

# Reford Gardhouse honored with OAC's Centennial Medal

Reford Gardhouse of Aberfeldy Shorthorn Farm, R.R. 5, Milton was recently honored by Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph when he was presented with an OAC Centennial Medal.

Only 100 of these special medals were struck and they

are being presented in 1974, OAC's centennial year, to 100 people who have contributed to the college and their contribution to agriculture.

Mr. Gardhouse is vice-president of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair this year and his medal was saved for presentation on Monday,

Nov. 25 during the Royal, Dean Switzer, Dean of Agriculture at OAC, presented the medal.

**Three honored**  
He was one of three RAWF officials to be honored with a medal. George Rodanz of Stouffville, a noted Hereford breeder and W. P. Watson, former manager of the Royal and Livestock Commissioner for Ontario, also received OAC medals during the Royal.

The following is the citation that accompanied the presentation to Mr. Gardhouse:

"Reford W. Gardhouse, Aberfeldy Farms, Milton is the fourth generation of his family concerned with the breeding of Shorthorns, and the fifth generation is now actively engaged in the same business. The 'original' Gardhouse, James, purchased his first Shorthorn in 1837.

"In 1948 the herd of John Gardhouse and sons was dispersed, and from that point, the re-assembled herd was managed by Reford. The Shorthorn News once stated, referring to the Gardhouse cattlemen, 'Each in his generation has been a feeder, fitter, showman, merchandiser, judge and a student of breeding; every facet of the industry has been

their vocational undertaking, and Reford was one of the clan's best."

**Known as judge**  
"He judged the Perth Show and Sale in Scotland twice, the first time in 1952. He also judged twice at the Palermo Show in Argentina, the Chicago International four times, and many other shows in North America.

"In addition to serving as President of the Canadian Shorthorn Association, 1964-65, he has been president of the Ontario Shorthorn Club, and the Canadian International Bull Sale. He has been a director of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association, the Ontario Bull Sale Committee, and a member of the Canadian National Livestock Record Board.

"He has been most generous in permitting the use of his farm and livestock for instructional purposes for Ontario Agricultural College students, and has assisted in the instruction of judging teams.

"It is fitting that Reford Gardhouse be awarded an OAC Centennial Medal for his leadership and achievements in the purebred beef cattle industry, and for his support and assistance to the College."



REFORD GARDHOUSE and his wife Helen of Milton admire the Ontario Agricultural College Centennial Medal, presented to him at the Royal Winter Fair by Dr. C. M. Switzer, OAC Dean, at right. Only 100 of the medals were struck, for presentation to those who have made a lasting contribution to agriculture.

## Editor's Desk

By Roy Downs

The "other" politician in the Masson family, David Masson of Eden Mills, won a seat on the 1975 and 1976 Eramosa Township Council in Monday's election race in Wellington County.

David is the son of Halton Region Chairman Allan Masson of Oakville. A resident of Eden Mills for several years, he at one point was a leader in the village's struggle to secede from Halton and join Wellington County. The secession took effect last Jan. 1 when Halton was formed into a regional municipality—minus Eden Mills.

In Monday's race David was one of three new councillors elected by Eramosa residents, but it was a close race. Six ran for three seats and David was third from the top of the polls, just 11 votes (389 to 378) ahead on the next closest competitor to claim the final seat.

It's always nice to have former Miltonians drop in at the office or include a note with a subscription renewal. Art Desjardines, former owner of the Canadian Tire store stopped in for a chat last week. I was surprised to learn he had "retired" in August from the Whitby store and had now bought a farm near Port Perry. He takes possession in the new year and in the meantime super-active Art and his wife are off on a holiday trip to Mexico.

Art served on Milton Council during his time here and of course he also put in a two year stint in Whitby and at the time pushed for a new arena there. That reminded us that Art was one of those who spearheaded the drive for the town to buy the local arena and one of the volunteers who helped in the restoration after the fire that put it out of action.

In the course of the years so many people make an imprint on a community and it's good to remember people like Art who have "moved on" but never quite "moved out."

Did you know... on Highway 401 a recent survey showed that 22 per cent of the traffic is trucks? And that the average number of passengers in cars is fewer than two?

We always knew the truck traffic was heavy but that 22 per cent figure still came as quite a surprise.

## Rock Ella Jerseys in winners' circle

Rock Ella Jersey Farm Ltd. of Hornby won a second prize and shared a second prize with another Hornby owner at the Royal Winter Fair Jersey Show.

Campburn S. A. Betsy was second prize junior yearling heifer for Rock Ella while Rock Ella and Wilson Ross of Hornby's joint entry Jazelward Noble Betsy was second prize three-year-old.

Mrs. S. L. Eva Harper of Georgetown won a third prize in the four-year-old class.

**Princess**  
At the Sale of Stars following the show, Chris C. Richardson of Milton paid \$850 for a female consigned by Wick Bros. of Grand Valley. A Quebec buyer paid \$750 for a female consigned by Featherstone Bros. of Oakville.

## Fence up at museum

A \$40,139.75 contract has been awarded to Fusco Construction Limited, R.R. 3, Guelph, for the construction of a six foot chain link fence with gates, to enclose the site of the agricultural museum near Milton, Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow announced.

(stage 2) is now under construction for the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and the fencing represents a portion of stage three, which is concerned with developing the rest of the 92-acre site at Kelso and south of Highway 401. The fence will provide security for historical farm buildings, equipment and artifacts.

Fusco Construction submitted the lowest of four bids received, the high being \$45,768.

Work on the contract is now underway and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

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FIRST PRIZE two-year-old Holstein heifer at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair was Society Marquis Pauline, owned by Terry Leslie of Georgetown. Brenda Trask of Alma, Ontario Dairy Princess, offers the ribbon to showman Lowell Lindsay on behalf of Mr. Leslie.

## Host annual barn meet

By Henry J. Stanley Agricultural Representative

Halton Holstein breeders and friends met on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the farm of James C. Reid and Sons, R.R. 2, Georgetown, for the annual barn meeting. Upon arrival everyone inspected the herd of over 50 milk cows tied in stanchions.

Following the welcome by Bert Stewart, vice-president of the Halton Club, Jim Schwartz of Tanneryhill Farms demonstrated proper feet and legs for dairy cattle. A contest was then held to select the three best and the three poorest sets of feet and legs in the herd.

Winners were chosen and presented with prizes as follows: first, Edward Bird, R.R. 2 Georgetown; second, Earl Wilson, R.R. 2 Georgetown; third, Garnet

Laidlaw, Norval; and tied for fourth were Barry Reid and John Reid, R.R. 2, Georgetown; Siegfried Stadler, R.R. 4 Milton; and Sandy Buchanan, R.R. 1 Moffat.

**Demonstration**  
Larry Bennett, R.R. 1 Burlington, United Breeders' technician for this area, then demonstrated the trimming of feet, using the Reids' herd bull.

The guest speaker was Dr. Bruce Stone, the Animal and Poultry Science Department, University of Guelph. Dr. Stone discussed the production of quality hay and

corn silage. He encouraged farmers to take samples of their feed for analysis this year to make certain that they were not over-feeding their livestock when feed prices are so high. He also felt that even though this was a poor year for corn silage with less maturity than normal, the feed value of this silage would be reduced only slightly. Part of the energy which normally moves to the corn stalk remained in the corn stalk but still is available to the cow in the corn silage.

The barn meeting concluded with donuts and coffee served by the Reid family.

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—There is a limited number of Christmas carol sheets available free to groups at The Champion, 191 Main St.

—EMO crews tested Milton's emergency warning siren on Mary St. again Thursday. It rang twice for five minute periods.

—Respiratory disease mortality figures are on the increase. In 1972, 11,068 Canadians died from respiratory diseases. bronchitis, emphysema, tuberculosis, influenza, asthma, pneumonia and others. That's an increase of 535 cases over 1971 figures points out Halton Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association.

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