

Awards presented at 4-H ceremony

YORK REGION: Alex Davidson, R.R. 1, Stouffville, was honored Thursday evening for long service with the Markham 4-H Crops Club. Mr Davidson was presented with a Twenty Year Diploma by Alan Wall, York Region Agricultural Representative, at the annual Awards Night held in the Newmarket Community Centre. His work was praised by both Mr Wall and Phyllis McMaster, York Region's 4-H Co-ordinator. The announcement was accorded enthusiastic applause.

A Ten Year Service Certificate was presented to Brian Winch of the Sutton 4-H Club.

The success of the 4-H program in 1983 was described by the co-ordinator. She outlined several changes planned for the year ahead including the introduction of Personal Finance and Computer Programming in 1984. Also, courses in Home-making and Agriculture will be brought together "under one umbrella", she said.

The following Markham 4-H members were honored: **PONY CLUB:** Chris Cameron, R.R. 4, Stouffville, (Lionel's Pony Farm Trophy). Chris was also the 1st place member. The club leader is Carrie Purcell. The club president is Kim Little.

CROPS CLUB: Burk Pugh, R.R. 1, Locust Hill, (Davidson Bros. Award); Allin Lewis, R.R. 2, Markham, (Ciba-Geigy Award). Allin was the club's first place member. **Leaders:** Alex Davidson, Trevor Watson and Tim Boadway.

DAIRY CLUB: Cathy O'Connor, (Bank of Commerce Award and Bank of Nova Scotia Award); Stephen M. Horean, (Reesor's Marmill Ltd. Award); Dianne Beckett, (Jr. Showmanship Award); Lynne Beckett was the club's first place member. The leaders are Paul Hulshof, Karen Riseborough and Val Wert. The president is Barry Reesor.

Beckett Family Honored

It was a proud evening for Bert and Donna Beckett, R.R. 2, Markham and Ross and Lorraine Beckett, R.R. 1, Unionville, at York Region 4-H Awards Night in the Newmarket Community Centre.

Five members of their families received awards—Arlene, Bryan and Dianne; Lynne and Terry.

In one area of accomplishment, each received a metric converter calculator, courtesy the Guernsey Cattle Breeders' Association of Ontario. All placed in the top six as members of the Markham 4-H Dairy Club. Dianne won the Junior Showmanship Award.

Phyllis McMaster, the 4-H co-ordinator, complimented each family member on the excellence of his/her record books.

High bids for book

Ten copies, out of a total of 20 limited deluxe editions of a book entitled: "Canada's Holsteins—One Hundred Years" were auctioned for a total of \$7,800.

The auction, held in the market cattle sales ring immediately prior to the Royal Classic Holstein Sale—helped generate an excitement among the capacity, standing-room-only crowd which didn't subside until the last cow was sold two-and-a-half hours later.

H.D. Sloan from Ayrshire, Scotland, outbid everyone and purchased the number two book for \$3,000.

Copy No. 1 of the book was sold previously to Stephen B. Roman of Romandale Farms, Unionville for \$6,000 at a sale held in Guelph. Copy No. 3 was sold to Roy Ormiston of Brooklin for \$1,000.

The book, tracing the history of Holstein dairy cows since their introduction into Canada, was authored by internationally-known agricultural journalist Peter Lewington.

Lewington, the winner of several national writing awards and a resident at Larigmoor Farms near Iderton, Ont., stated: "I'm delighted there's been such spontaneous enthusiasm."



Alex Davidson, (left), R.R. 1, Stouffville, was honored, Thursday, at the annual York Region 4-H awards Night, held at the Newmarket Community Centre, Mr Davidson was presented with a twenty-year Leadership Certificate by Agricultural Representative Alan Wall. —Jim Thomas.



Allin Lewis, (left), R.R. 2, Markham, won first prize for his exhibit of Six-Row Barley in the 4-H Section of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. He received the Ciba-Geigy Seed Award, Thursday, from company representative Al Demnsore. —Jim Thomas

BEEF CLUB: Jamie Hirons, (Scotia Bank Trophy, The Joe Easton Trophy and The Markham Royal Bank Tray); Cathy Knott, (Newmarket Royal Bank Tray); Paul Brown, (Pike Farms Trophy). The first place member was Jamie Hirons. Club leaders are Martha Henshaw, Eric Rincker and Mark Toole. The president is Cathy Knott.

Special awards were presented to

the following: David Smith, (Farm Credit Corporation); Mark Weedon, (C.N.E. Shield); Paul McCallum, (Newmarket Co-op Trophy); Don Smith, (Shurgain Trophy); York 4-H Beef Club Team of Don Smith, Mark Weedon, Paul Brown and Ray Brown, (Fieldhouse Farms Trophy); Kathy Kingdon, (Secretary Award); Teresa Sheardown, (Press Reporter

Award); Mark Weedon, (Queensville Farm Supply Award); Michael Goulding, (O'Connor Veterinary Service Award). Russ Brown receives his second \$250.00 York Federation of Agriculture Scholarship. Russ is in his second year at the University of Guelph. Certificates of Achievement were presented to Allin Lewis, (eighteen projects); Don

Smith, (twelve projects); Kelly Little, Kim Little, Doug Thompson, Jamie Hirons and John Cupples, (six projects). In inter-club shows, awards were won by Les Laflamme, (George S. Henry Memorial Tray); Doug Livingston, (Holstein Club Gold Watch Award and The Carl Boynton Trophy) and Teresa Sheardown, (Norm and Don Bagg Silver Tray).

Top Ayrshire breeder

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Fair. This year was no exception. Placements follow: Female Junior Heifer, (tenth); Female Intermediate Heifer, (sixth); Female, Born

Jan. 1, 1981-Sept. 30, 1981, (ninth, twentieth); Female, Three Years Old, (fifteenth); Female, Five years old, (fifteenth); Female, Mature Cow, (ninth).

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