

# Farm news

## Agricrews well received

**By Lori Gill**  
The Agricrew program has reached its halfway point, and so far it has been a great success. The crews are made up of one working foreperson and three crew members. They are very eager to work and so far they have been helping with haying along with other jobs such as weeding, painting and cleaning out barns.

As the program is in its third year of operation in Peel and Halton, farmers are more aware of the Agricrew program. They are booking their crews a couple of weeks in advance to ensure they have an Agricrew when they are in need of one. In York County, the response for Agricrew has been poor with only a few farmers phoning in to book crews.

The crews bring their own lunch and in most cases supply their own water. They also provide their own transportation to and from the farms. The cost to hire an Agricrew, consisting of four students that work 8 working hours is \$90.00 a day. All the paper work is taken care of and is of no bother to the farmer. All the crews are covered by Unemployment Insurance and Workmen's Compensation.

There are still several days open to book a crew to do the extra farm jobs you may have. If you are interested or have any questions, contact the Agricrew Co-ordinator at your nearest agricultural office. For Peel, Halton and York, contact Lori Gill at the Peel agricultural office at 451-5474.

## Halton livestock judging

**By Henry J. Stanley**  
The annual Halton Livestock Judging Competition for 4-H and Junior Farmers was held on Saturday, July 12, 1980. Contestants judged a class of horses at Kinglea Stables, Hornby, and then went on to Jomay Farms, Oakville, for classes of Maine Anjou and Charolais Heifers from that farm. Suffolk ewes were provided by

Joe Weeden and a class of Market Hogs from Ron Davis' farm. The final step was at Featherstone Brothers with 2 classes of Jerseys, and a class of Poultry from Don Wilson's farm. Following lunch the 61 contestants gave 6 sets of reasons.

The Champion Livestock Judge was Elaine White; the winner of the Senior section with a score of 654 out of a possible 700. Other placings in the Senior class were Ellen Hurren and Randy Peddie who tied for second; Eartha May, fourth; and Doug Donaldson, fifth.

The winner of the Intermediate section was Ruth Gillies, with a score of 636 out of a possible 700. David Lasby was second; Valerie Scott, third; Ross McClure, fourth; and Richard Stanley, fifth.

## Go goats go

**By Elaine White**  
The July meeting of the 4-H Livestock Judging Club was held on July 22 at the farm of Bill Alexander.

son had trouble with his dairy cows, so he decided to take up milking goats full time.

The winner of the Novice section was Sandi Hunter with a score of 605. Karl Wettlaufer was second; David Bird, third; and John Lytle and Fred Shea tied for fourth.

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We judged two classes of mature milking goats. Mrs. Alexander who has been official judge at goat shows gave us a type demonstration.

Before he had a machine, Bill milked 42 goats by hand which took about a minute each.

The winner of the Junior section was Amanda Kunica, with a score of 626. Doug McCann was second; Lesley Hurren and Lynda Wingfield tied for third; and Ginny Carson and Danny Hayes tied for fifth.

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She told us to judge as if it were a dairy cow and also look for depth and width of body, straight back, sloping shoulder with of course strong udder attachments.

We learned that goat's milk is easier to digest and is great for people with ulcers because it is more alkaline than cow milk. Bill claims that milking goats is more advantageous than cows.

Even though it takes four goats to equal one cow they are much easier to care for.

Goats have a five month gestation period whereas a cow takes nine months.

After the judging, Bill took us for a small tour around the farm. He told us that about 20 years ago his mother, Mrs. Alexander, had 150 goats that were all milked by hand. It was a very good herd, in fact one of the best in Canada. One year at the Royal she had 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th in one class. Other interests brought Mrs. Alexander to sell her herd.

When a goat kids (has babies), she has often 4 offspring at a time with all of them healthy. Another advantage is that goats will milk for up to 18 months per lactation but with a cow you're lucky to get 12 months.

A few years later her

## 4-H conference report

**By Elaine White**  
From July 15 to 22, I attended Provincial 4-H Leadership Camp. It was held 251 Km. north of Toronto.

Camp Kawagama is located on an island equipped with dining hall, meeting halls, and sleeping cabins.

Therefore, we enjoyed the feelings that were felt and friends that were made are something you must go and experience for yourself. Also some of the things are like a hush hush tradition.

Although it rained all week, the showers were cold, the cabins were not heated and the food was far from mom's home cooking, I had the time of my life.

Following this, ship meetings were held so we could plan activities we were responsible for.

I could never begin to tell you all the great things that happened at conference even if I were to write a book, because

The ninety-nine 4-H'ers were split up into groups and named after ships. I was a Bluesoon therefore sported Blue stripes on my white sailors cap which everyone had to wear at all times.

After dinner we had Fleet meetings. Here everybody meets and ships challenge other ships to little contests to see who can win. Vespers was a quiet time to sit and think while watching the sun go down.

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These people were my family for the week. The mornings were sessions on leadership. We learned to work in groups to reach a consensus on task questions we had done before camp.

After fleetlog, which is when the day's activities are reviewed in the form of a skit, song or poem, we turned in.

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Most of us expected

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