

# Royal Winter Fair begins

by Frank Ayerst  
Barn boots and overalls hobnob with top hats and mink at Toronto's annual Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, where farm and fashion mingle in what has been called the World Series of North American fall and winter festivals.

Popularly known as "The Royal," it is a rare blend of high society and barnyard conviviality, and will be staged in the Coliseum of Toronto's Exhibition Place this year from Nov. 8 to 17, its 51st show.

Under one roof are 27 acres of champions, demonstrating to the nation where its food originates and how it is produced. Thousands of animals, food of every description, exciting auctions, displays and activities appeal to the entire family throughout the exhibit areas, show rings and barns.

The Royal is for everyone—whether a city dweller used to the feel of pavement underfoot or a farmer who wants to see the latest in techniques and machinery.

The show's traditional pageantry helps to make it perhaps the most elegant occasion on the Canadian social calendar. The private boxes, especially during the visit of royalty or the Queen's representative in Canada, are impressively festooned in and military decorations.

In the tanbark ring The Royal Horse Show, a highlight for half a century and a major sporting event acclaimed throughout the world, will have leading international riders, jumpers, roadsters, hackneys, palominos, draft horses and hunters competing for Canada's top awards.

Along with Canada's best, these spectacular events perennially attract the best riders and horses from several

countries, particularly the United States, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and Ireland, distinguished contenders all.

Horse show performances are held most evenings and on several afternoons.

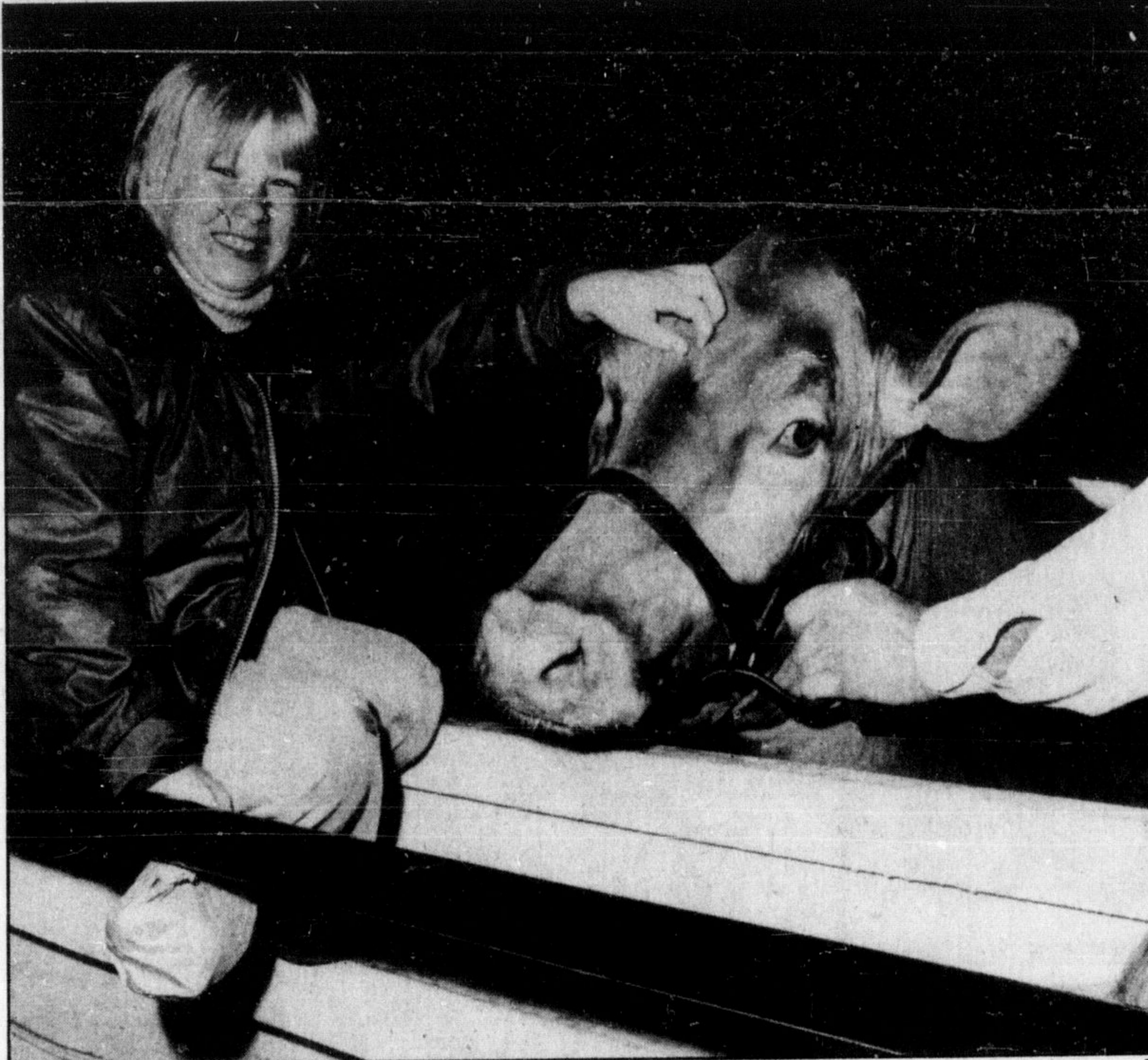
Despite the opulence of some of its visitors and patrons, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is still, as it began more than 50 years ago, a farm show, and the directors fight a constant battle to keep the word "Agricultural" in its long and unwieldy title.

A champion's ribbon at The Royal is the ultimate achievement in the art and sciences of agriculture. One of the past slogans was "If you've won The Royal, you've won it all."

The select of all breeds of livestock are carried many hundreds of miles to the Royal and are shown along with the most nearly perfect examples of vegetables, fruit, grain, flowers, butter, cheese, honey—all the output of the farm. This year some 20,000 entries of almost boundless variety—from steers to tropical fish—are expected to be shown by thousands of exhibitors from all parts of Canada, the U.S. and several foreign countries.

The superharvest is dramatically displayed and explained for both city and farm visitors, as The Royal is aimed, not only at improving the standards of Canadian agriculture, but also at increasing understanding and co-operation between urban and rural people. In recent years the fair has put growing emphasis on food, a subject that interests both farmers and city people, as producers and consumers.

For example, there are cooking demonstrations emphasizing the quality and versatility of



NOTHING COULD possibly recapture the gleeful grin of this pert little miss as she caresses a prize-winning contestant at the

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, an annual fixture in Toronto coming to its 51st year. It opens Nov. 8.

Canadian farm food.

Too, the young of a host of farm animals—calves, piglets, chicks, ducklings and other members of the barnyard smallfry—are there for the special benefit and delight of the youngest visitors.

Last year The Royal welcomed international visitors from 45 countries from Australia to Zambia, including 38 states of the U.S., according to registrations made at the Guest of Canada booth.

Catering to the inner rumblings stimulated by all this bounteous fare

are a licensed dining room, a cafeteria and snack bar.

In sum, The Royal is young, enthusiastic people, exhibiting and judging.

The Royal is a photographer's field-day with its riot of floral creations. It is grandparents relishing the nostalgia stirred by the charm of exquisite hand-sewn quilts and home-made goodies.

It is a spotless show in keeping with the cleanliness of the city in which it is held.

It is a wholesome

change from the hectic conditions of a worrisome world.

It's open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Parking is available or the Bathurst/Exhibition streetcar or Go-Train will take you right to the site.

Admission: Adults \$2.75, students \$1.50, children under 12 \$1.00 and, on Nov. 9, senior citizens \$1.00.

For ticket information contact: Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Exhibition Place,

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6K 3C3. Tel: (416) 366-9051.

For information on other Ontario attractions write: Ontario Travel, Dept. G.K., Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 2E5, or call collect (416) 965-4008 (weekdays).

# Farm

## Junior Farmers attend meeting

By David Agnew

The executive members of the Halton Junior Farmers held a meeting Oct. 3 at the agricultural office in Milton.

President Cecil Patterson opened the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting and treasurer's report were given by Phil Agnew.

Provincial director Paul Laidlaw gave a report on upcoming events.

The livestock management tour will be attended by Phil Agnew, Scott Harris and Ted Potter.

Youth Day at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is Nov. 8.

There is going to be a Nuffield Scholarship. This a four-month travelling scholarship in

Great Britain in 1980.

This is open to farmers or farm managers who would like to better their knowledge of farming.

Age preferred is in the 30 to 40-year bracket.

Winners will be announced by Dec. 1. More information will be given by contacting Paul Laidlaw at 416-455-8519.

There is a tentative Christmas dance Dec. 7.

Halton Junior Farmers made a donation to the Oxford County Relief Fund.

Cecil Patterson's rural report will be heard Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. on CHWO radio.

# Sheridan's open house

Sheridan College is holding a special career open house at the Brampton Campus, Oct. 30 and at the Oakville Campus, Nov. 1, in conjunction with Ontario's first Career Week (Oct. 29 to Nov. 4).

"Career Planning for the 80's" is designed to promote career awareness among Sheridan students and members of the community.

During the career open house, from 12:00 h to 2:00:00 h at both campus locations, Sheridan representatives will be available to provide information on a wide range of occupations in the job market.

It will provide an opportunity for high school students and interested members of the community to see Sheridan's

facilities, talk with college counsellors and placement officers.

All campus divisions will be represented at the open house including applied arts, business and secretarial, applied science and technology, community services, computer studies, liberal and general studies, crafts and design, English and media studies, nursing and visual arts.

Films and slides will be shown and tours will be given at both locations.

There is no admission. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

—The local apple harvest is over. Some firms are selling apples from storage.

## Sheep show

By Doug Miller

Two members of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club took part in the 4-H Interclub Sheep Show at Rockton Fair.

In the type class, Richard Stanley was second and Gerhard Treviranus was fourth.

In the senior showman class the results were 4th Richard Stanley and fifth Gerhard Treviranus.

Gerhard Treviranus won the Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Smith Trophy for the Champion Novice Showman (open to first year members).

# Sheep producers hold meeting

By Henry J. Stanley  
Agricultural Representative

Over 50 sheep producers and friends from this part of Ontario met for their annual meeting on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Hillcrest Restaurant in Hamilton.

Following a lamb smorgasbord dinner the chairman, Doug Kennedy, welcomed everyone.

Guest speaker was Murray Emke, the new Ontario Sheep Fieldman with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Newmarket.

Murray discussed the great interest in sheep in the last few years with an 18 percent increase in members during the past year in Ontario. The province is now the top sheep producing province in Canada.

Murray Older, the

purebred director on the Ontario Sheep Association, discussed the increased compensation for sheep and lambs killed by dogs and coyotes—\$200 rather than the previous \$100.

Schools for the livestock evaluators are to be held during the winter months throughout Ontario.

Albert Hunter, Burlington, the Secretary of the Ontario Dorset Club, said the club now has 80 members with the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Clare Bauman, West Montrose, the new president of the recently formed Ontario Suffolk Association, said the first annual meeting would be held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on either Nov. 12 or 14.

A total of 59 4-H sheep club members completed the year's program in the

zone with Halton 4-H Sheep Club having the highest number of members completing, 15. Delegates elected to the Ontario Sheep annual meeting in Toronto on

Nov. 24 were Doug Kennedy, Albert Hunter, Clare Bauman, Mary Smith, Branchton, and Henry Stanley, Rockwood. Alternates are Gordon Switzer, West

Montrose and Amos Kitchen, Lynden. Peter Branch, Norval was elected as the director from Halton to Zone 3 of the Ontario Sheep Association.

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