

AUCTION ACTION: Auctioneer Doug Denny and Bev Denny kept the bidding - and accounting - systems rolling at the 12th annual Colborne Rotary Harvest Auction.



Bountiful Harvest Auction

It was a sold-out audience and an evening of silent and live selling for the 12th annual Colborne Rotary Harvest Auction.

For the first time, Colborne Rotary located their venue outside the area. With the closing of Little Lake Pavilion, the Club opted to take a risk and hold the event at the larger Lions' Community Centre in Cobourg. Concerns about potential loss of support and attendance were quickly allayed. Attendance was more than double the tradition crowd.

While guests milled along the perimeters of the hall viewing the items to sold at live auction by auctioneer Doug Denny post-dinner, there were hundreds of silent auction items that kept bidders busy. Throughout the early part of the event, there was constant to-ing and fro-ing as silent bidders checked to see their offer was still in effect.

The Harvest Auction is the largest fundraising event of the year organized by the Colborne Rotary Club. The proceeds raised support the programs and causes the club takes annually.

Highest bid of the night was \$1,200 for a day with artist Gord Hoselton to watch a polar bear sculpture of one's own take shape.

Ted Norcutt, son of Colborne president Elect Graham Norcutt, donated a set of Harry Potter books to be sold at auction. They went for \$135. In what has become a tradition at the Harvest Auction, a wooden tie made by Jim Mills went under the gavel for \$50.

With over 1,000 items on offer, and the attendance more than doubled, organization of this year's event was a challenge the Colborne Rotary Club members - and estimated 20 - pulled off with the sup-

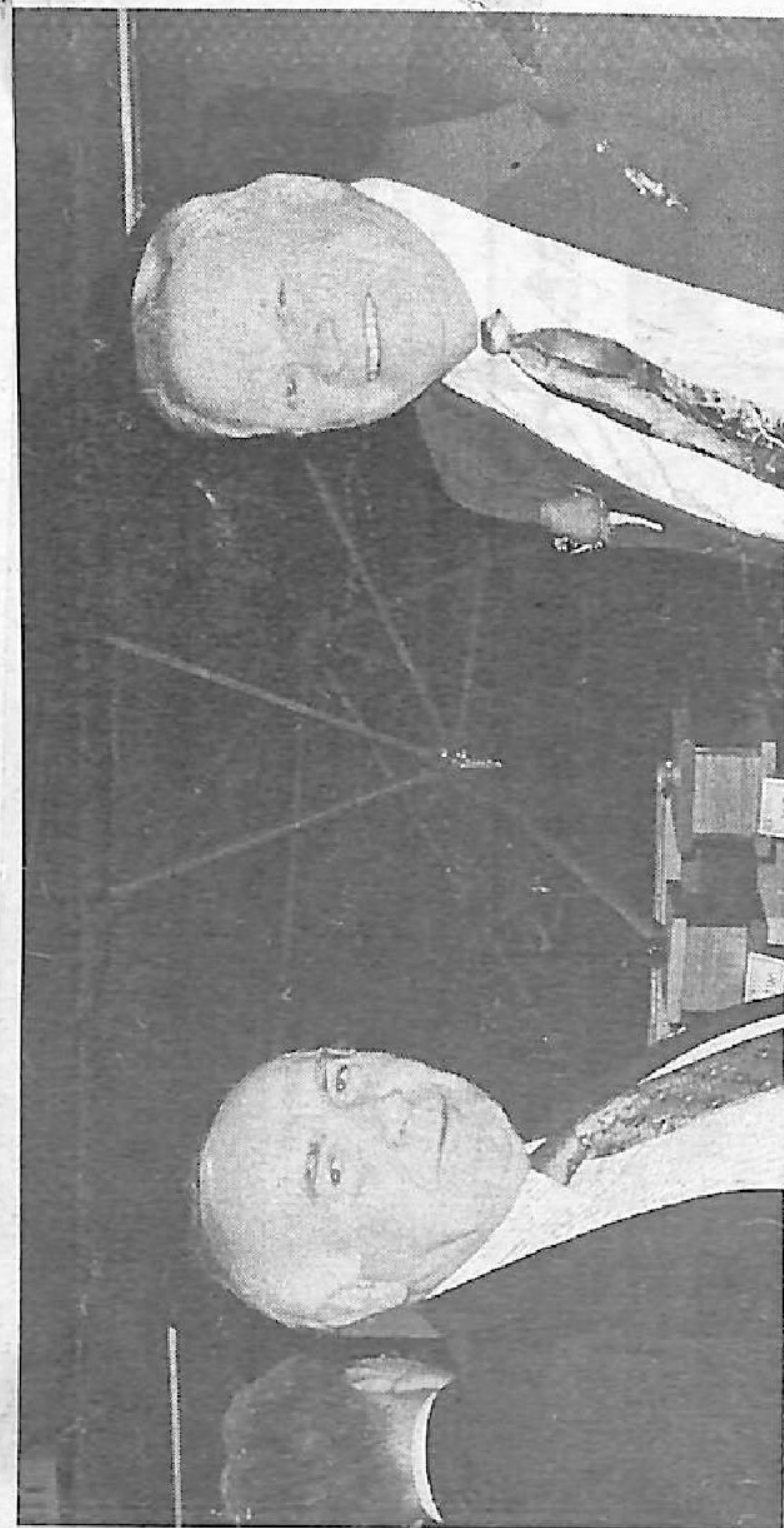
port and help of community volunteers, the Cobourg Lions and Rotary Club members from throughout Northumberland County.

When the final "Sold" was proclaimed just after 11 a.m., the club knew it had a winner on their hands. And now to the bookkeeping, tallying, receipting and rest.

- Mandy Martin

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IN THE SHADE: Doug Cunningham, left, and Gord Hoselton take time out from the Silent Auction table bidding at the 12th annual Colborne Rotary Harvest Auction held at the

Rural Ramble hosts successful weekend

Attendance for last summer's second annual Northumberland County Rural Ramble, held in late August, was over 3,000, committee member Lois McLeod told the annual meeting of the Northumberland Federation of Agriculture, held October 21.

Also thanked, during the meeting, were hosts for opening their farm gates for the tour, and announced the winners of the Rural Ramble photo contest.

George Ryken, co-chair of the Rural Ramble committee, presented hosts with a certificate of appreciation. David and Pam Dew, of Adanac Horse Farms were the lucky hosts to win dinner for two.

People of all ages from cities, towns and rural areas

came to the farms to find out more about where their food comes from. Most host farms were busy throughout both days, with some families reporting over 1,000 visitors.

A draw was made from the visitors evaluation forms, and Margaret MacKenzie, of Oshawa, was the winner of 50 pounds of Northumberland beef.

There was a good response to this year's photo contest, with over 90 entries from 24 people.

The winners were: 1st - Susan Broomfield, Castleton; 2nd - Erin MacKenzie, Port Hope; 3rd - A.E. Wilson, Cobourg; 4th - Sierra Kehler, of Belleville; 5th - Jackie VandeValk, Waterloo; and 6th - N. Moffit, Brighton.

Next year's Rural Ramble is set for October 18 & 19.



The perfect apple

This youngster made the perfect subject for photographer Susan Broomfield, of RR1 Castleton, and it was selected as this year's top Rural Ramble photo contest entry. The photo was taken at Moore Orchard, near Grafton.