

LIFE ON THE FARM ILLUSTRATED



His Excellency Viscount Alexander addressing the opening day crowd at Lachute. Left to right: J. H. Black, President of Argenteuil County Fair; Geo. H. Heon, K.C., M.P., the Governor-General of Canada.

The Argenteuil County's 120th Spring Fair at Lachute, Que., was opened by His Excellency Viscount Alexander and continued for four record-breaking days of perfect weather. Fair officials were hard put to it to accommodate the great number of cars and people on the fair grounds and many late entries in livestock classes had to be turned away when all available stable space had been used up.

Country fairs and exhibitions blossomed out this year, with great increases in attendance and stock showing. Both the Ormstown Exhibition and the Argenteuil County Fair at Lachute, Que., were most successful. The Ormstown Exhibition, pictured here, was slightly marred by frequent showers that sent entrants and spectators alike scuttling for shelter.



A sample difficulty for the photographer—just as he is all set to get some photographs of the Juniors' showmanship classes they sight the gathering storm and high-tail it for the arena. Most of Saturday's weather was punctuated by gusty, violent showers. These Juniors just reached shelter in time.



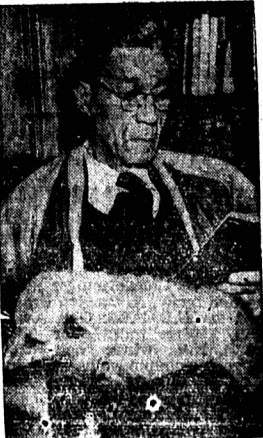
Judging the Ayshire graded herd class was no easy matter for the officials. Ayshires led the class of livestock with 230 entries filled by 166 animals.



An exhibition means hard work for some people. As sitting birds this group, hard at work marking up scores for the Junior judging competitions were an easy camera target. Left to right: A. H. Crutchfield, Huntingdon; Clifford McGee, Agronomer for Huntingdon County; O. S. Mebee, Ormstown; A. Cote, St. Martine; Archie Roy (standing), Howick, and J. D. Lang, Ormstown, both junior club leaders.



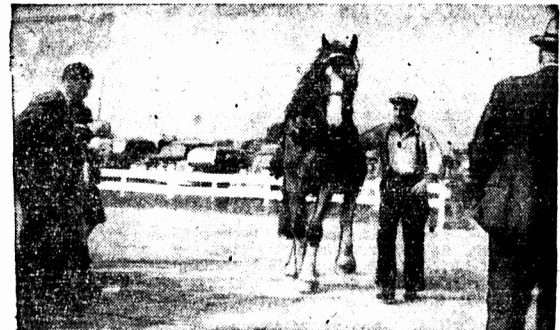
Upper left: Aristocrat Pabst Alcarra, junior champion Holstein bull, Wm. A. Meyer. Upper right: Inspiration Mac, grand champion Clydesdale stallion, A. T. Cleland. Lower left: Ivanhoe Invs. grand champion Ayshire bull, J. H. Black. Lower right: Jason, Gilbert Arnold's grand champion Percheron stallion.



At the right Patsy, the 'possum, also presents a picture of happy domesticity, as she relaxes on the lap of her master, Lewis Weaver in New York. Patsy sleeps all day and prowls all night.



Coley Hall's Haldale Jersey Farms four-year-old cow scored twice in taking the senior grand championships at the Chillawack Jersey Farish Shows, British Columbia.



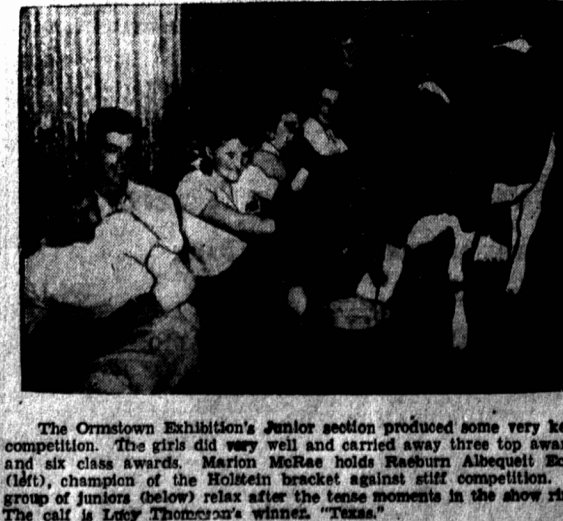
Bystanders clear the way for "Dick", leaving the ring a trot after winning 2nd prize in the grade cart class for his owner, William B. Roy.



The little girls in this pretty apple blossom setting are Nellie and Patricia Parsons, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parsons, Daysland, Alta. Nellie and Patricia enjoy playing the piano and romping with their pet sheep dogs, who shared the spotlight when the shutter clicked.



Competitors in the Donald Budge Competition at Ormstown Exhibition saw Alden Logan (right) and Donald Ness (left) take top prizes.



The Ormstown Exhibition's Junior section produced some very keen competition. The girls did very well and carried away three top awards and six class awards. Marion McRae holds Reburn Albequet Echo (left), champion of the Holstein breed, against stiff competition. A group of Juniors (below) relax after the tense moments in the show ring. The calf is Lucy Thompson's winner, "Texas."



The depleted livestock situation in Britain has turned all eyes on Canada. British farmers will heave sighs of relief as they see more Canadian Holsteins arriving at the Liverpool docks.



An orchard irrigated by the newly-invented Australian sprinkling system. The mechanism automatically turns off the water when the soil indicates that it has received sufficient moisture.



It's not very often that lions display any real affection, but "Boy" a six-month-old lion thinks a lot of his buddies "Rie" and "Puck", a lion in the Children's Corner at the Chessington Zoo, London. "Boy" is the survivor of a family of three of which two died. Zoo keepers say he's extremely tame and most friendly with visitors.