

Holstein breeders had successful year

By Henry J. Stanley
Over 100 Holstein breeders and friends met at the Plainsmen Restaurant near Clappsons Corners, Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. under the chairmanship of Jeff Nurse, Georgetown 2, Club President, for their annual meeting.

Jeff told the Holstein breeders in Halton that they had a terrific access to the export market because of their close proximity to their Holstein shows and sales, the high percentage of tested and classified cattle in the Region, and the excellent 4-H program.

He mentioned that Halton has lost the honour for the highest percentage of cattle on R.O.P. to our neighbouring Region of Peel (79 per cent versus 80 per cent).

He challenged the breeders to raise our percentage on test to 90. He also stated that we must also get more good cattle out to shows and get more young people interested in Holsteins rather than the 150 hp tractor.

Bert Stewart, the Club Secretary, discussed all the successful activities of the past year and stated that since April Halton has had eleven head of cattle classified excellent. He also complimented Pelleterio Bros., Milton 6 and Howard Gowland, Milton 6, for winning Master Breeder Awards from the Canadian Holstein Association last year.

Martyn Heslop, Sales Agent for the Halton Holstein Breeders' Club, stated that his sale prices

were almost double the previous year with 70 head averaging \$1300. each.

Henry Stanley, Agricultural Representative, presented the 4-H Calf Club report on behalf of Doug Miller, 4-H Co-ordinator in Halton, and mentioned the dozens of achievements at shows and judging competitions by Halton 4-H club members showing Holstein calves.

Ralph Dunton from Peel, one of our Canadian Holstein Directors, reported that the registration fee for Holsteins is to be increased to \$10 from \$7.; the championship show which in previous years has been held at Erin is to be moved to Kitchener on October 21; the goal of the Canadian Holstein Association is to have 90

per cent of the families classified and on test by 1990 versus 60 per cent classified and 40 per cent tested at present.

Joe Snyder, Holstein-Friesian Fieldman, challenged the producers to set goals for the future on the type of their herd, level of production, and percentage of income from breeding stock. In order to do this, he stated that breeders must know where they are at present or have good records.

Joe then presented Superior Production Certificates to Holstein breeders. In order to qualify, the cow must be in the top five in Canada for the year or have over 450 kilograms of butterfat (equivalent to 1,000 pounds).

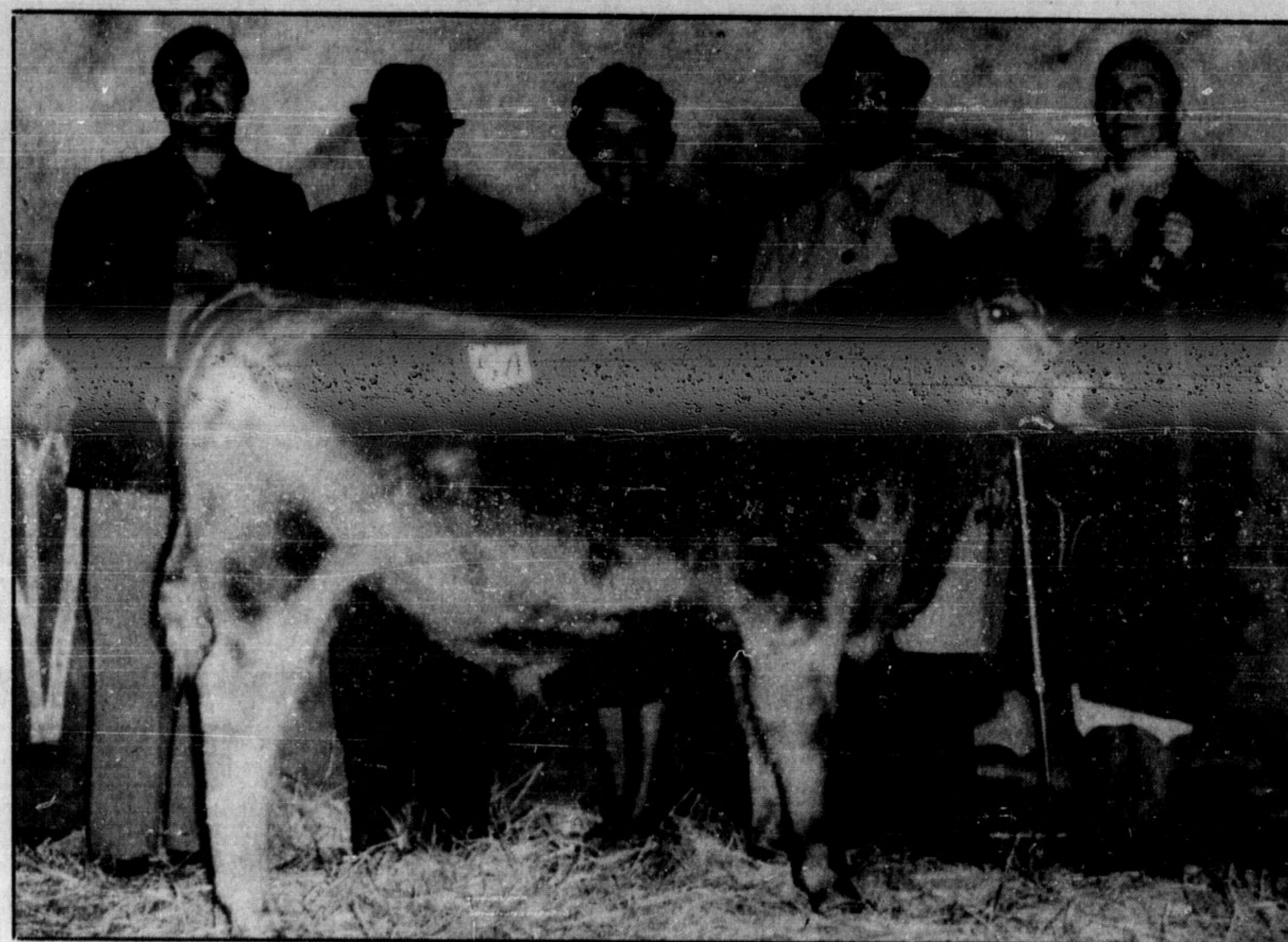
The high Superior Production Herd in Halton and in all of Canada was

Burnview Farms Ltd. owned by Brock and Murray Harris, Milton 6 with seven cows having nine Superior Production Records.

These are as follows—A Walker-Farm Mel Janine, 10 years, 305 days, 14,148 kilograms of milk, 533 kilograms of fat, Breed Class Average of 275-284; Alfacrest Starlite Doris, 4 years, 305 days, 9,831 milk, 516 fat, 188-263, and 334 days, 10,425 milk, 553 fat; Glen Echo Achilles Miss, 9 years, 365 days, 12,767 milk, 490 fat; A Ran-Dell Ivanhoe B E Ruby, 7 years, 305 days, 10,067 milk, 456 fat, 182-224 and 345 days, 10,763 milk, 488 fat; Gylon Annon Madge, 5 years, 365 days, 11,667 milk, 485 fat; Burnview C. Emperor Velda, 5 years, 365 days, 11,670 milk, 455 fat. Other Holstein producers with Superior Production Records are W.J. Knapp, Georgetown 2; Payneside Karen Man, 5 years, 305 days, 12,649 milk, 523 fat, 234-263, and 365 days, 14,034 milk, 586 fat; Webb Star President, 7 years, 365 days, 9,526 milk, 452 fat; H.C. Reid, Milton 6, on Plumbroke Joy Ace Ana, 2 years, 305 days, 19,102 milk, 388 fat, 222-231, and 335 days, 10,621 milk, 411 fat; Plumbroke Cora Ace, 5 years, 331 days, 11,840 milk, 466 fat; Claude Pickett, Georgetown 2, on Hanover Hill Barb, 5 years, 365 days, 10,391 milk, 486 fat; Barbara Y. Ford, Milton 4 on Bardholm Fond Kathy, 15 years, 365 days, 7,902 milk, 370 fat.

Long Time Production Certificates were then presented to several breeders with top honours going to Gordon R. Sinclair & Sons on Flemingtondale Sky Chief Judy with over 90,000 kilograms of milk and Maryvale Helena Dora with over 90,000; W.J. Knapp on Greenwood Pontiac Kate with over 90,000; Claude Pickett on Oak Ridges Regal Maud with over 90,000; Burnview Farms Ltd. with 3 cows over 80,000 and 4 over 60,000; T. Alex Buchanan with 1 over 70,000 and 3 over 60,000. Others were Harold R. Patterson, Gordon McDonald, Ashville Farms Ltd. George Bird, Barbara Y. Ford, Kathleen Anthony, Donald & Ronald Brander, Falgarbrook Farm, Bryan Marshall, Fred Nurse, David Reid, James Reid, Fred Brown, Ben Fuchs, Inian Garden Farm, John Kitching and W.F. Laidlaw.

Gordon R. Sinclair & Sons had the highest number of Star brood cows with 1 three Star, 1 Two Star, and 1 One Star. Others were Ashville Farms Ltd., Russell Hur-



HIGH SELLING PUREBRED BULL at the fifth annual Murray Grey Silver Select Sale in Calgary was consigned by Lord and Lady Roderic Gordon of Bentley, Alta. Allan Cook of Springloam Farms, Milton,

a well known Murray Grey breeder, bought it for \$5,200. Pictured with the bull are Ross Shearer, president of the Alberta Association (left), Lord Gordon, Luetta and Allan Cook and Lady Gordon.

Soil—crop association names high yield winners

By Henry J. Stanley
Over 70 members of the Halton Soil & Crop Improvement Association met at Hillcrest United Church on Wednesday, January 16 for their annual meeting.

Winners in the High Yield Competitions were awarded prize money as follows: Grain Corn—1st—Anthony Bros., Limehouse 1 with 110.5 bu. acre; 2nd—Harvey Nurse, Georgetown 2 with 108.2 bu. acre; 3rd—Murray Harris, Milton 6 with 104.0 bu. acre; and 4th—Art Lawson, Milton 5 with 102.5 bu. acre. Corn Silage—1st—Brock Harris, Milton 6 40,129 lbs. acre; Wheat—1st—Richard Sovereign, Milton 2 with 77.2 bu. acre; 2nd—Bill Allison, Georgetown 2 with 71.9 bu. acre; 3rd—Norm Biggar, Oakville 1 with 70.9 bu. acre; and Spring Grains—1st—Murray Breckon, Georgetown 2 with 3661 lbs. acre and 2nd—Scott Harris Milton 6 with 2863 lbs. acres.

planting straight alfalfa for highest feed value.

Galen Driver, Director of the Soils & Crops Branch, along with Stuard McFadden Milton 1, a local hay dealer and Peter Lambriek, Campbellville, a custom farm operator, discussed "Hay as a cash crop". Hay has a great deal of potential but must be compacted into larger bales for transportation especially to the United States. Hay in your rotation can spread the work load out during the growing season, greatly improve soil structure, help to prevent soil erosion and save on the purchase of nitrogen fertilizer. The great disadvantage of switching to hay for a cash crop producer is the extra investment needed in hay-

ing equipment.

Richard Lay of the Rural Development Outreach Project, Guelph, discussed his energy project which involved several Halton farmers last year. Mr. Lay stated that the agricultural industry uses 3 per cent of the total energy use in Canada to get the feed to the farm gate.

Door prizes were presented by the U.C.O., Milton Equipment, Young's Farm Equipment and Agromart at Carlisle.

Officers and Directors for 1980 are Past President—Norm Biggar, Oakville 1; President—Don Sherwood, Milton 6; Vice-President—Harley Pickering, Oakville 1; and Secretary-Treasurer—Henry J. Stanley, O.M.A.F. Directors are

Philip Agnew, Keith Aitken, Frank Anthony, Murray Breckon, Bruce Coles, Peter Lambriek, Dennis McClure, Bob Merry, Harvey Nurse, John Reid, Ed Segsworth, Dave Taylor and Earl Wilson. Safety Council Rep. is Peter Lambriek. Soils & Crops Specialist is Paul Fish, O.M.A.F., Newmarket. Zone Director is Richard Sovereign. Delegates to the West Central Soil and Crop Improvement Association are Keith Aitken and Peter Lambriek. Bob Merry is the delegate to the Agricultural Advisory Committee with John Reid as alternate. The delegate to the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association is Norm Biggar with alternate as Don Sherwood.



HIGH-YIELD WINNERS in wheat were honored at the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association meeting Thursday at Hillcrest Church. Winning \$25 was Richard Sovereign (right) with 77.2 bushels per acre. Mr. Sovereign is a director of the Halton-Peel-York Soil and Crop Improvement Association (SCIA). Second was Bill Allison (centre) with 71.9 bushels per acre and third was Norm Biggar (left), president of Halton SCIA with 70.9 bushels per acre.

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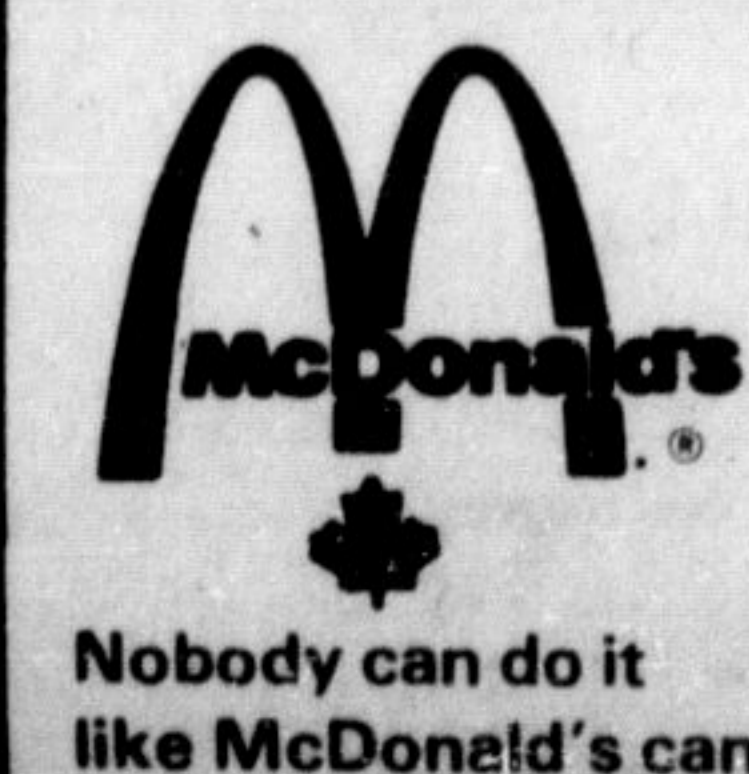
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Beef trends discussed at Cattlemen's meeting

By Doug Miller
The Halton-Peel Cattlemen's Association annual meeting was held Jan. 17 at the Junior Farmer Building in Brampton.

The meeting commenced with Bob Bell showing his slides of his recent trip to Ireland.

Following this, Don McArthur from Canfarm gave a presentation about the services offered by the Canfarm to farmers.

He emphasized the importance of keeping good records for both tax and management purposes.

Keith Monkman, the Ontario Cattlemen's Association representative, gave a report of the act-

ivities of the Provincial organization. He outlined his stand on the proposal to change the method of check-off. Following this, lunch was served.

After lunch, Charlie Gracey, Secretary-Manager of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, addressed the group.

He entitled his talk "The Certainty of Uncertainty." He stated that trends for next year are difficult to predict because of the beef import law which was not enacted.

The directors for 1980 are as follows: Halton—Bill Allison Sr., Harry Brander, Allan Cook, Don Lindsay, Charles Martin, Jim McKay, Bob

Merry, Fred Wartlick and Lee Wilkinson; Peel—Bill Bell, Harry Bell, Bob Brander, Jim Early, Bill Jackson, John King, Keith Monkman, Sam Schauerman and Bill Sheard.

The representative to the Ontario Cattlemen's Association this year is Lee Wilkinson with alternates Bill Jackson and Don Lindsay. Halton Safety Council representative is Bill Allison again, and he is also on the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee.

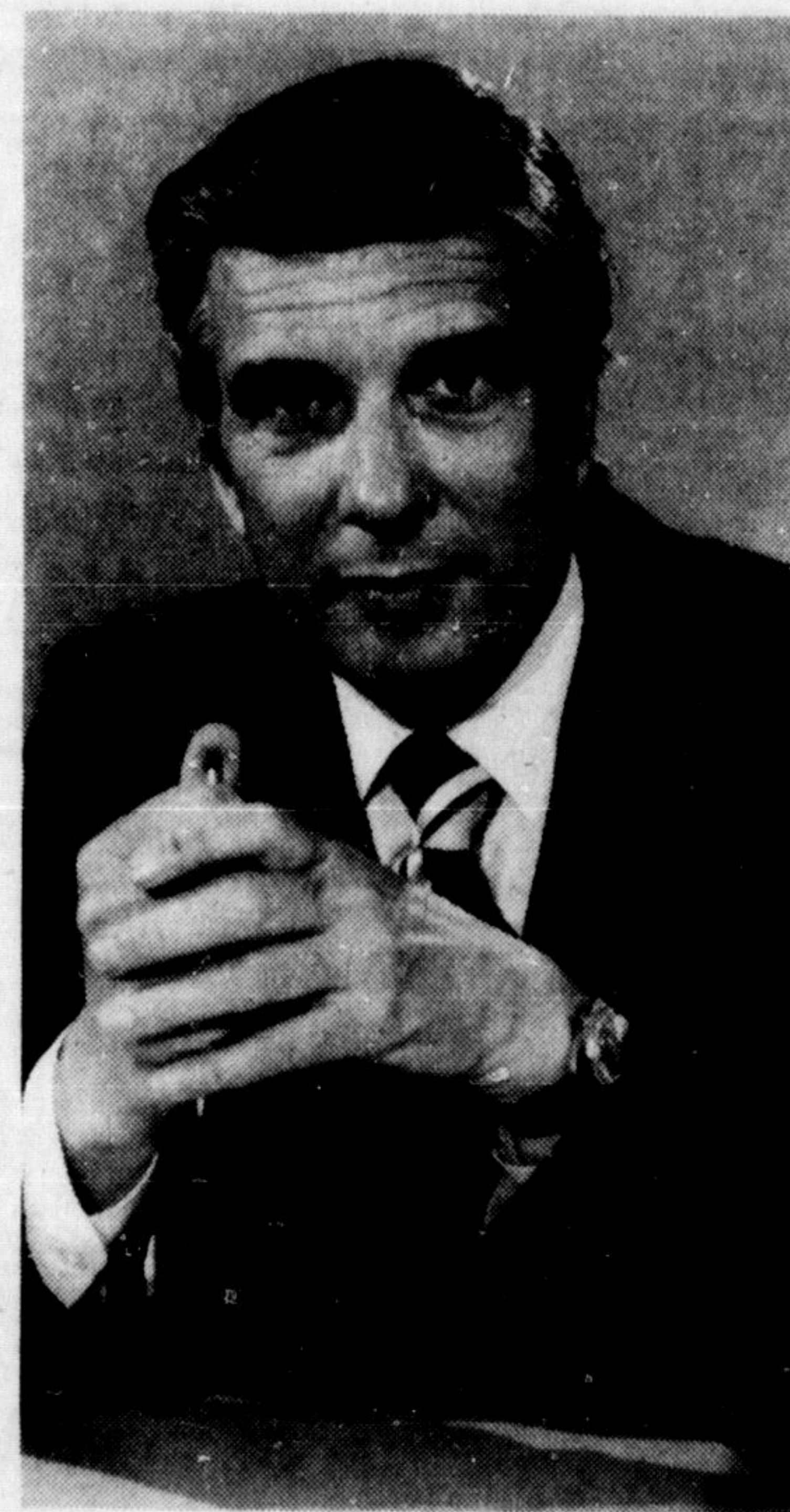
Voting delegates to the annual meeting are Harry Bell, Harry Brander, Don Lindsay and Bill Jackson.



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