

Full Evening of Award Giving Honours County 4-H Members

The Thirtieth Annual Halton 4-H Award Night was held at St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on Saturday evening, December 11. Despite the poor weather, there was a good crowd in attendance.

The evening opened with comments by Mr. Henry J. Stanley, Agricultural Representative, on the 1965 4-H Club work, emphasizing the increased responsibilities on the part of Senior Club members, and the introducing of two new 4-H Clubs — a Conservation Club and an Engineering Club. Even though these two new Clubs were only on a trial basis, the 4-H Conservation Club gained wide spread interest and support throughout the year.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Under the leadership of the Chairman for the evening, Mr. Jim McKay, president of the Halton 4-H Club Leader's Council, the evening progressed, with the 4-H members receiving their awards and prizes for the 1965 Club year.

A large number of representatives of the various sponsoring organizations were on hand to present the winners with their awards.

The Courtney Agnew Memorial Trophy, with the outstanding 4-H member with under twelve projects completed, was presented by Jeffrey Agnew, to Lois Hunter.

Two 'I Dare You' leadership awards were presented to Margaret Hunter, and John McGee, in recognition of their outstanding leadership abilities.

BEST RECORDS

For the second year running the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club was presented the Premier Club Award. The 4-H Secretary Award went to Verna Thompson for keeping the best secretary's records during the past Club year.

The top three members of the Acton 4-H Calf Club were: Wayne Aitken, with a total of 631 points, out of a possible 1000. Wayne was presented with the Acton Chamber of Commerce award for standing at the top of his club. Second in line, Keith Aitken, with a total of 508 points, followed by Bill Lasby with 388 points.

In the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club the top three members were: Bill Jackson with 937 points; Larry Gardhouse with 886; and Doug Gardhouse with 822.

CALF CLUB

The three highest members of the East Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club were: John McGee with 925 points; Marg Brownridge with 805; and Bryan Marshall with 887. For his high

standing, John McGee was presented with the East Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Trophy.

Eight members in the West Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club were: Lois Hunter, with a total of 944 points; Margaret Hunter with 942; and Bill Sinclair with 940. In recognition of her high standing Lois Hunter was presented with the West Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Trophy, by Ralph Ford.

In the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey-Ayrshire Calf Club the three highest members were: Carol Swackhamer with 901 points; and Bill Alexander and Rosemary Booth a tie in second place, both with 880 points. Carol Swackhamer was presented by Ernest Alexander, with the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey, Ayrshire Calf Club Trophy, for her high standing in the Club.

SHEEP CLUB

The top five members of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club were: Lois Hunter with a total of 912 points; Verna Thompson with 877; and Elizabeth Norrington with 874. Lois Hunter being presented with the Halton 4-H Sheep Club Trophy, by W. J. Norrington.

Being a new 4-H Club, competition was keen this year in the 4-H Conservation Club. The top three members were: Elizabeth Norrington with 912 points; John McGee 803; and Margaret Brownridge, 801. Mrs. W. H. Merry presented the Halton 4-H Conservation Club Trophy to Elizabeth Norrington for finishing first in the club.

The Halton 4-H Engineering Club — another new Club this year — had three top members as follows: Verna Thompson with a total of 875 points; John McGee 849; and Ed Van Hoelen 843. Verna Thompson received the Halton 4-H Engineering Club award.

GRAIN CLUB

High members in the Acton 4-H Grain Club were: Keith Aitken with 900 points; Wayne Aitken with 879 points; and Bill Lasby with 868 points. Keith Aitken was presented with the Acton 4-H Grain Club Trophy, by Calvin Aitken. Wayne Aitken received the H. H. Hinton Trophy for being the high member of the combined Acton 4-H Calf and Acton 4-H Grain Clubs.

Top three members of the Halton 4-H Grain Club were: Margaret Hunter with 924 points; Lois Hunter 911; and Bryan Marshall 907; with Margaret Hunter winning the Halton 4-H Grain Club award for her high standing in the club.

In the Provincial 4-H Inter-Club Competitions, Halton had the first winner since 1957. A Field Crop team of Lois Hunter and John McGee placed first, of fifty-five teams in the competition. In recognition of their achievements, these two Club

Members were presented with the Halton County Council Awards, and 4-H Club Sweater.

PRESENT FOLDERS

The Halton Co-Operative Supplies presented an award to Bill Alexander, for his high standing in the Halton 4-H Corn Club. Numerous other Breed awards were presented during the evening. The Central Ontario Cattle Breeders' Association presented a leatherette folder and note pad, to all 4-H Calf Club members. The Halton Holstein Club presented a Halter, to all first year members; and cash prize to all other members.

Howard Tarzwell Special: to East Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Members, John McGee, and Marg Brownridge; to be used to breed one cow in their herd to the Bull, Homendale Maple Yuro — to West Halton 4-H Holstein Calf Club Members, Marg Hunter and Bill Sinclair.

The Halton Jersey Club — \$200 to all Jersey Calf Club Members, Ontario Jersey Club — Halton, Crest and Certificate to First year Members; Sweat Shirt to others. Rosegate Jersey Award — \$500 to top Jersey Member.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Halton and Peel Guernsey Club — Halters to ten Club Members, Guernsey Cattle Breeders' Association of Ontario — T-Shirt and Portfolio to Guernsey Calf Club members.

Halton Ayrshire Breeders — \$300 to each club member; Ayrshire Cattle Breeders of Ontario — Ball Point Pen and Crest.

Ontario Aberdeen-Angus Association — Flower, Ontario Hereford Association — Crest to 1st year Members — Pen and Pencil Sets to others.

Ontario Shortbreds Club — Wallet to all Shortbreds calf club members.

The Kiwanis Club of the Kingsway presented silver Dollars to winners of the 4-H Farm Entrance Competition this year. The County Champions were: Elizabeth Norrington and Rosemary Booth. In addition to the County Champions, winners were chosen from each of the four Townships in Halton County.

Nassageways — Walter Trysenaar, Keith Aitken, Wayne Aitken.

Oakville — Rosemary Booth, Bruce Pickering and Harley Pickering.

Burlington — Elizabeth Norrington, Don Heathington.

Yaquesville — Donald McClure, John and Bob McGee.

A HIGHLIGHT

One of the highlights of the evening came when the Royal Winter Fair Judging Team, consisting of Bill Alexander, Bill Sinclair and Harold Thompson, presented Henry J. Stanley, the Agricultural Representative for Halton County, with a token of their appreciation for his coaching, prior to the Royal Winter Fair.

The Junior Farmer Trio consisting of Hay Hayward, Ruth and Wilma Mason, provided entertainment during the evening, along with Mrs. Newell's musical selections.

Yuletide Beauty is Reflected in Legends of Flowers and Greens

Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs were green with new leaves on the night of the Servitor's birth, so legend says. Down through the ages, certain flowers and greens have held an honored place in the love of Christmas — the holly and the ivy, mistletoe, rosemary, the Christmas rose, the thorn tree.

Ancient peoples believed that mistletoe has powers to ward off evil or cure a variety of illnesses. Druid priests of Britain, long ago, believed that mistletoe should be cut with a golden knife, then hung over doorways as a protection from the evil The Greeks, too, used it to ward off evil.

One of many legends surrounding the poinsettia tells of a poor Mexican girl who, having no gift of value, humbly placed some roadside weeds at the

foot of a statue representing the Virgin and Child. Instantly, the weeds became scarlet blossoms and thus, so the legend says, the poinsettia was created.

Rosemary, the symbol of constancy, was at one time widely used in England as a Christmas decoration. During the Victorian era, it lost popularity and is now seldom, if ever, seen as part of the Yuletide greenery.

An old story says that the fragrance of rosemary was given to it when Mary placed the Christ Child's garments on this shrub.

Like mistletoe, the brightly bearded holly was early credited with magical and medical powers. It could even, legend said, tell girls the name of their future husbands.

Distinguished Scholar Had Doubts About Famous Christmas Poem

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

With these lines begins the familiar poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Today, this poem is a treasured part of the lore of Christmas, often quoted and published at the Yuletide season.

Surprisingly, the poet who created it was far from proud of his work.

A distinguished biblical scholar and professor of divinity,

Dr. Clement Clark Moore wrote the poem for the amusement of his children at Christmas in 1822. A visitor in the home at the time copied it and had it published a year later in the Troy, N.Y., Sentinel.

The poem appeared anonymously, because Dr. Moore felt that, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

For more than 20 years, he refused to take credit for the poem. In 1844 the poem was published and for the first time credited to its creator, Clement Clark Moore.

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Halton County Museum Association held its annual Christmas party Wednesday night.

All the councillors in the county and their wives were invited.

Eighty four guests attended, and a buffet dinner was served. Duff Alexander, who owned the farm on which the museum is located, was given a scarf as a present by the museum board.

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