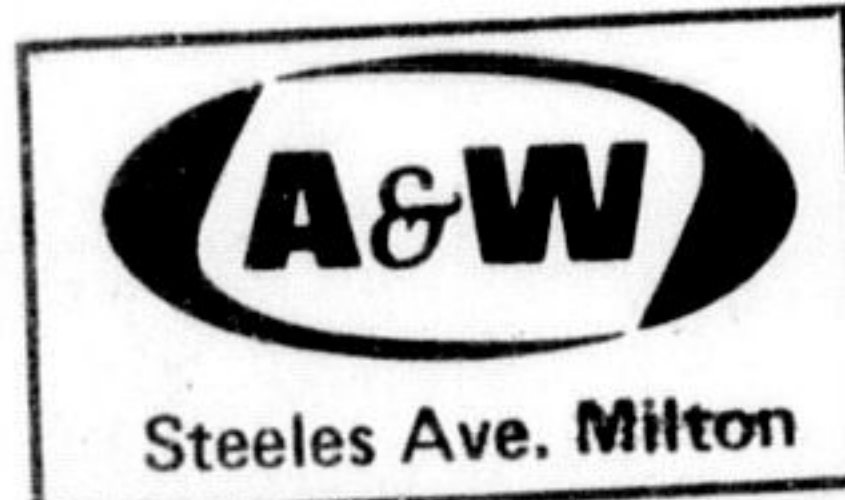
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Outstanding Holstein cow

Bardholm Fond Kathy, a purebred Holstein cow bred and owned by Miss Barbara Y. Royle of Milton, has an outstanding record. In her latest record in a total of 10 lactations, Kathy produced 150,204 lbs. milk, testing 4.49 per cent for 6,756 lbs. fat for which she was awarded a Silver Seal Lifetime Production Award by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

In her latest record as a 12-year-old in 305 days on twice-a-day milking, Kathy received Superior Production recognition when she produced 15,999 lbs. milk, 868 lbs. fat, testing 5.43 per cent. She was further noted for Superior Production in her 365 day record with 18,127 lbs. milk, 968 lbs. fat, testing 5.34

per cent. Kathy, classified Excellent, was Reserve Grand Champion Female at the Halton County Black and White Show in 1966, and Grand Champion Female at the Halton County Black and White Show in 1967. She has one Very Good Daughter and is sired by the Excellent and Class Extra Lakefield Fond Hope. Her dam is the Excellent and Three Star Twin Rivers Sovereign Kate.



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