



TOPS THE POLLS At year's end, new Tory leader Brian Mulroney, shown here with his wife Mila and their children, had reason to smile.

Cross-Canada public opinion polls indicated the Conservative Party was well ahead of the Liberals. (CP photo)



Service recognized

Veteran holstein breeder Les Dickson of Burgessville was honored by the Oxford Holstein Breeders' Association with the presentation of a 40-year pin at the association's annual banquet Friday night in Woodstock. Making the presentation to Mr. Dickson was Fred Griffin, another long-time member of the association. (Staff photo)

Nov. 1983

Burgessville WI season underway

Fall 1983

Mrs. William McMillen held the first meeting of the Fall, beginning another busy season for the Burgessville Women's Institute.

Mrs. Maurice Buckrell presided, opening the meeting with a poem, "School Memories", followed by the opening Ode, and the Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Buckrell welcomed everyone and was pleased so many turned out.

Mrs. Ross Johnson, secretary-treasurer, gave a good report and reminded the members of the area convention to be held at St. Marys Arena, October 27 and 28. The roll call was answered by naming a world leader and the country represented.

Mrs. William Beecroft and Mrs. Charles Austin were conveners for the program and we were honored to have Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrison of Oakville.

Mr. Harrison gave the history of cheese making and that the first cheese factory in Burgessville was on the third concession. John Corless made cheese before the feed mill was in operation.

Mac Homer ran a cheese factory on Edgar Stoakley's farm located at Holbrook, which went out of business in 1889.

Mr. Harrison informed us that only 25 cheese factories are in operation today in Ontario.

Mr. Harrison moved from New Lawson to Oakville and carried on with his cheese making and supplies many stores all over Ontario. He finished his talk by giving the institute members cheese.

Mrs. Jack McCready thanked the speaker and presented him with a gift.

The funds for fun was to pay two cents for every inch of your waist line.

The meeting was closed with the Queen, the Institute Grace and followed by a lovely lunch served by the conveners and the hostess.



Top producers

1983

Awards were presented to the top ten producers in Oxford County at the annual banquet and awards night for the Oxford Holstein Breeders' Association Friday night in Woodstock. Receiving the awards were: (front left) Ted VanWyk, RR 4, Woodstock, composite BCA 171.5; John VanWyk, RR 4, Woodstock (175); Klaus Markus, RR 1, Beachville (182); Leo Hetherington, RR 1,

Brownsville (196.5); (back row) Doug Killing, RR 5, Embro (166.5); Jim Palmer, representing R.M. Palmer, RR 3, Norwich (167.5); Barry Smith, Clearcreek Farms, Burgessville (168); Phil Alyea, representing L.P. Alyea and Sons, RR 4, Woodstock (169.5). Also receiving the award was G. Brent Penny, RR 3, Norwich (171.5) (absent) and the herd of the late C.W. Mingle (172). (Staff photo)