# Nipper, Ewok, and Spot and Stripe earn 4-H awards

The United Church basement was quite a sight on Tuesday, April 30. As part of their Achievement Night, the Ballinafad 4-H Club on Animals had brought along their pets.

The evening began with Linda Mitchell welcoming the parents, and introducing each 4-H member, highlighting the number of clubs they had completed. Erica Mitchell explained the recent changes with the 4-H organization. The provincial government will be gradually reducing its funding, until the 4-H organization will be totally self-reliant. With this in mind, a \$10 fee for members has been implemented.

Erica went on to introduce Jennifer Mitchell and Carol Leitch, who were there to judge the animals. Both Carol and Jennifer have done a lot of showing of animals. There were five categories with each having first, second and third place. Winners received ribbons. Each animal attempted something to show their intelligence and training, even the two rats.

Best Groomed went to Nipper Cox, a toy poodle. The Most Trained was won by Ewok Burgan, a big black dog. A cat named Midnight won the Funniest Pet. The Pet with the longest tail was won by two cute rats, Spot and Ballinafad News

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Stripe Adams. Top Show Person went to Amanda Burgan.

During the time the judges were deciding, members told the audience about what they had been doing during their six-part course. They told of their visit to the pet food store, dairy farm and veterinary. Tea, coffee and juice were served with baked goods to end the evening.

Wearable art

It was back to the church on Saturday, May 4 for members of the 4-H Club Wearable Art. This was their last meeting. They did some book work, as well as made necklaces out of the flowery forms that they had made earlier. They also fashioned hair clips from tiedyed material. It was an awfully fun morning. The group will hold their Achievement Night on Friday, May 17 beginning at 7 p.m. at the United Church.

Anniversary observed The Ballinafad United Church celebrated its 118th anniversary with a lovely service. Many former members of the congregation were

in attendance. Mrs. Pat Kerr set the mood with some lovely organ music. Potted blooming flowers gave the church a spring-like feeling. Mr. Bob Pinkerton started things off by welcoming everyone, and making the announcements.

Reverend Dr. Howard Pentland presided over the service. He had a book of small churches in Canada to show the children. Reverend Pentland has a way of bringing the scriptures alive, as he is very descriptive and gives a

historic feel for the events.

Both the Junior and Senior Choirs were on hand for a number of hymns, many of which the congregation joined in. Everyone sang the song Anniversary, written by Alyson M. Arsenault, which lent a nice touch to the service.

The day ended with a luncheon of sandwhiches, baked goods, tea, coffee and juice. Over this meal, folks were able to catch up with what others had been doing, which made for a nice visit.

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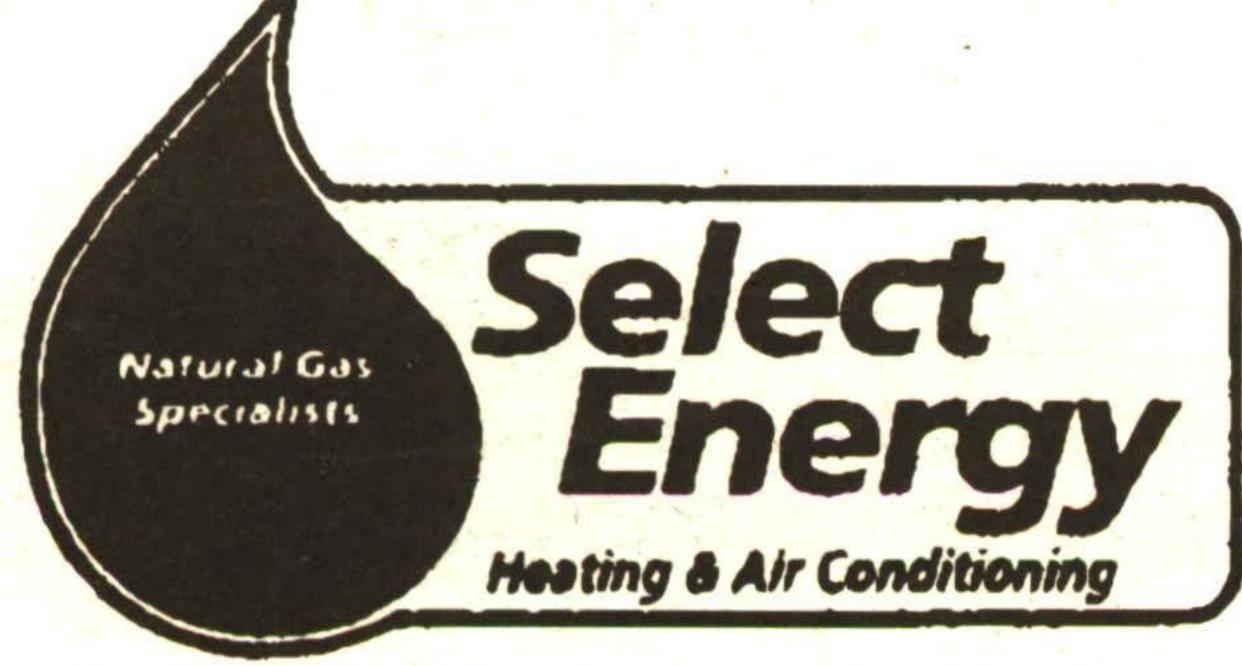
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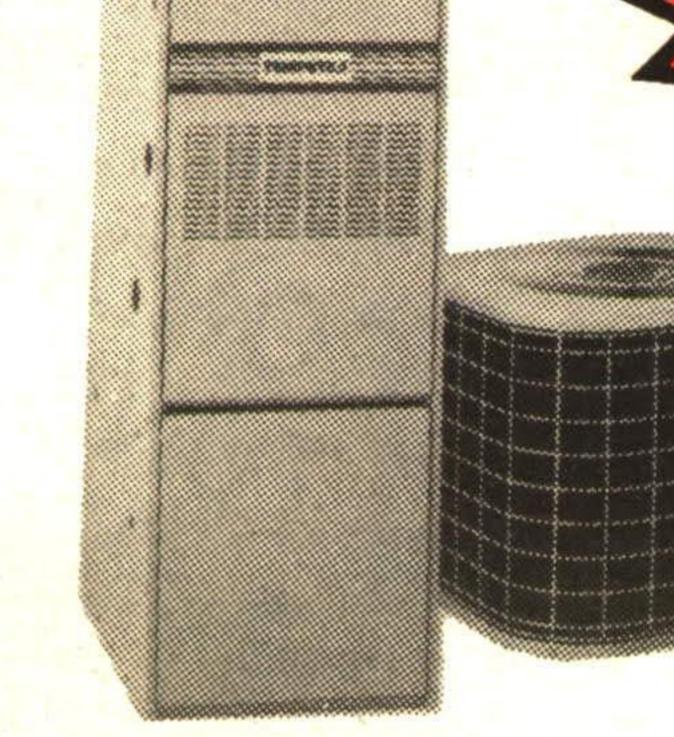
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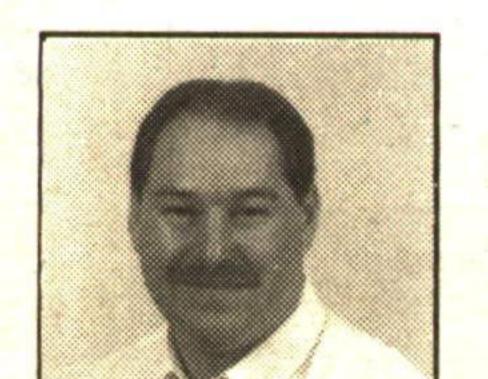




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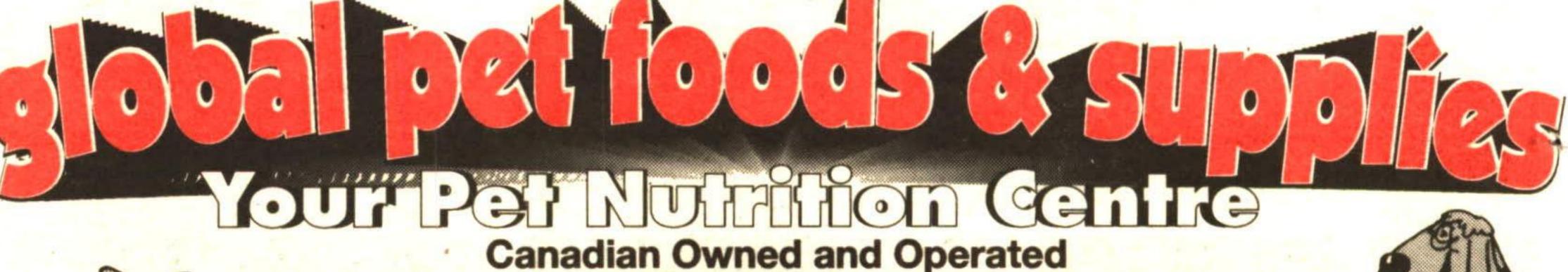
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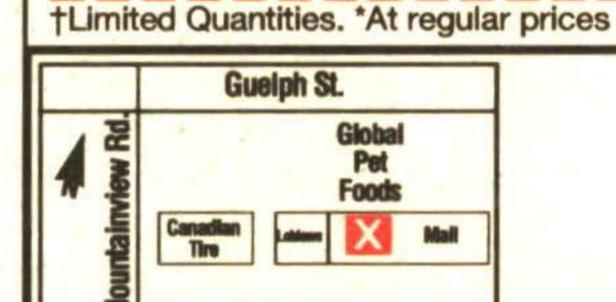
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