

PROFILES

with

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Young people are leaving farming by the droves—a common complaint lamented for the past generation.

However, one young man who has no intention of leaving his farming heritage is David Lasby of Rockwood who has become a Shorthorn showman of note and plans to extend his career to include farm management.

Showing since he was a stripping of five (he's now 17) David recently won Championship Shorthorn at the Royal Winter Fair in the coveted Queen's Guineas competition for 4 H members.

Born of a farming family, son of Wallace and Maisie Lasby, David's older brothers and sister are all affiliated with agriculture. Cathy is managing editor of Canadian Shorthorn News, Bob is farming with his father and Bill is involved with Country Mart, a farm machinery outfit.

David plans to finish grade 12 and enter Centralia College for a veterinary assistants' course designed to help him in farm management.

In the meantime he takes time off from school for "professional development" by travelling all over Canada helping established breeders show cattle and gaining valuable experience for his sideline—showing his own and his family's cattle.

White winner

David has been eligible to enter the Queen's Guineas competition for three years. 4 H members of 14 to 19 may qualify for the famous Royal class that gives young showmen a chance to compete with the best of Canada with the calves they have raised. At the conclusion of the judging, the animals are sold by auction for beef, usually at attractively high prices.

The first time David entered the Guineas he won Reserve Champion Shorthorn steer, the second year he was in the top three, this year he won the Championship and was in the top seven Canadian steers for the whole show.

Next year he'll be going for champion Queen's Guineas—top of the show.

The animal winning the championship for David this year was a massive white Shorthorn weighing in at 1,105 pounds. David had purchased him from Coldwater at the age of 6 months and raised him for ten months to the required weight of a Queen's Guineas steer. In order to qualify, the animal must gain at least 2.3 pounds a day for a measured period of 153 days.

David's steer, White Lightning, was weighed by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture in early May and again in Mid-October. Lightning managed a gain of 2.6 pounds a day.

Wild Lightning

When David first received Lightning he found himself with an animal wild enough to put him out of the stall in a hurry. It took a lot of time and work before David could lead and handle the steer. He spent at least an hour with him every day teaching the steer to lead well, walking at a good speed, to stand square on all four legs and to be quiet for the judge. David also taught Lightning to ground-tie—to stand untied while David groomed him.

Purchasing a white steer seemed like a good idea to David who had the choice of white, red or parti-coloured in the Shorthorn breed. He felt a white steer would stand out in the showing. However, after a summer of trying to keep the beast clean, David wasn't so sure about it.

On the morning of the Queen's Guineas, David woke to find Lightning had rubbed up against the black steer in the next pen and had acquired a large black smudge down his side from the dressing used on black show steers.

"You've never seen panic before," comments sister Cathy.

"I brushed like heck then I painted him white and powdered him with baby powder."

Such are the behind the scenes methods of winning show classes.

During the summer of showing Lightning and a couple of other Shorthorns David won, among other awards: Champion Beef Showman and a gold watch at the Acton Fall Fair; Reserve Champion Beef Showman at Milton Fair; the Wellington and District Shorthorn Club trophy

for best steer or heifer shown by a junior at Erin Fair and the championship trophy for showmanship at the Canadian National Exhibition. He is also a champion beef judge for Halton County.

Quite a list of cap feathers for a lad just 17. The one down note of the whole year occurred when Lightning didn't come home. All the show steers are sold for beef after judging at the Royal. Lightning brought a good price of \$1.75 a pound, somewhat over the average 85 cents a pound a farmer normally receives for his beef animals.

David is very philosophical about the end of his show animals. After all, he is a farmer and knows why he is raising his beef. He is looking forward to choosing next year's steer.

Only his mother is unhappy about the lack of a white steer in the barn of 100 other cattle. Lightning was raised on a special mixture of high moisture corn, hay, and "mother's mystery feed"—a complete blend of grains mixed by Mrs. Lasby.

She won't mourn long. Another steer will be taking Lightning's place and David will be on his way to the top of all—the Queen's Guineas.



David Lasby



About 100 M.Z. Bennett students eat lunch each day on the floor of the gymnasium, according to school principal Doug Magwood. The period in the gym usually lasts 25 minutes, then the students are let outside. Students sit around the edge of the room. Pictured above in the gym are Margie Parker, Paula Mitchell, Holly Cooper and Cheryl Genoe. Halton Board of Education recently struck a committee to re-examine its lunch room policy.

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Slow down and live a little longer is the message being conveyed by the Halton Regional Police Force during Safe Driving Week Dec. 1-7.

"The only thing that is a common denominator in fatalities resulting from traffic accidents is speed," says Norm Ryall, public relations officer for the Halton force.

According to Ryall, traffic accidents have claimed the lives of 29

persons in Halton with a little over one month remaining in 1980. The increase in the number of fatalities comes despite a ten per cent decrease in total number of accidents reported to the force during the same period last year. The death toll on roads patrolled by Halton Police in 1979 was 22.

Halton police statistics do not include five fatalities on regional roads patrolled by OPP.

"A special radar patrol set up a month and a half ago due to the rising number of fatalities this year has increased the enforcement of laws against speeding drivers," Ryall noted.

"We can't do anything about road conditions, weather or driver errors," Ryall said. "But speed is the one factor that can turn an accident involving property damage into a fatality."

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Murray, who was downtown for the draw, also won four bonus prizes; a radio from Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances; a voucher for a turkey from IGA, five Acton Legion beef draw tickets and two Acton Optimalis Yule Log draw tickets.

A merchant bonus pouch with vouchers from Family Cleaners, Jolliffe Shoes and 12 rolls from Acton Dell was won by Phyllis Gibson, 25 Doby Rd.

Mae and Shirley Laing, 278 Mill St. E. won a bonus package with vouchers from IGA, Stedman's, Acton Bowling Lanes and date squares from Chicken and Pizza Spot.

Ed Wood, 208 Elmore Dr., won vouchers from Nielsen's, Family Restaurant and his own store, Family Cleaners as well as rolls from Acton Dell.

Vouchers from Superior Shoe Repair, Jug City, Acton Photo and Camera and Family Cleaners was won by Dave and Alma Swetman, 114 Elizabeth Dr.

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Education, fusion resolutions rejected

Halton Hills council filed a resolution from the City of Stratford which requested the Minister of Education be petitioned to make changes so that membership of boards of education more adequately reflect student population and education taxes paid.

"We can't support that," said Councillor Marilyn Serjeanston, "view of our own choice of trustees. We gave one to Acton so there would be equal representation from all parts of Halton Hills 'in spite of the figures."

Another resolution from the same city was also filed urging the Government of Canada be urged to embark on a program of involvement in the development of fusion technology with hydrogen. Councillor Walter Blehn said: "File 'em, we can't spend time with these. They shouldn't be discussed at the municipal level."

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