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A fond farewell

Last Friday evening over 125 friends of Phyllis Master, and Kenda and Jeff Nurse presenting a Peter Agricultural Representative. Pictured from left to hard work over the past seven years, (Herald photo) right are Harry and Judy Brander, Phyllis Mac-

MacMaster gathered at the Hugh Foster Room in Snyder print titled "Backlane" as a token of the Milton to bid farewell to a good friend and Halton's Agricultural communities appreciation for Phyllis'

Milton Fall Fair hosts 4-H Clubs competition

By KENDA NURSE **Herald Special**

The Beef, Dairy and Sheep 4-H Clubs recently held their achievement day at the Milton Fair. Sept. 22. 1990. 4-H is a program that develops skills and self-confidence in people between the ages of 11-21. The young people, who exhibited a project at Milton, took an interest in a particular livestock, and competed with the animal to finish this year's club.

The top winners included: Dairy Junior Showmanship - 1. Todd Livock (Oakville) and 2. Brett Cormier (Georgetown): Dairy Senior Showmanship - 1. Kelly Stewart (Hornby) and 2. Ron Bird (Georgetown); Senior Heifer Holsteins - I. Connie Bennett (Burlington) and 2. Jill Cann (Georgetown): Junior Yearling and Summer Yearling Holsteins -1. Kelly Stewart and 2. Ron Bird; Intermed. Heifer Holsteins - 1. Brett Cormier and 2. Heather Marshall (Milton). Overall winners of the Champion Dairy calf was Kelly Stewart while the Reserve being Connie Bennett.

The Beef club's overall calf Champion for Halton was Laurie McDonell (Georgetown), winner of the U.C.O. Petro award. The Reserve winner was Jodi McDonald. In the Showmanship section, Ryan McDonald won the Junior: Andrew Wilson the Senior. The Steer section was headed by Brad McDonald followed by Cathy Britton (Acton).

The Halton Sheep Club also completed their year with Christine White (Acton) winning the W. Ar-McKinnon Showmanship with Tyler Brander Award (Georgetown) in Reserve. The top Ewe lamb was claimed by Tyler Brander and the Reserve being received by Lisa Murray (Acton).

There was also a pre-junior Showmanship special (11 years and under) at Milton. The Beef section had Julie Hewitt in first follow-



Ron Bird

ed by Vickie White (Acton). The Dairy was topped by Lee Nurse (Georgetown) and Lyndsey Cormier (Georgetown) in second.

The Inter-club show in the afternoon presented a First Year Showmanship class won by Ryan Downs (Milton) and 2. Jason Brownridge (Georgetown) in the Dairy section. The overall winner was the sole beef entrant - Dale Hewitt, winner of the Monteith award. The recipient of the Aberfeldy Beef Show Award was Karen Swackhammer (Acton) and

the winner of the Ward Brownridge Dairy Award was Kelly Stewart.

Finally, the Grand Champion Livestock Showman was presented with the Top-of-the-Line award. This resulting showperson, consisting of the Champion and Reserve winners of all livestock clubs, must exhibit a horse, dairy calf, beef calf, and a lamb. The contestant with the top points awarded from successfully showing all livestock is named top winner and this year it was Ron Bird of Georgetown. Congratulations.

Winter wheat bonanza

CHATHAM - The Ontario Wheat Producers' Marketing Board reports that the 1990 crop of Ontario soft white winter wheat is harvested and is generally of good quality. The board estimates that the crop will yield approximately 10%-15% higher than the 189 crop, and the record wheat crop anticipated may reach approixmately 1.3 million tonne. It is estimated that 70% of the deliveries will be grade #1 and #2, with the balance grading #3 and feed.

Board export sales to the end of September of the 1990 crop t date total 752,000 tonne with a projected total volume for export by crop year end and nearly one million tonne. The balance, or approximately 300,000 tonne will be sold into the domestic milling, feed and seed markets.

The current pricing of the 1990 crop can only be described as a financial disaster. Of the export sales to date, the selling price has averaged \$110.88 per tonne. Current price for export wheat is approximately \$85 per tonne in store Lakes, or down approximately \$45 per tonne from March, and down 50% from one year ago. Domestic sales are priced weekly and the current pricing for Ontario soft white winter wheat is \$54.26 per tonne, down approximately \$59 per tonne from March, and down \$65. per tonne from one year ago.

The pricing drop is a direct result of substantial losses against the Chicago market on domestic human consumption pricing. Further, depressed world wheat prices due to the USA export enhancement and EEC export restitution, projected world wheat price supplies and carryover, excellent world wheat harvest, stronger Canadian dollar and the recent Iraqi trade embargo have had a major impact on the sharp drop in wheat prices.



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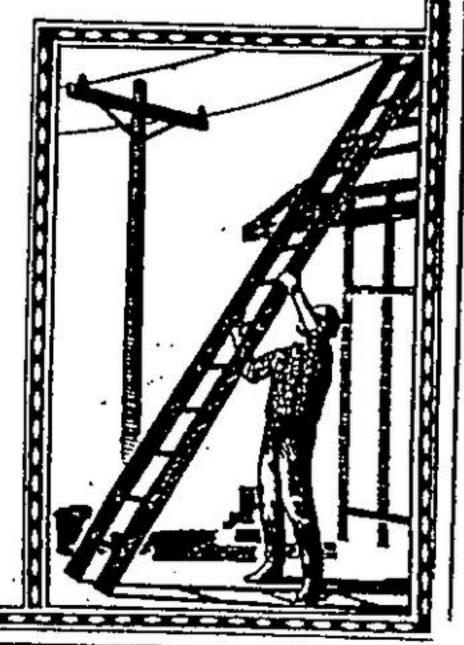


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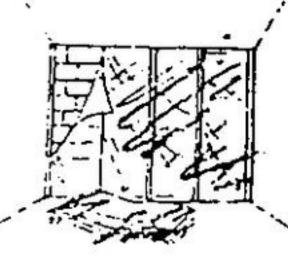
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