



Smells like hay

Livestock wasn't the only thing being judged at the Flos-Elmvalle fair grounds on Wednesday. Those com-

peting in the 4-H competition also had to judge on the quality of feed on display. Staff photo



Which is best

Sitting on the ground staring at the back end of several cows may look strange to a city person, but to any well trained farmer it's quite normal. These 4-H

members were judging a select group of dairy cattle at the 4-H judging competition on Wednesday. Staff photo

North Simcoe 4-H Swine Club tours Wessel farm

The North Simcoe 4-H Swine Club held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13th, at Horst Wessel's farm on the 8th Concession of Sunnidale.

The evening started with a tour of Mr. Wessel's barns. The tour started in the farrowing area of the barn and progressed through pens of replacement gilts and young boars and barrows. The group entered the second barn where they found remarkable looking sows and breeding boars.

Wessel and Al Harris, a Technician with the Livestock Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, commented on different things to look for in a gilt and boar, some things that would later turn out to be advantages and some to turn out to be disadvantages.

Both gentlemen commented on what breeders would be looking for in the future so as to produce bigger pigs with larger bone structure.

In conclusion to the

tour, Al Harris tested a gilt for backfat. He showed us how the new testing machines worked and how they proved to be more accurate than the ruler.

On behalf of the Club, Janet Merrett thanked Mr. and Mrs. Wessel for their time and tour of their barns, and also for the barbecue that followed. She also thanked Mr. Al Harris who was able to find time in his busy schedule to explain backfat testing methods.

The next meeting is tentatively set for August 10th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin Beswick on Highway 27 near Elmvalle. At this meeting Kevin and David will be demonstrating swine showmanship techniques. Also to be discussed is a demonstration. It is hoped other clubs will become involved in making up demonstrations as more competition creates better quality.

4-H Competition results

High Senior Judge — Rodney Jones, No. 1, Midland
High Intermediate Judge — Dave Moore, R.R. 1, Barrie
High Junior Judge — Dan Trace, R.R. 3, Elmvalle
High Novice Judge — Eric Lesperance, R.R. 3, Elmvalle
High Girl Judge — Carolyn Dunsmore, R.R. 1, Midhurst
High Crop Judge — Dave Moore, R.R. 1, Barrie Bill Beaton, R.R. 4, Coldwater. +
High Dairy Judge — Dorothy Clark, R.R. 1, Barrie, Sylvia Klein Gebbinck, R.R. 1, Elmvalle. +
High Hay Judge — Arlene Wood, R.R. 1, Wyebridge, Murray Livingston, Shanty Bay. +
High Beef Judge — Michele Moreau, R.R. 1, Phepston Novice

High Sheep Judges — Gary Bell, R.R. 2, Coldwater, Ann Louise McLean, Box 101, Elmvalle.

Junior
 — Lynn Chappell, R.R. 1, Barrie, Dorothy Clark, R.R. 1, Barrie, Danny McLean, Box 101, Elmvalle, Kathy Dunsmore, R.R. 1, Midhurst, Dennis Hickling, R.R. 2, Shanty Bay.

Intermediate
 — Paul Morgan, R.R. 1, Barrie, Kevin Beswick, R.R. 1, Elmvalle, Tony Nahuis, R.R. 3, Elmvalle, Jeff Turner, R.R. 3, Elmvalle.

High Swine Judges — Rod Jones, R.R. 1, Midland, Robert Wright, R.R. 1, Midhurst, Carolyn Dunsmore, R.R. 1, Midhurst, Wes Moore, R.R. 1, Barrie, Judy Burton, R.R. 4, Orillia.

Novice
High Farm Safety Judges — Roger Klein Gebbinck, R.R. 1, Elmvalle

Junior
 — David Anderson, R.R. 1, Orillia, Scott Jermy, R.R. 1, Hawkestone.

Intermediate
 — Dave Moore, R.R. 1, Barrie, Greg Graham, R.R. 2, Elmvalle, Scot Robertson, R.R. 1, Phepston.

Senior
 — Rodney Jones, R.R. 1, Midland, Jerry VanCasteren, R.R. 2, Phepston, Larry Klein Gebbinck, R.R. 1, Elmvalle.

+ Ties were broken on the following criteria to determine final winners - 1) Reasons (first), 2) Total Score (if necessary)

C.N.E. SHIELD
Winner — Eric Lesperance, R.R. 3, Elmvalle.
Runner-Up — Ivan Miller, R.R. 1, Hillsdale.

4-H INTER-CLUB TROPHY
Winner — Vasey and District 4-H Club
 J. Mosley 534
 Rod Jones 535
 Andy and Roger Jones (tie) 504

1573
Second — Oro 4-H Dairy Club
Third — Elmvalle 4-H Dairy Club 1560
1531

NORTH SIMCOE JUNIOR FARMERS' TROPHY
Winner — Dave Moore, R.R. 1, Barrie
Runner-Up — Rod Jones, R.R. 1, Midland

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