



GEORGE ATKINS, senior commentator for the C.B.C. farm broadcast, examines the trophy Earl Burt, right, received for being the outstanding member of Acton Junior Farmers in 1968-69. Past president Brian Bessey, left, made the presentation. Mr. Atkins was guest speaker at the annual banquet and dance of Acton Juniors at Brookville school Friday evening.—(Staff Photo)



NEW EXECUTIVE of Acton Junior Farmers and the Junior Institute, soon to be merged, is shown sitting, left to right, past president Marilyn Kirkwood, President Bill Cox, Junior Institute president Carol Swackhamer and past president Brian Bessey. Standing, joint secretary Kathy Bowman, secretary Robert Foster, vice-president Ross Burt, joint treasurer Harvey Burt and Institute secretary Marlene Britton.—(Staff Photo)

**Debbie Dewar draw winner**

Debbie Dewar was the winner of the 50-50 draw at the L.O.L. euchre Saturday night at Crewson Corners. Other winners were Ladies' high, Millie Rowles; Ladies' low, Marie Dewar; men's high, Gord Swackhammer; men's low, Thomas Stickland. Long hands, Millie Rowles; door prize, Clarence Richardson; Ladies travelling, Mary Osbourne; men's travelling, James Thompson.

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**Free Press Farm Page**

**Jersey breeders end most successful year**

The recent election of Ken Ella, senior partner of Ken Ella and Son, Hornby, to the office of President of the Ontario Jersey Club emphasizes the importance and prestige of Halton Jersey herds. In fact Jersey breeders in Halton County have just had a very successful year, scoring high in both production and show ring achievement. Some of Canada's greatest herds are located in this county.

The four-year-old cow Brampton Line S Dreamer won the All Time Production Championships for both milk and butterfat when she completed a 305-day record of 18,661 lbs. milk and 957 lbs. fat, 5.13%. This record qualified her as the 1968 Class Leader in Canada and in Ontario. The B.C.A. indices of 252-239 were the highest in Ontario, any age, in 1968 and won for her the Skinner Trophy, presented to her owners, B. H. Bull & Son, Norval, at the recent annual

meeting of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club.

Brownline Kavola's Josyl, owned by Ken Ella and Son, Hornby, was both Canadian and Ontario Class Leader for milk, nature, in 1968. Ken Ella and Son also had another 1968 Ontario Class Leader in Rock Ella Acme Diana in the 305-day,

2x, Junior three-year-old class. Mrs. S. L. Eva Harper, Georgetown, had both the Canadian and the Ontario Class Leader for Milk in 1968 on Starbelle Masterpiece's Sonya in the yearling class.

In the All Canadian Pictorial Contest, both Champion and Reserve in the three-year-old class were bred and exhibited by Ken Ella and Son, Hornby. They are Rock Ella Commando Laura and Rock Ella Commando Beulah, respectively.

In the two-year-old class of the Pictorial the Champion was Brampton J. S. Merit, bred and exhibited by B. H. Bull and Son, Norval. In this class Rock Ella

Command Irma, from the Rock Ella herd, won an Honorable Mention.

D. H. McCaig and Son, Norval, won the Senior Yearling Class of the Pictorial on Brampton Lady Aimer. In the same class Brampton Aimer Flo was Reserve for B. H. Bull and Son, and this herd also won an Honorable Mention on Brampton Line Merit.

For many years a leading herd in Halton has been that of M. C. Beaty, at Milton. This herd was dispersed in September at an average price of \$674 for 114 lots. In the sale \$5,200 was paid for the bull, Lindale Merit. A female, Lindale Merit Gladys 2, sold to a South African breeder for \$4,500. There were 17 head that sold at higher than "four figures" and they found new homes in South Africa, Quebec, United States, New York States, Vermont, British Columbia and Connecticut, as well as in Ontario.

During 1968 the Jersey cow, Beacon Bas Lorna, Supreme

**Farm improvements may cost you \$\$\$**

By Henry J. Stanley  
Agricultural Representative

Livestock barns, silos, and grain storage facilities are farm improvements which represent a large investment for most Halton farmers. Decisions to invest in additional improvements require careful analysis.

An improvement costing, say \$20,000 added to a farm that would sell for \$80,000 does not make the farm worth \$100,000. A recent study of farm sales in Ontario found that farm buyers discount most farm improvements fairly heavily. With some exceptions, improvements rarely add their full "depreciated cost" to sale price.

In most cases in this county, the improvement would add

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In addition to those purchased by South African breeders, Halton cattle were also exported during the year to the United States, Peru, Dominica, Mexico, and other foreign countries.

from zero to 33 per cent to the farm sale price. This means you must be sure your plans are long enough to recover most of your investment before the farm will be sold. This is especially true for livestock barns and silos in this county.

Plan on recovering your capital in an improvement at a faster rate than it depreciates. Otherwise, do not carry out the improvement. Remember that your net worth will be lower right after you put up an

improvement than it was before, if the improvement does not add its full cost to the market value of the property.

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