

Halton 4-H leaders plan year's projects

By Mark J. Leahy
Evelyn Gillies of Milton was re-elected as president of the Halton 4-H Agricultural Club Leaders' Council at the annual meeting held on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Agricultural Office, Milton. Eight leaders were present.

First vice-president is Bob Lasby, Rockwood and second vice-president is Ken McNabb, Georgetown, with the Secretary-Treasurer remaining the O.M.A.F. office.

The representative to the Halton Farm Safety Council this year is Doug Newhinney, Milton. The following clubs will

be offered to young people, 11 to 19 years of age as of Jan. 1, 1979—Acton 4-H Calf Club, Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, Halton 4-H Junior Dairy Calf Club, Halton 4-H Senior Dairy Calf Club, Halton 4-H Field Crop Club, Halton 4-H Conservation Club, Halton 4-H Livestock Judging Club, Halton 4-H Horse Club, Halton 4-H Maple Syrup Club, Halton 4-H Sheep Club, Halton 4-H Tractor Club, and a Halton 4-H Swine Club.

All 4-H clubs will be organized during the school break in March. Five 4-H members and a chaperone will be

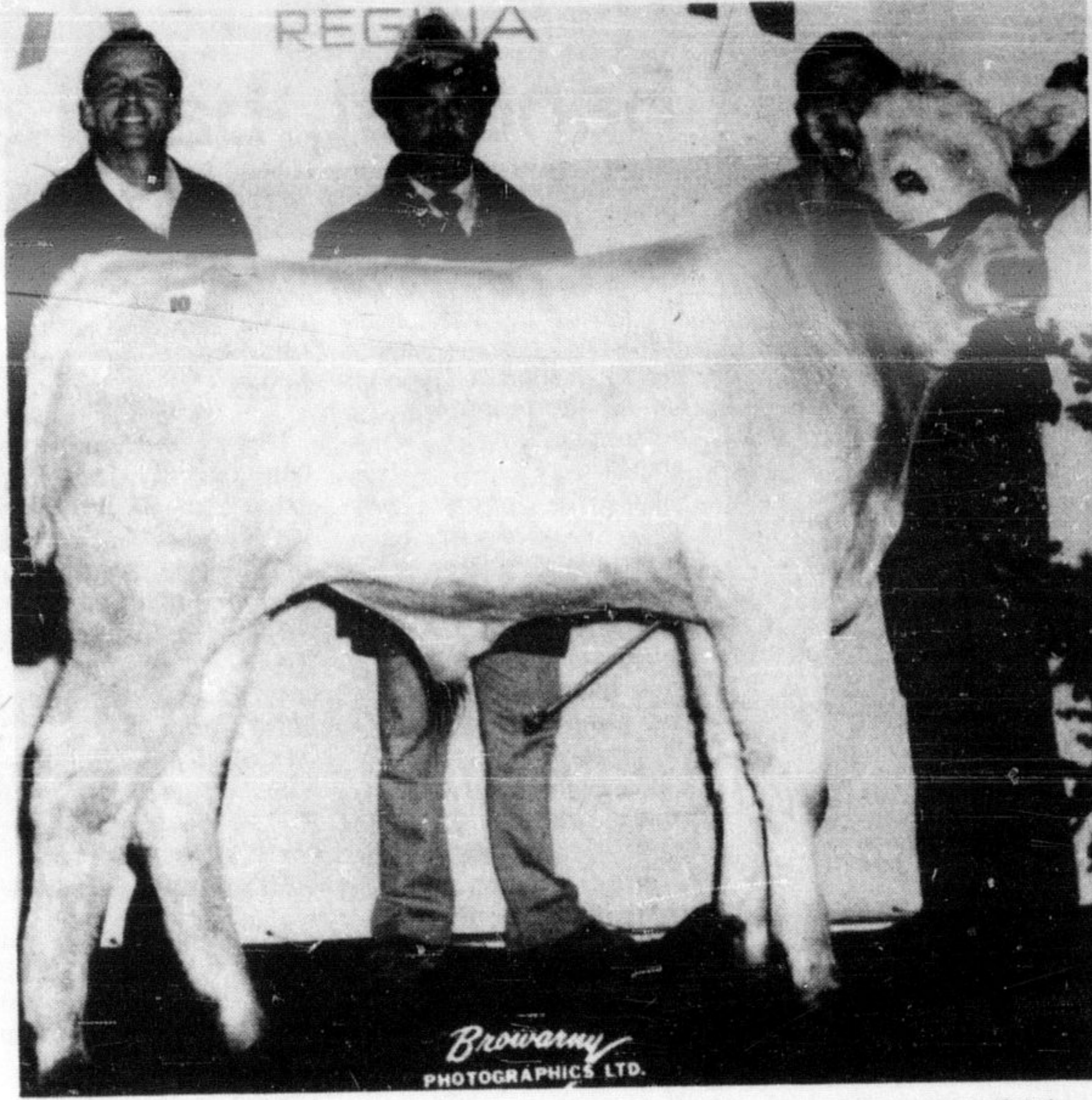
travelling to Buffalo County, Wisconsin this summer as part of a 4-H exchange program.

A 4-H day will be held at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in June. This will be a compulsory meeting for all 4-H members.

Stelco, International Harvester, Hamilton Spector and Dundurn Castle were suggestions for the Halton 4-H bus trip.

Each 4-H club will decide on a special project for its members.

Cecil Patterson gave an informative report on his experiences as director to the Halton Farm Safety Council in 1978.



HIGH SELLING CHIANINA at Canadian Western Agribition, Regina, Sask., was a full blood bull consigned by Aberfeldy Farms of Milton. The animal sold to Valiant Farms, Grass Valley, California and Lauxmont Farms, Wrightsville, Pa., for \$7,000. Left to right are John Coble of Valiant Farms, Ernie Martinez of Lauxmont Farms, and Doug Guardhouse of Aberfeldy, Milton.

Superior Holsteins recognized

Two purebred Holstein cows in the herd of Burnview Farms, Milton, received honors from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada this month, for outstanding production records.

Alf View Herdmaster Evelyn received a superior production certificate

for her 305 and 365 day records. In 305 days she produced 12,314 kg milk, 466 fat and tested 3.78 per cent butterfat, for a BCA of 239-247. In 365 days she yielded 14,159 milk, 535 fat, testing 3.78 per cent. She is classified a Good Plus cow.

Cass Ridge R. Maple

Jazz at one year and eight months produced, in 305 days on twice a day milking, 8,760 kg milk, 325 fat, testing 3.71 per cent, a BCA of 240-243. She completed her lactation in 365 days to yield 9,880-363 at 3.67 per cent. She is also a Good Plus for type.

Plowmen re-elect D. May president

By Henry J. Stanley
Dwight May of Hornby was returned as president of the Halton Plowmen's Association for another year at the annual meeting on Jan. 10 at the Agricultural Office, Milton. Murray Breckon of Burlington moved up to be first vice-president with Bryan Marshall, Milton elected as second vice-president and Jack Taylor, Burlington remaining as

secretary-treasurer with George Swann, 50 Court St. N., Milton assisting. Allan Harris, Milton is the Farm Safety Representative for Halton. O.P.A. Director is Dwight May and Halton Furrow Queen for the coming year is Nancy McKinnon, Milton.

Delegates elected to the annual meeting of the O.P.A., Feb. 19 and 20 in Toronto, are J. C. Cunningham, Georgetown;

Bryan Marshall; Murray Breckon, and Spencer Wilson, Norval with alternates John Breckon and John Reid.

Larry Hoard and Tom Wilson are to represent Halton in the junior team competition at the International Plowing Match this year.

The 1979 Halton Plowing Match is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27 in north Milton (Nassagaweya).

Erosion, pollution topics at Soil, Crop

By Henry J. Stanley
On Wednesday, Jan. 10, Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association members met at Hillcrest United Church for their annual meeting.

Guest speaker Dr. Murray Johnson, Chairman of the Canadian section of PLUARG, discussed the co-operation between Canada and the United States in attempting to reduce pollution of the Great Lakes. He stated 2,400 metric tonnes per year excess phosphorus is being deposited in the Great Lakes. Close to one-half of this comes from agricultural land, mainly as a result of erosion of soil particles in the water system.

of heavy metals to our water system. The speaker strongly suggested buffer strips of grass along drains, strip cropping or planting grain and corn across the slope in bands, alternating them with sod. He also suggested farmers should be compensated for incurring the extra cost of reducing phosphorus in our streams.

George Gardhouse of Caledon East, past president of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, suggested other means of controlling phosphorus in streams from a farmer's point of view—using crop rotations to get more grass and forages on hills to cut down erosion, improved handling of manure to keep it from washing into streams, using the capital grant program available to farmers for erosion con-

trol practices, fencing all waterways and improve manure handling facilities.

Henry Ediger, general manager of the Crop Insurance of Ontario, stated that 40 per cent of Halton's corn acreage, 17 per cent of the spring grain acreage and 33 per cent of the winter wheat acreage is insured. In 1978 Halton producers had 57 claims for crop insurance with the Crop Insurance Commission paying out close to three times as much money as it received for Halton.

This was due to the very dry June and July. Mr. Ediger stated that two extra inches of rain in July would have saved the Crop Insurance Commission at least \$6,000,000. Despite the poor yields in this part of the province and parts of Eastern Ontario, the Commission still has \$3,000,000 surplus for the year.

Paul Fish, Soils and Crops Specialist, presented the annual summary of projects. Prize money for the High Yield Competitions were

awarded as follows: Grain Corn, first Art Lawson, Milton (114 bu./acre); second Harvey Nurse, Georgetown (113 bu./acre). Spring Grain, first Murray Harris, Milton (2746 pounds/acre); second Keith Aitken, Acton (2592 pounds/acre); Corn Silage, first Jim Reid, Georgetown.

Directors are Keith Aitken, John Breckon, Ted Brown, Murray Dawson, Doug Gardhouse, Dennis McClure, Bob Merry, John Reid, Ed Segsworth and Earl Wilson.

Officers and directors for 1979 were elected as follows: President, Norm Biggar, Oakville; vice-president, Art Lawson, Milton; secretary-treasurer, Henry Stanley, O.M.A.F., Milton; Safety Council rep., Peter Lambrick, Campbellville; O.S.C.I.A. Delegate, Don Sherwood, Milton; Alternate, Norm Biggar; and W.C.R.S.C.I.A. delegates, John Nurse, Georgetown and Art Lawson.

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Wood off library seat

Milton's Doug Wood tendered his resignation from the library board to Halton's Board of Education.

possible for me to become involved to the extent that one should when accepting such a position," wrote Wood. "It's regrettable."

Milton Ward 1 and 3 trustee Ivan Armstrong said, "Any job he (Wood) does, he does well," remarked the trustee.

The letter, dated December 27, was accepted during Thursday's education board meeting at Burlington. "It is not



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