



FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

By J. E. Whitlock

DON JOHNSON TOP LIVESTOCK JUDGE

Sixty-six Halton Junior Farmers defied the elements and participated in the annual Junior Farmer Livestock Judging Competition on May 30th. With J. E. Whitlock and Art Bennett in charge, the young men visited the farms of Dr. Wm. James, Stanley May, Johnson Neelands, M. C. Beaty, Wm. G. Booth and J. H. Willmott, where they judged classes of Aberdeen Angus, Percherons, Holsteins, Jerseys, Guernseys, and Hampshire Sheep. Owing to the outbreak of Hog Cholera in Ontario, the classes of Swine were deleted from the program and a class of hog carcasses substituted. In all, the 66 competitors judged a total of 9 classes, and in the afternoon at the Milton High School gave oral reasons for their placings on one class each of beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, sheep, and hog carcasses.

The official judges were as follows: Sheep—J. H. Willmott, Milton; Horses—R. G. Bennett, Ontario Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto; Beef Cattle—Finlay Stewart, Canada Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto; Hog Carcasses—Leslie McMillan, Canada Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto; Dairy Cattle—Harold Baker, Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, former Assistant Agricultural Representative in Wentworth County but since transferred to Huron County.

The young men were also honored by having as a guest, Dr. E. Leyland, President of the Kingsway Kiwanis, who followed their program throughout the day and also brought greetings from his fellow club members, who annually donate a number of Short Course Scholarships to Halton Juniors.

Don Johnson, of Milton, duplicated his achievement at the Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show last March, by again topping the competition and thereby won the Norval Challenge Trophy, which is awarded to the Champion judge.

The Hamilton Spectator \$50 Special, which is awarded to the top junior on the basis of judging ability, Club work, executive and

leadership and Junior Farmer activities, was awarded to Howson Ruddell, of the Norval Club. Ross Pearen made the presentation on Saturday evening last on behalf of the donors.

The Palermo Junior Farmers' Trophy, which is awarded to the Coach of the winning team, was won by John C. Willmott, the members of his winning team being Don and Paul Johnson, and Paul Ford.

Other trophies were awarded as follows: The Donald Robertson Trophy (High Man in Horses)—John W. Pickett.

The Duncane Campbell Trophy (High Man in Beef Cattle)—Norman Bird.

The Baronston Trophy (High Man in Dairy Cattle)—Harold Lawrence.

The Mason Knitting Co. Trophy (High Man in Sheep)—John C. Willmott.

The Thos. Blakelock Trophy (High Man in Swine)—Don Johnson.

Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy—(Inter-Township teams of 3) was won by Don Lawson, Gordon Graham and Norman Bird, representing Esquesing Township.

The Dr. R. K. Anderson Trophy, for the high aggregate score of six members from any one Club was again won by the Norval Club—their Club representatives being Fraser McNabb, Gordon Graham,

Barry Archer, Bill Wilson, Earl Wilson and John Currie. The C.N.E. Shield for the high novice of the day was won by Walter Wilson, of Ashgrove. The Kingsway Kiwanis Special to the runner up to the Trip Winner was Alex. Buchanan. The boys' competition was divided into three divisions, and here the top contestants were as follows: Juniors (16 years and under)—Norman Bird, Georgetown; Intermediates (17 to 21 years)—Gordon Graham, Norval. Seniors (22 to 25 years)—Don Johnson.

100 JUNIOR HOMEMAKERS PARTICIPATE

Barbara Cunningham, of Ashgrove, was the 1953 winner of the Halton District W.I. Special at the Junior Homemakers Achievement Day held in the Milton Town Hall, on Saturday last.

Mrs. Mabel Borgstrom, Acting Home Economist, assisted by Miss Frances Lampman, Mrs. Montgomery and Miss Robertson, was in charge of the day's program, which brought together no less than ninety-eight Junior Homemakers who had completed the project "The Milky Way."

A similar number completed the unit "Sleeping Garments," the achievement day for which was held last January.

A great deal of the credit for the success of the Junior Homemaker program in Halton must go to the Club Leaders, who were as follows: Acton—Mrs. E. Storey, Mrs. F. Brown;

Ash—Marie Marshall, Anne Pelletterio;

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Ballinacree—Mrs. Fred Mack, Mrs. Robert McEnery;

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Lowville—Mrs. Roy Coulter; Mrs. V. McArthur;

Omagh—Mrs. H. Robertson, Miss Ellen Chapman;

Palermo—Miss Lorna Lawrence;

Scotch Block—Mrs. Robt Irving, Mrs. Doug. Irving;

Nelson—Mrs. Donald Peer, Mrs. C. Colling;

Norval—Mrs. H. McLaughlin. Mrs. J. L. Ellerby District W. I. President for Halton, made the presentation of the W.I. Special, to Barbara Cunningham, who will be the Halton representative to accompany the delegation of Ontario Juniors to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago later in the year.

The runner-up here was Ruth Wilson, Norval, who thereby wins the Kingsway Kiwanis Scholarship of a free Short Course at the Ontario Agricultural College next winter. The Milton Town Hall was a veritable beehive of industry throughout the day and here the girls exhibited their record books; tempting custards; and participated in Club demonstrations, as well as presenting some very attractive Club displays.

Each Club Member participating in the Achievement Day was presented with an 1847 Rogers Bros. Silver Spoon, to add to her hope-chest.

County Honor Pins (indicative of 6 completed units of Club work) were also presented to Inez Rae, Margaret Ballm, Barbara Tasker, Marie and Donna Marshall.

The Bank of Toronto Trophy, emblematic of the winning Club team, was awarded to the Nelson Club whose members are Joan McCarron, Helen Vivian and Ruth Featherstone.

When we paid a brief visit to the Town Hall during the day's program we were impressed not only by the quality of work on exhibit; the interesting displays and excellent demonstrations; but even more by the young people themselves. It was an inspiration to

look into their faces — they are indeed a real credit to their respective homes, and to this County — it augurs well for the future homes in their Dominion where these young ladies will play the leading roles.

NO HOG CHOLERA IN HALTON
Toronto newspapers to the contrary, there has not been as yet an outbreak of hog cholera in Halton. This statement was confirmed early last week by Dr. Morgan of the Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture. The outbreak attributed to their County was stated to be in the Campbellville area. Investigation reveals that while the farm in question is on a Campbellville rural route, it is located some two or three miles within the County of Wentworth.

At the end of last week, additional outbreaks were reported in three or four more counties. This can only be interpreted to mean that the disease is not yet under control. Local swine men would therefore be well advised to take every precaution where they visit and whom they invite into their respective hog pens.

Present restrictions do not prevent the marketing of live hogs or breeding stock anywhere in Ontario west of the Hastings County boundary. As a matter of fact, it is our understanding that under permit from the Health of Animals Branch breeding stock may be shipped to United States.

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