

'Portlea Pam's' comin' to town

Area livestock does well at the Winter Fair



Ray Watford (right) accepted the Ablers Challenge Trophy for Bill Shannon of Acton, from Alf (left) and Percy Ahlers at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto Saturday. Mr. Shannon won the prize for best bantam of the poultry show with a white wyandotte. (Toronto bureau photo)

Judge's decisions make the difference

By CHRIS SILMAN
Toronto bureau

Milton just wasn't big enough for John Willmott and his cattle, so they all packed up and left seven years ago.

Now Mr. Willmott, who grew up on his father's sheep farm at RR2, Milton, is a successful Pense, Saskatchewan, farmer and cattle judge.

Mr. Willmott was in Ontario all week for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, where he judged beef cattle. In one morning alone, he judged almost 300 head in four hours.

Mr. Willmott says over the 20 years he has judged cattle, the quality has improved.

The well-respected judge says he tries to keep up with current trends in cattle. That is what makes his job so difficult.

A few years ago, buyers complained that the cattle were getting too fat. Then leaner winners were chosen, but soon they were becoming too lean.

Now, breeders try for an animal with a better, well-balanced proportion of fat and lean meat.

As well, the animal must be good structurally in all ways.

"If he has good meat but bad legs, he'll never make it to the slaughterhouse," he said.

Mr. Willmott noted that a small part of the contest is based on eye appeal. "You can't judge the tenderness of the meat by looking at the animal," he said, "so you base your decisions somewhat on the way it looks."

Mr. Willmott's decision makes a great difference to exhibitors. For example, the



Grand and Junior Shorthorn Bull and Supreme Champion of the Shorthorn class at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair was Scotsdale Negus, owned by S.G. Bennett of RR1, Georgetown, who was represented at last week's awards presentation by Emerson Clarke (right), joined here by Judge Don Murphy and Ontario "Lassie" Bev Cunningham. (RAWF photo)



Georgetown's Valcor Exports paid top price for a mature cow at the Winter Fair last week, investing \$45,000 in Portlea Pam, the second highest price paid in this year's Holstein show. Nearly hidden by Pam are (left to right) Carolyn Bonfrere, contender John Copthorne, Joanne Fisher, Doug Blair, Cathy Cormier, Valcor buyer Albert Cormier, seller Pete Heffering and leadman Dave Jackson. (RAWF photo)

grand champion market steer in the recent Queen's Guineas competition sold for \$13 a pound—approximately \$10,000.

The reserve champion sold for only \$5.50 a pound. The difference in total selling price is about \$6,000.

Cattle that do not place in the top standing will usually go for the current market value, which was about ninety cents a pound the day the champion sold.

Valcor Exports of Georgetown paid the second highest price for any animal - and the highest price for a mature cow - at this year's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, which ended last week in Toronto.

Valcor paid \$45,000 last Wednesday for Portlea Pam, a four-year old, in one of the largest Holstein shows ever held at the Royal.

Scotsdale Farms of RR1 Georgetown captured several prizes, including F Junior Champion Bull and Grand Champion Bull for Scotsdale Negus. S.G. Bennett's farm was also awarded the Shorthorn Championship Trophy in perpetuity.

Reford and Doug Gardhouse's Aberfeldy Farms had entries in many cattle competitions.

Reford Gardhouse shares past president honors at the Fair with another local resident, Jack Pemberton.

Entries from area farms in this year's fair included:

DAIRY CATTLE
In the Female Heifer Calf category - Rospen Ultimate Fran, entered by Jeff Nurse and Cormdale Holstein Ltd. of RR2 Georgetown (fourth

place); A Ridgetale Christina, by Stewart, Bertram and Willis Cuard of RR1 Hornby (8th).

In the Female Senior Yearling category - A Tripp-Falk Malt Eileen, entered by Stewart, Bertram, Glenn Tripp and Valcor Exports Ltd., RR1 Hornby (2nd); Helens Astronaut Kay, entered by Jeff Nurse and Ross Wilson, RR2 Georgetown (3rd).

In the Bull Calf category - Agro Acres Trademark, entered by Bertram Stewart and Hipponia Holsteins, RR1 Hornby (3rd).

In the Bull Yearling category - Spring Farm Astronaut, entered by Bertram Stewart and Nipponia and Spring Farms, RR1 Hornby (1st).

HEIFER CATTLE
In the Bull Calf category - Benvale R. Ocampo, entered by S.G. Bennett, RR1 Georgetown (3rd); Scotsdale Odin, also entered by the Bennett farm (10th).

In the categories for Bulls born between May and Dec., 1979 - Scotsdale Negus (1st) and Scotsdale Nomad (7th), both entered by S.G. Bennett; Aberfeldy Captivator 2nd, entered by Reford and Doug

Gardhouse, RR5 Millon (6th). In the category for Bulls born Jan. to Apr., 1979 - Aberfeldy Controller, entered by the Gardhouses (7th).

In the category for Bulls born Jan. to Dec., 1978 - C.F. Tillerman 278, entered by the Gardhouses (3rd).

In the Heifer Calf category - Scotsdale Olive Eliza, entered by S.G. Bennett (6th).

In the category for Females born May to Dec., 1979 - Aberfeldy Waterloo Dora 24L (2nd) and Aberfeldy Secret Sonja 41L (6th), entered by the Gardhouses.

In the category for Females born Jan. to Apr., 1979 - Willow Crest Pansy 5th, entered by the Gardhouses (5th).

In the Female with Calf category - Scotsdale Mitzi Broadbinks, entered by S.G. Bennett (3rd); Aberfeldy Rosemary 2K, entered by the Gardhouses (6th).

In the category for Cows born in 1977 or earlier with calf at foot - Aberfeldy Rosemary 31F (4th) and Aberfeldy Rosary 14G (6th), entered by the Gardhouses.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Subsidiary Planning Board of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills will hold a Public Meeting to discuss and examine a proposed Amendment to the Esquousing Official Plan. This Amendment involves the redesignation of Part Lot 24 Concession 5, Town of Halton Hills (Esquousing) to Extractive Industrial Purposes.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS WELCOME

Time: 8:00 p.m.
Date: December 8th, 1980.
Place: Municipal Administration Building (formerly Esquousing Municipal Office) R.R. 1 - 7th Line, Trafalgar Road, Town of Halton Hills.

M.P. Venditti, B.A.M.A.
Planning Director
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The Subsidiary Planning Board of The Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills will hold a PUBLIC MEETING to discuss and explain the Highway No. 7 Corridor Study.

This study concerns the portion of Highway No. 7 from Maple Avenue to the top of Norval Hill in the vicinity of Hall Road.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 1980.
Place: Municipal Administration Building, R.R. 1, (7th Line) Trafalgar Road, Town of Halton Hills.

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