

Community

Norval's Bill Laidlaw awarded Master Breeder's Shield

By KAY WILSON

Congratulations to Bill Laidlaw R.R. 2 Norval, on being awarded the Master Breeders Shield by Holstein Canada. Bill is the 12th farmer in Halton County to receive the coveted award. He will receive the award at the National Holstein Convention at Kingston, in April.

The Laidlaws, Bill and Gwen, were married in 1952 and started their own dairy farm on Winston Churchill, south of Norval, with 10 Holsteins, given them by Bill's parents Norman and Kate Laidlaw. Bill has been a former director of the Halton Holstein Club, and the Halton Milk Committee.

Bill credits his family for helping him realize this dream, Bill's wife Gwen, his son Paul and his wife Jean, and daughters Beth and Carol Anne. However, Bill and Gwen both say, their son Paul was the driving force and kept us going.

The Laidlaw's Holstein herd of 236 points is made up of four excellent cows, 27 very good and three brood cows, well above the 215 points required to win the award.

Special mention should be given Halton County Holstein Breeder, Barbara Ford, R.R. 1 Hornby, who is the only woman in Canada to receive this coveted award.

Special certificate

Harold McClure, R.R. 2 Brampton will receive a certificate at the Ontario Holstein Branch meeting in Kitchener in February and a Master Breeders Shield at the National Holstein Convention in Kingston in April for achieving a Master Breeders status in recognition of his Clureholm Holstein Herd.

A total of 259 points are made up from three excellent cows, 24 very good, and five Star Brood Cows.

The first animal in this herd was bought from Harold Cleave



W.F. LAIDLAW

of Georgetown. Twelve generations from this cow are still in the herd today.

His son, Robert, has been very influential in helping his father achieve this honor.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to Claude and Mary Pickett formerly of R. R. 2 Georgetown, now of Milton, who are both patients in the Milton District Hospital. Claude has been a patient in Hamilton General Hospital since the first of December, and was moved to Milton Hospital two weeks ago where his wife Mary has been a patient since before Christmas after suffering a fall.

Grandchild born

Congratulations to Bill and Reta Deenik, R. R. 2 Norval on the birth of their third grandchild, Samantha Jasmine, 8 lbs. 11 oz. born February 7, 1991 at the Milton District Hospital.

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Proud parents are Bill and Geraldine Deenik of R.R. 1 Shelburne. Also proud fourth time grandparents are John and Denise Molenbroek of Thunder Bay.

Pinegrove euchre

Pinegrove Community Euchre had six tables on Monday last. Winners were Marjorie Harrison, Ethel Webb, Keith Webb, Prairie Bessey. Lucky draw Mary Wilson. Travelling prize Mae Tost, Mary Wilson.

Women's Institute

Norval W.I. met at the home of Ethel Webb, Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

After the opening exercises President Jean May conducted the business.

Aileen Nixon will attend the W.I. Educational Committee Workshop in Fergus, Ontario on Feb. 23 in Jean's place. Members were urged to pre-register before Mar. 15, for five sessions of the Health Education and Learning Project Apr. 3 through May 1 at the Bennett Health Care Centre.

Kay Wilson and Norine Van Leeuwen will attend a seminar "May I Present" at Arkell Ont. Mar. 9.

Norval W.I. is planning a yard sale for the spring.

Five members will attend Ashgrove W.I. 65th Anniversary at Hillcrest United Church Feb. 19, 1:30 p.m. Provincial President Peggy Knapp will be guest speaker.

Halton District W.I. Spring board meeting will be held in the O.M.A.F. Boardroom Milton, Mar. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer Rita Deenik reack a letter from S.H.A.R.E. thanking us for a contribution we sent to them.

The roll call "A Safety Hint" was answered by 14 members and five guests.

Jean Harrop then introduced our guest speaker Det. Sgt. Jim Davidson, Peel Regional Police, Crime Prevention Bureau who gave us some invaluable safety hints for seniors and their homes.

Some tips from a video 'Con Games for the Elderly' depicted the professional cons as showing confidence, connection with authority, they play on emotions, they ask you to give up money,

want secrecy and insist on speed. Det. Sgt. Davidson, speaking about cons in medical fraud, real estate fraud and home repairs, warned never sign a contract before reading it. He thinks man's best friend is the best break and enter deterrent.

Jean Harrop thanked our speaker and presented him with a gift.

Next meeting will be a tour of Webb's Greenhouses Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m. then to the home of Gisela Malchin.

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Fundraising ideas discussed

By BETTY SOJKA

A number of fundraising ideas were discussed at last week's Hall Board meeting. While some ideas were put off for further discussion at the next meeting, it was decided to hold another baseball tournament in June, with a dance accompanying it.

The goal for the 1991 Hall Board is to fix up the original part of the basement, so that it may once again be rented out. This will be a major expenditure. The water that seeps in must be stopped, and then the walls and floor have to be refurbished. The kitchen will have to be outfitted.

As this is the only section of the community centre that is not in use, it is important that this work be completed so that rental in-

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come can be earned. The Hall Board will meet again on Monday, February 19th starting at 7:30 p.m. at the community centre.

Last Sunday's activities at the United Church started out with a Pancake Breakfast at 10 a.m. The young people served delicious mouth-watering pancakes and sausages. Along with coffee it was possible to have a nice visit with neighbors.

For those attending the regular service at 11:30 a.m. a special

treat was in store for them, when Lesley Tooke spoke on "10 Days For World Development." Astounding facts were given when describing how much of the world cannot feed their starving, because they are obliged to meet the interest payments of loans. For example in 1988 Brazil paid an amount of interest that could have refurbished Rio De Janeiro 17 times. Mrs. Tooke proved to be an excellent informative speaker. The Junior Choir sang during the service.

Last chance to get your tickets for the Jim Dandies Valentines Dance. Tickets can be purchased at the Ballinafad General Store at cost of \$7.50 per person. The menu is potluck. There will be spot and door prizes to win.

Persian Gulf conflict affecting school trips

In light of the conflict in the Persian Gulf, the Halton Board of Education has suspended all Board sanctioned staff/student trips outside North America. The decision was made only after careful review of all proposed trips, the actions of comparable Boards, and after receiving considerable staff and parent input.

Stresses Director of Education, Bob Williams, "This decision was made reluctantly, but our Board recognizes that Canada is at war and that the safety of our

students and staff must be of the highest priority."

The information regarding the suspension of trips was received by principals on February 6, 1991. The memo also informed principals that though trips within North America are not suspended at this time, it is important that parents, students and staff be sensitized to the implications surrounding excursions. Principals were directed to follow the current Board policy and guidelines relating to travel within North

America.

Chair of the Board, Bill Harrison, emphasizes that, "This was certainly not an easy decision to make, but we had to put the well-being of our people beyond all other concerns. Though we recognize that there are some financial implications to this decision, it is our expectation that principals will negotiate with carriers and agents to minimize the financial impact of this decision on students and staff."

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