

Alan Orr chosen top 4-H member in Erin township

The annual Erin 4-H Awards Night was held on Friday, November 24, at the Masonic Hall, Erin.

Chairman Harry Burt opened the meeting with a sing-song. Haines Root entertained the group with a most interesting pictorial account of his recent trip to Western Canada and the Calgary Stampede.

4-H members Alex Matheson and Clayton Root played a few trumpet selections followed by the presentation of Awards.

Mr. Murray Pearson, Extension Assistant, conducted the awards with the help of the 4-H Leaders, John Reed, Robert MacDonald, Donald Matheson and Harry Burt.

Following are first 5 placings in each club:

Erin 4-H Calf - Paul Hamilton, Alan Orr, Debbie Hamilton, Lloyd Watson, Craig Switzer.

Erin 4-H Corn - Paul Hamilton, Alex Matheson, Alan Orr, Craig Switzer, Lloyd Watson.

Erin 4-H Grain - Paul Hamilton, Alan Orr, Alex Matheson, Craig Switzer, Lloyd Watson.

South Wellington 4-H Swine - Alan Orr, Larry Dickson, Alex Matheson, Paul Hamilton, Fred Hawkins.

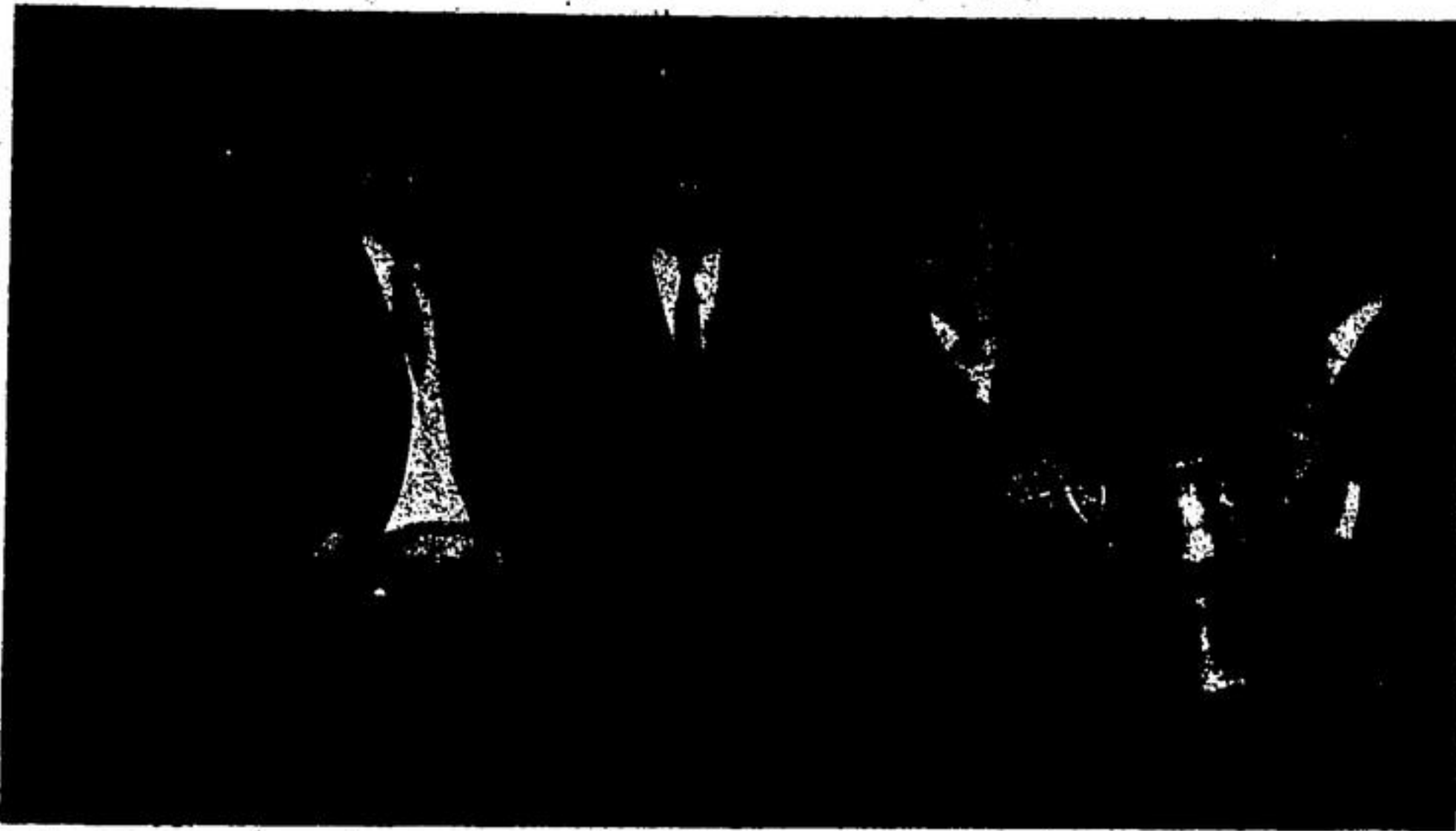
Erin - Erasmus 4-H Tractor - Alan Orr, Paul Hamilton, South Wellington Conservation June Thompson, Alan Orr, South Wellington 4-H Sheep - Craig Switzer.

Susan Black won the trophy for the Champion Sheaf of Grain. Paul Hamilton won the trophy for the Champion Gilt. Alan Orr won the trophy for the Champion Exhibit of Grain; and also

the Community Telephone Trophy for "the outstanding 4-H member in Erin Township." Alan Orr has completed 24 4-H projects. Paul Hamilton and Craig Switzer have each com-

pleted 18 projects. These members will receive certificates for 18 projects with over 75 per cent efficiency at the Guelph Kiwanis banquet December 1. Erin Township had 28 4-H

members this year and all Erin Clubs had a 100 per cent completion. One member completed seven clubs, two members completed six, and numerous took four or five clubs this year.



S. G. BENNETT, R.R. 1 Georgetown, receives F. W. Browne Trophy for Best Pair of Shorthorn Bulls at the Royal Winter Fair. Making the presentation is Hazel Vasey, of Vasey, newly crowned Ontario Shorthorn Lassie Queen.

A HALTON COUNTY TEAM was successful in carrying off the Jeffrey Bull Memorial Trophy at the recent Inter-County Junior Farmer Livestock Judging Competitions held at the Royal Winter Fair. Here Lord Digby, Chairman of the Royal Agricultural Society, is assisted by

Mrs. Mary Bull Hutchison, representing the donors, in presenting the award. From left to right: Mrs. Hutchison, Dan Hetherington, Jeffrey Nurse, Harry Bennett and Lord Digby.

(Photo by Ont. Dept. Agriculture and Food)

Ayrshires set record

by H.J. Stanley

Two Ayrshire cows bred and owned by A.H. Clark of Georgetown have established themselves among the all-time, all-Canadian leaders in R.O.P. Gramplan Dottie, at eight years of age, produced 19,897 lb. milk, 618 fat in 305 days. This is the third highest record for milk production ever recorded by a Canadian Ayrshire in the mature class.

Gramplan Kitty Mae, as a two-year-old, produced 14,814 lb. milk and 524 fat in 305 days; and 15,452 lb. milk, 553 fat in 333 days. These records are fifth and eighth highest for milk production in this two-year-old class.

Mr. Clark has an outstanding record in R.O.P. Last year his 32 records averaged 178 and 159 of Breed Class Average.

Gander is 44

A gander at a Georgetown district farm has survived to the ripe old age of 44 - believed to be a record in this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Asbeck, R.R. 4, Georgetown, say their old goose is still healthy, despite a touch of rheumatism. He eats well and is still full of vim and vigor.

Grandfather raises parents winning steer

When 17-year old Bill Lasby of R.R. 2, Rockwood, won the Queen's Guineas with his steer at the Royal Winter Fair he had no more enthusiastic rooster than his grandfather Charles Lasby. Bill's steer was raised by a cow his grandfather raised. The sire also was raised by Mr. Lasby.

New florist in business

Four Seasons Florists is Acton's newest business. The owner, G. Glenister, is hoping to have a downtown location soon, but meanwhile he is operating from his home at 209 Elmore Drive.

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Many are quitting

Dairy herd picture changes

Dairy cattle have always been predominant in Halton County. Because of our situation close to urban centres, a high percentage of the dairy herds have been shipping fluid milk.

Changes have been noticed in these herds during the past few years. The greatest change has been in the number of herds. Last year, our records showed 412 milk producers -- 253 shipping fluid milk, 57 manufacturing milk and 100 cream producers. At the present time, this has changed to 238, 27 and 50 respectively for a total of just 315 milk producers. The greatest decline has been in the cream and manufacturing milk herds. A few have changed to producing fluid milk while the majority have sold their farms or just quit producing milk.

The necessity of Grade "A" rating for eligibility to enter the Group 1 Fluid Milk pool will cause a further decline in the number of these producers. Many farmers because of age, economics, or possibility of selling their properties, will not wish to invest the time and money necessary for renovation of their dairy barns, milk houses, or barnyards.

Fluid milk producers whose premises do not meet Grade A rating by this November 30 will be ineligible to continue shipping fluid milk. A few others may be forced to sell their dairy cattle if their quota allocated by the Ontario Milk Marketing Board is not large enough to provide enough income to continue to operate the farm.

During the past few months, many dairymen have been deciding whether or not they will be staying in the dairy business. They must evaluate the extra costs involved, the availability of hired labor, etc., balancing these against the future market for milk. It is not an easy decision.



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Safety glasses

Most of the field work is now completed on the farms, but there are still many jobs to do before settling down to the winter's routine. Do you sharpen your mower knives and other similar equipment before storing, or do you work the other way and so will be sharpening your axe soon?

Whichever system you use, always keep a pair of safety glasses at the emery wheel or the grinder, and more important, put them on before starting work. Remember -- your eyes can never be replaced.

Safety glasses are available from the Halton Farm Safety Council, at the Agricultural office, Milton.

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