



HALTON JUNIOR FARMERS planted maple trees at a pioneer cemetery Saturday afternoon at the corner of Eighth Line and Steeles Ave., just east of Hornby. The project is part of their community betterment program. Cecil Patterson is seen here on the machine used to dig the holes for the trees, while Ed Bird, president of Halton Junior Farmers, and Tom Cheeseman lower the tree into the hole.

World rye queen two years in row

For the second year in a row, Mrs. Marguerite Norrington of Milton is the world champion rye grower. She won the honors Thursday when the Royal Winter Fair opened in Toronto and the judges picked her sample of rye as the best in the contest.

Modestly, Mrs. Norrington doesn't want to take any of the credit for winning the world crown twice in a row. "Mother Nature did all the work," she claims. "We have very good soil here," she explained. There was plenty of snow last winter, which protected the fields and helped her and her husband Walter (Bus) Norrington grow the outstanding crop in an eight acre field on their 44-acre farm, Crystal Mountain Farm on Appleby Line, R.R. 6 Milton.

"Anyway, we were glad to win it for Halton," she said. Sharing in the glory is Walter, her husband, whose rye sample was judged second in the world competition. Both their samples came from the same field, but Walter suggests his wife was perhaps a little more particular in selecting her entry.

The Norringtons have been entering Royal seed and grain judging contests for the past 18 years, ever since their daughter Elizabeth won a 4-H grain championship at the RWF and talked her parents into entering too.

A display of prize ribbons is proudly hung in the living room of their home. The winning rye was the best of 1,200 grain samples sent to this year's Royal. It came from a field that produced a crop of 45 bushels to the acre.

Rye wasn't the only winner for the Milton family this year—the Norringtons won a total of eight prizes on eight entries. The others were smaller prizes, sixths and sevenths, in oats, winter and

spring wheat classes. Someone from England won the wheat crown this year, and the winner in barley came from Scotland. The oats championship went to an exhibitor from Saskatchewan.

The honor brings Mrs. Norrington an extra \$100 in cash plus a trophy and silver tray. The awards will be presented today (Wednesday) at the Royal awards banquet.

Their farm atop the escarpment, adjacent to Rattlesnake Point Park, has always produced good crops and for many years it was covered with fruit orchards when it was owned by the Hartley family.

The Norringtons were operating an ice cream parlor in Milton when they decided to buy the farm in 1948. For many years they were dairy producers, with a herd of 75 Ayrshire cows. But in the late

1960s Halton Region Conservation Authority took half their farm for Rattlesnake Point Park and they were left with too little acreage to continue dairy farming, so they switched to grain crops.

Their entries have won many awards in corn, cob corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley classes over the years. Three years ago Bus won reserve championship in Rye and in 1976 his entries won first, second and third prizes in soft wheat, but they didn't claim the world championship.

The seeds are commercially cleaned, before they select the entries.

The Norringtons entered the Tetra Petkus variety of Rye.

Mrs. Norrington says she comes from a long line of farmers. She is originally from Belgium, and says her family were Flemish farmers who grew, weaved and sold flax for many generations. She met Bus while he was overseas during the second world war and came to Canada as a war bride, 32 years ago.

The Norringtons are the second Halton family to claim a world championship at the Royal. William "Bill" Breckon of the Bronte area was World Wheat King in 1954 and a display at Ontario Agricultural Museum at Kelso commemorates the feat.



QUEEN OF THE RYE: Marguerite and Walter Norrington are shown with samples of their rye crop, which won the world championship at the Royal Winter Fair last week, for the second year in a row. Her entry was first, his second in the world contest.

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Feed advisory program saves

by Mark Leahy
Dairy farmers report savings of up to \$100 per cow using the Feed Advisory Program offered by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

for dry matter, crude protein, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, potassium, and trace minerals. Last year the feed testing laboratory handled more than 6,200 samples.

homegrown feeds and purchased supplements. "These rations are custom-built around the existing feeding system, and personal feeding preferences," he says.

Last year the program supplied more than 1,200 Ontario dairy producers with computer-formulated rations, says Stewart Cressman, program co-ordinator. "The feed advisory program helps farmers improve herb performance, and cut nutrient and feed costs," he says. Ration formulation begins with a chemical analysis of homegrown feeds. Farmers, with the assistance of ministry extension personnel, take feed samples for testing at the University of Guelph.

Although it is possible to formulate rations without feed analysis, Mr. Cressman feels analysis is the key to accurate ration formulation. "If tests show the hay is worse than average, we can increase supplements to balance the ration properly." In order to formulate rations quickly and accurately, the program uses computers at the Canfarm Service Agency of Agriculture Canada. Using the results of feed analysis, the computer calculates a biologically balanced ration.

Despite the federal government announcement that the Canfarm Service Agency will be closed, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Treat cattle for warble by Dec. 1

By Mark J. Leahy
Don't miss the chance to benefit from warble control. Treat cattle before the Dec. 1 deadline, says John Forsyth, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food beef cattle specialist.

Cattlemen can derive a number of benefits from warble control. Treatment can mean increased rate of gain and feed efficiency. For the beef industry, treatment means reduced financial loss from damaged carcasses and hides.

Cattlemen can safely and effectively treat cattle for warbles until the deadline, using systemic insecticides. Treatment after the deadline is not recommended because the grubs may have migrated to the animal's gutlet or spinal cord.

Several systemic insecticides are recommended for warble control. These include Grubex, Co-Op Warble Killer, Co-Ral, Neguvon, and Spotton. Cost of treatment, depending on the animal's weight, ranges from 25 to 60 cents.

"Killing the grubs at that stage can cause bloat or mild paralysis in the hind-quarters," explains Mr. Forsyth.

"For maximum effectiveness, treat according to the animal's weight," says Mr. Forsyth. "Read the label and follow instructions."

Animals treated in late November should be observed for the first few hours after treatment, to make sure there are no side effects. "Don't treat after Dec. 1 unless you have consulted a veterinarian," says Mr. Forsyth.

For detailed information about warble control, consult the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food Factsheet No. 420fb655, War on Warbles. This Factsheet is available from local OMAF offices.

Jerseys win in Ky.

Lorne Ella of Rock Ella Jersey Farms, Hornby, was one of five Canadian breeders exhibiting at the All American Jersey Show held in Louisville, Kentucky last week.

Rock Ella entries included the first prize senior yearling in milk, the second prize junior yearling and a 12th in the two-year-old class.

—Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller will speak in Milton next Wednesday, Nov. 22 at a Halton-Burlington PC meeting.

—Santa parades into Milton this Saturday, Nov. 18.

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Guns stolen at residence

While no one has turned in any illegal firearms to the Milton detachment of the Halton Regional Police, someone unlawfully stole a few guns from a private residence.

Police received a report a Lee Enfield 303, a single-shot, 12-gauge shotgun and a .22 cal. Rugar were stolen from the residence of Sam Mills of 251 Main St. N., Acton last week.

The value of the guns is \$218.

The matter is under investigation.

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