

Two Acton 4-H girls top C.N.E. contest

Two members of the Acton 4-H Calf Club are the envy of provincial agriculture circles following a one-two finish in the keen Canadian National Exhibition judging contest competition.

Carol Somerville, 19, of 65 Churchill Rd. N., Acton and Cathy Lasby, 20, of R.R.2, Rockwood, came first and second in the judging competition against over 300 other competitors. The contest is open to 4H club members and Junior Farmers to age 26 from across the province.

The girls were delighted with the win but had trouble convincing their parents they were picked as top judges in the province against stiff opposition from all over Ontario.

"Even our agricultural representatives don't believe us," the two girls recalled with smiles in an interview with the Free Press. They were convinced, however, when Carol showed the agricultural handbook and \$40 she received as top prize

and Cathy produced her \$35 winnings.

Competitors had their choice of six of the eight classes of livestock and produce to judge individually. Although both have outstanding records in other county and intercounty judging circles they were still astonished they had topped all others. They attribute much of their success to the training they have had in the Acton 4-H club under leaders Nino Braida, Russell Murray, Vern Butchers and Cathy's brother, Bob Lasby, the county agricultural organization and the encouragement they receive from parents and family.

Did they find the judging difficult?

Both girls felt they were weak on judging light horses because they had few opportunities to practice with them.

They explained judging is an important part of every monthly 4-H meeting and they were strong when it

came to beef and dairy cattle. However, because of the heat, the beef cattle left the C.N.E. early this year and this dimmed their performance and marks some.

Both girls have their own calf—Carol preferring Aberdeen-Angus and Cathy naturally picking a Shorthorn steer since the Lasby family has been outstanding Shorthorn breeders for decades.

The Acton club is unique in the county because members dictate that both dairy and beef cattle are included in the program and again both girls feel this helped them a lot. There were about 20 other competitors from Halton in the competition but they did not have the advantage of experience with dairy and beef cattle.

It takes a lot of practice to become a winner. Carol has been competing in 4-H work for seven years and Cathy has eight years under her belt. Cathy also took two of the top laurels in the province earlier in the year, coming second in

the county competition and finishing first in the prestigious inter-county competition at the University of Guelph. Carol also finished high—13th in the county and 10th in the inter-county. These were compulsory competitions but the C.N.E. wasn't.

What makes two girls actively engage in 4-H work when so many others their age are pursuing boys or mixed up in more frivolous pursuits?

Both Carol and Cathy point to their farm backgrounds as strong motivation to pursue careers in agriculture. Carol also pointed out she was attracted by the opportunity to meet other people in the county and province.

"It has to be the people," Cathy agreed. "4-H gave us the chance to assist our personal development. Carol, for instance, had to give a speech to the county organizations on her trip to Wisconsin this year. The club develops your personality, brings out

leadership qualities and you gain confidence in yourself."

"We look forward to 4-H work through the long winter months," she added.

Now you have each won one of the top judging prizes, what's next on the agenda?

Both girls are grooming their calves to exhibit at the Acton Fair and they also expect to show at the Halton Agricultural Society fair at Milton and Wellington County's top fair at Erin.

Then, providing they have the proper qualifications, they'll pursue the Queen's Guineas at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Both have competed in the Guineas before with calves, Cathy five times and Carol twice. Cathy, of course, has the example of her brother Bill to emulate. He won the Queen's Guineas with his Shorthorn steer in 1967.

The Queen's Guineas is awarded to the top beef calf in Ontario and the competition is limited to Ontario 4-Hers. Each member of calf clubs

across the province starts a steer off in May and must limit them to 2.1 pounds of weight per day. As well as a qualification on the steer, the member must gain at least 750 points out of a possible 1,000, which soon eliminates those who are not serious about it.

Doesn't looking after a calf take a lot of your time?

"Not as much as you might think," said Cathy. There's lots of work to do with them in the Fall, preparing them for shows and keeping a close check on their weight, etc. but it is minimal in the Spring and increases as the autumn and fair time approaches.

Don't you become very attached to your calves?

No, you realize at the start you can't get too attached to them, Carol says and Cathy agrees. 4-Hers will realize their calf will likely end up at the butcher's.

This realistic attitude extends into future plans. Carol is determined to stay in agriculture and so is studying

agriculture business management at a community college in Centralia. Cathy is in her last year of a Bachelor of Arts course at the University of Guelph and earlier intentions to pursue a teaching career have been replaced by a desire to stay in agriculture in some capacity.

Members of the Acton 4-H club also scored two other notable wins during the first showing of a new class for Holstein calves at the C.N.E.

Top place in the junior division was awarded to a calf owned by Vernon Butchers of R.R.2, Acton, and shown by Debbie Butchers.

In senior section the calf owned and exhibited by Jamie Brown, R.R. 2, Rockwood, placed 15th in a class of 40 entries.

The class was jointly sponsored by the C.N.E. and J.M. Fraser of Spring Farm Holsteins, Streetsville, in an effort to encourage participation of a greater number of young exhibitors. In its first year, there were 100 entries.



CAROL SOMERVILLE, left, and Cathy Lasby were first and second respectively in the C.N.E. judging contest. The two members of the Acton 4-H club won over 300 competitors from across the province. (H. Coles photo)

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Ford re-enacts pioneer crossing of Canada by car

The pioneer 1925 crossing of Canada by car is being re-enacted by the Ford Motor Company, and the signing of a commemorative scroll by mayors of the municipalities along the route will be re-enacted in Acton on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Beginning at Victoria, B.C. on August 28, four 1974 Mustang 11's and Cougars will back slowly into Pacific Ocean waters and head east, retracing the route of the original trip and covering areas which since 1925 have been linked by major highways.

The Mustang 11's and Cougars will complete the re-enactment October 4 in St. John's, Nfld., touching the Atlantic Ocean in a province that was not yet a part of Canada when the original trip was made in 1925.

100 communities Between the westerly and easterly "Mile 0" markers of the Trans-Canada Highway, the four cars will pass through more than 100 Canadian communities in a tribute to Canada's motoring pioneers.

A highlight of the 1925 trip was the signing of a commemorative scroll by the mayors of municipalities on the route and this will be re-enacted here at L and L Ford Sept. 12 with mayor Les Duby adding his name to the list.

Dream comes true "Let us build roads across this Dominion so that the peoples of the east mingling with those of the west may together become one indivisible nation."

With these words, Sir Wilfred Laurier expressed the hopes of Canadians at the turn of the century for a trans-Canada highway.

In 1925, the dream came closer to reality when a Canadian-built Model T Ford stubbornly made its way 4,794 miles from Halifax to Vancouver. It was the first time an automobile had been driven from coast-to-coast without leaving Canadian soil.

The 1925 crossing is being re-enacted by Ford, which undertook the original trip to mark the company's 21st anniversary and promote the concept of a trans-Canada highway.

The idea of re-enacting the trip was prompted by the discovery earlier this year of a silent movie made by one of the participants, Edward Flickenger, then chief photographer for Ford of Canada. The film, which was found in the storage vaults of an advertising agency in Toronto, records the car's progress along mud-covered trails, across unbridged rivers and streams and sometimes mounted on railway tracks. It shows crowds of people gathered in towns and cities across Canada to cheer the arrival of the celebrated car.

Flickenger's companions were Dr. Perry Doolittle, then president of the Canadian Automobile Association and generally regarded as the father of good roads in Canada, and J. L. S. Strymoucor.

In addition to the film, Flickenger took a selection of black and white photographs and many of them have been located. But there has been no trace of the commemorative scroll signed by mayors across Canada or the 1926 Model T Ford touring car used on the trip.

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Obituary

Funeral Sept. 7 for Ted Elliott

Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Friday, Sept. 7 for Edward (Ted) Elliott, R. R. 2, Acton. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, with pallbearers nephews Tommy Fountain, Bobby Cripps, Michael Marcoux, and Legion members Bob Angell, James Higgins and Frank Jones.

Mr. Elliott died suddenly Sept. 4 in Guelph General Hospital. He was 58 years of age.

Survivors He is survived by wife Lucienne Marcoux Elliott, brothers William and Percy of Brampton, sisters Mrs.

George Fountain (Mae), Mrs. Lyle Cripps (Margaret) both of Acton; and Mrs. Leslie Martin (Nellie) of Aurora.

He was born at Guelph in 1915, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roland Elliott. He had lived in Acton for the past 53 years and was a bricklayer by trade. His marriage was in 1956 in Acton.

He served overseas for four years in the second world war and was active in the Legion branch 197.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted the funeral service.

Quilt draw

Tickets are being sold by Acton W.I. on "double wedding ring" pattern quilt.

Claims twp. needs mobile home park

With the gap between house prices and the financial means of young couples steadily increasing, Esquesing township should consider establishing a municipally-operated mobile home park, Glen Williams resident Harm Koesslag suggested at last week's regular council meeting. The township presently has a by-law prohibiting any more mobile homes except in Willow Park, Norval, a licensed area.

"Young couples now don't have a chance to get out of an apartment building. They could buy a mobile home at a third the cost of a house," Koesslag told council.

Koesslag said he would like to see a mobile home park run by an organization which is not out to make money and suggested it be established before the regional government takeover.

"There may not be much chance to get it after that", he warned.

Likes idea Recalling there is a municipally-operated mobile home park in Lambton County, Reeve Tom Hill said he liked Koesslag's suggestion, but wondered

where council would draw the line in the number of mobile homes allowed.

Councillor George Malby cautioned that to offer space in such a park only to young people might be considered discriminatory. He also thought the project would be far more applicable after regional government begins, since the township could then combine with other areas for water and sewer hookups.

The possibility of council being criticized by private businessmen, after it has already turned down previous applications to establish mobile home parks caused Councillor Dick Howitt some concern.

"I can just see abuse being piled on council, but maybe there's some way around it", he said.

Reeve Hill concluded the discussion by saying nothing could be done about the suggestion until the township's zoning by-law is approved anyway, but he promised council would seek information about such parks from other municipalities immediately.

Need better weed control

Complaints from ratepayers about "obnoxious" weeds on certain properties in Esquesing township prompted Councillor George Maltby to suggest council

get the weed inspector going" at last week's meeting.

Reeve Tom Hill replied that ratepayers need only call the county weed inspector to get action.

"He'll inspect the land and tell them to cut the weeds if they need it and if they don't he'll send somebody in to cut them and charge it up to the owners," the reeve explained.

Complaint unnecessary Hill said a complaint does not necessarily have to be lodged by an observer to have the weed inspector perform his duties, however.

Deputy-reeve Len Cox expressed the opinion many ratepayers are under the impression the county weed inspector has jurisdiction over county areas only.

"There's nothing I like to see better than weeds cut on agricultural land," added Councillor Wilfrid Leslie, "but how will you do it on rough land with creeks and rocks?"

"We can certainly minimize the problem," Cox said he could see Leslie's point.

"Are we going to say if you've got good land you have to cut weeds and if it's rough you don't?" he asked.

Wider cut Councillor Leslie thought the township should lead the way in weed control by arranging for the township cutter to take more than one swath of roadside weeds when it travels the roads.

Councillor Maltby claimed most offenders are owners of non-productive land.

"Cutting in open areas minimizes the problem for adjacent owners," he said.

"If it's not done, producers have to spend money getting rid of weeds they're not responsible for."

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may, on forms obtainable at the Office of the Returning Officer, 251 Main Street East, Milton, appoint any person to vote in his stead who is entitled to vote in the same municipality.

Such persons must be appointed and certified by the Clerk of the Municipality during the two week period following nomination day. (Period from Sept. 11/73 to Sept. 25/73, inclusive, but not later than 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25/73)

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