



PRETTYING UP Foxetta Bego before a Quarterama class is Debbie Coverdale of Campbellville. Several Milton and area residents were contestants at Canada's largest Quarterhorse show at the coliseum in Toronto.

Ten 4-H clubs are organized

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Organization for the Halton 4-H Agricultural Clubs took place on Friday, March 25 at Hillcrest United Church.

The following is a list of the clubs organized and their meeting nights:

Acton 4-H Calf Club, 3rd Tuesday; Halton 4-H Field Crop Club, 3rd Monday; Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, 3rd Thursday; Halton Junior and Senior Dairy Calf Clubs, 2nd Monday; Halton 4-H Horse Club, 4th Thursday; Halton 4-H Livestock Judging Club, 1st Monday; Halton 4-H Sheep Club, 1st Wednesday; Halton 4-H Forestry Club, 4th Tuesday; Halton 4-H Tractor Club, 3rd Wednesday; and Halton 4-H Dog Club, 2nd Thursday.

Stan May, President of the Halton 4-H Club Leader's Council, welcomed all the members for the new year. Rules and regulations were explained. Randy Peddie spoke on his experiences at the 4-H Regional Conference for 15-year-olds which he attended in 1976.

Joseph Weeden discussed the United Breeders' 4-H Silver Dollar Competition. Joe has competed the last two years in this program. Speaking on the Queen's Guinea Competition was Nancy McKinnon. Nancy has competed in this event for many years with much success. Leaders of the various clubs explained the year's program to the members and discussed projects.

Enrolment forms were filled out. The last chance to enrol is at the first regular meeting.

Province announces beef support price

Agriculture and Food Minister William Newman announced last week the details of Ontario's 1977 beef calf income stabilization program.

The support price for calves under Ontario's beef calf income stabilization program will be 51.5 cents a pound this year—an increase of 1.5 cents a pound over last year.

Mr. Newman said that the federal government beef calf stabilization plan will not affect the level of price guarantee provided by the provincial program for those producers enrolled in the Ontario program.

He said that Ontario beef calf producers now have

three options:

The first option is that producers can enroll in the Ontario program. This automatically also enrolls them in the federal plan, if they meet the requirements of the federal plan. Producers who participated in the Ontario plan last year will receive enrollment forms in the mail. New participants will be able to get forms from their agricultural representative after April 4.

The second option is for producers to enroll in the federal plan only. These producers can obtain application forms from the agricultural representative.

The third option is for

producers not to participate in any plan.

Mr. Newman said that producers enrolled in the Ontario plan will be guaranteed the federal support price, and in addition will receive the difference between the federal support price and the provincial support price. Also, every producer enrolled in the Ontario program will have some cows which are not eligible for inclusion in the federal plan.

All cows in a producer's possession as of April 1, 1977, will be eligible for coverage under the provincial plan. The enrollment fee is \$8 per cow this year, and application forms must be returned to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food by May 31, 1977.

This is the third year of the province's beef calf income stabilization program. Last year, more than 15,000 producers enrolled 355,172 cows and received \$20,750,000 from the plan.

Visit NY farmers

By Henry J. Stanley
Agricultural Representative

Despite the blustery weather, some 50 Holstein breeders from Halton travelled to New York State on Tuesday, March 22. Four outstanding Holstein farms were visited. These included Sugar Creek Farm, Danville with 13 excellent and 26 very good cows; Coyne Farms at Avon, N.Y. with 130 cows in milk; Erinwood Farms, Oakfield with 27 excellent and 18 very good cows; and Tripacres at Batavia, the former home of All-Canadian Cow, Hanover Hill Astro Anna.

The Halton Holstein members were impressed with these four fine herds of cattle and appreciated the good quality land we have in Halton, compared to the many miles of poorly drained and rolling farm land which they passed through in New York State.

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Saving money on the farm

Energy conservation on the farm can save money. That is the message that was delivered to some 50 representatives of electrical contractors, farm equipment dealers, farm feed companies and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food at an agricultural energy conservation seminar sponsored by Ontario Hydro at its regional office in Willowdale.

Bill Cooke, a hydro agriculture applications supervisor, described three research projects carried out with the co-operation of farmers which indicated methods of saving energy and costs.

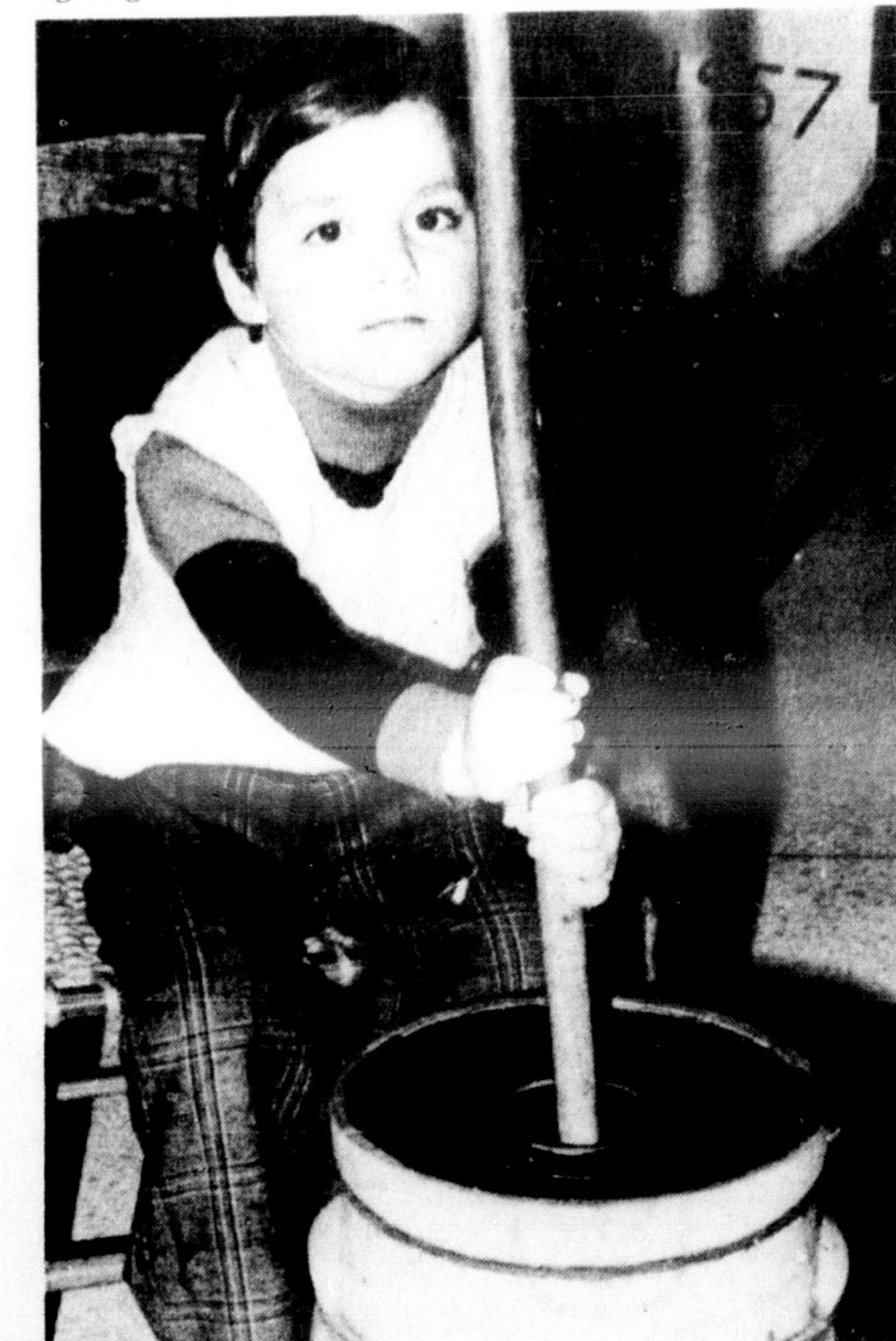
Air-to-air heat exchangers installed in a barn housing 8,000 ducks at the King Cole farm in Newmarket was credited with saving \$800 in its first two months of operation. A dimmer control and time clock system in a broiler chicken barn operated by Bruce Chidley at Nobleton shows that nearly a quarter million dollars can be saved annually by the province's broiler raisers by reducing lighting levels while still

producing as good or even better broilers.

Installation of a heat exchanger in a milk-cooling system on a dairy farm at Snelgrove produced savings of at least \$20 a month in a recent winter test.

Several industry speakers at the three-hour evening seminar described applications of their particular products that could lead to energy savings. They included Roy Binns of Marr Electric, Weston; Bill Bloomfield of American Superior Electric, Toronto; Wayne Beath of Surge Dairy Equipment, Port Credit; and Tom Kilmer of Indusco Sales, Toronto. Representing the O.M.A.F. was Jim Myslik, Agricultural Engineer at Brampton.

Setting the tone of the meeting, George Awde, a hydro commercial applications supervisor, said, "Unless the growth in demand for electricity throughout the province can be reduced from its traditional rate of seven per cent, electrical brownouts will occur regularly as early as 1980."



KEEP ON CHURNIN'. Nick Panagiotidis will probably never have to churn his own butter but during Halton Museum's display at Milton Mall Friday the three-year-old youngster tried his hand at using the Dasher Churn which dates back to around 1860.

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