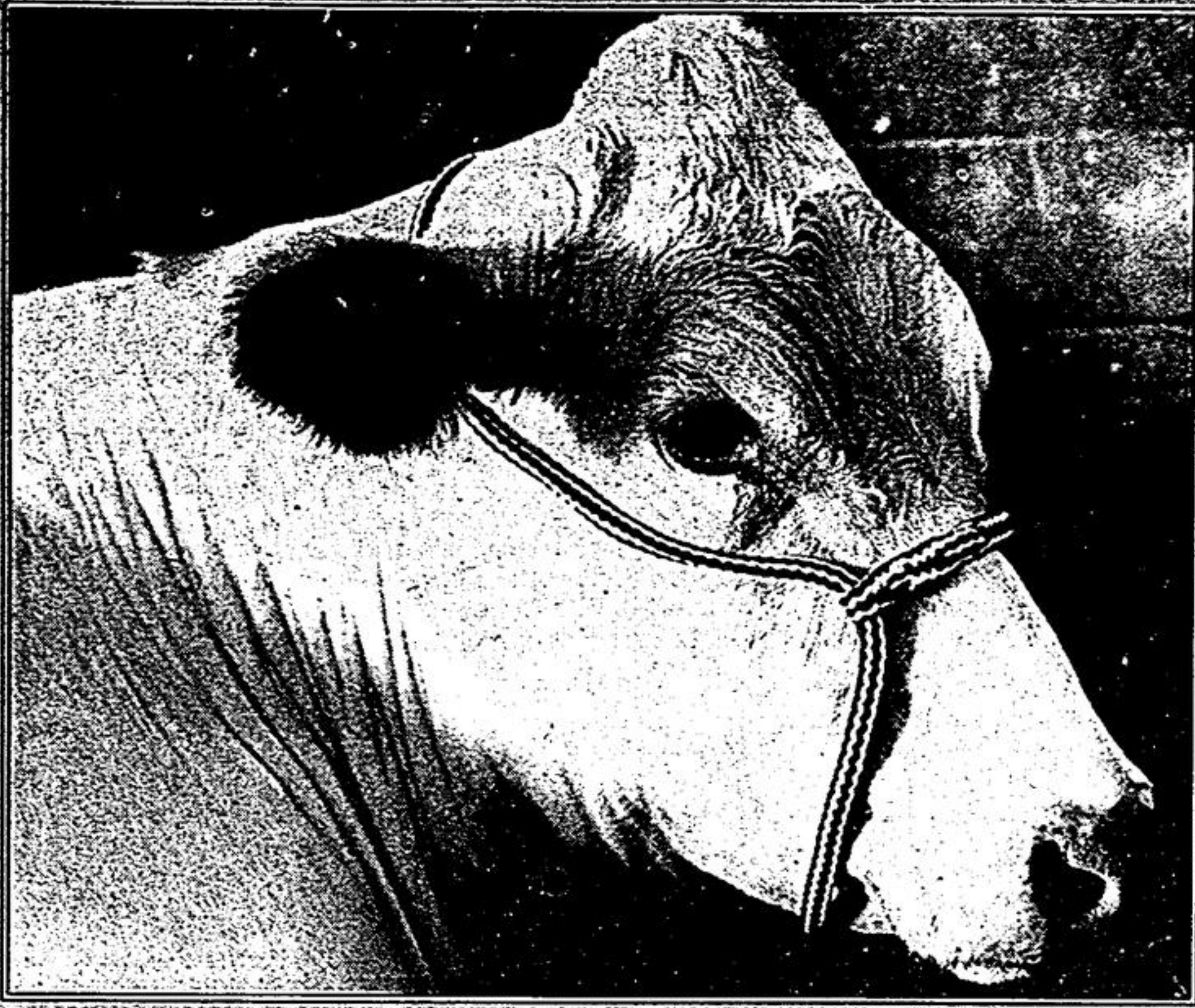


Young farmers horn in on competition for top honors



This cow's all set to go. After a fresh bath and brush, she relaxed in her stall before taking her turn in the auction arena.

The National Junior Shorthorn Show and Sale held July 14-16 at the Markham Fairgrounds ended Sunday as smoothly as it began on Friday.

About 50 young people from across Canada competed for the title of Overall Champion in five categories: quiz, speeches, judging, calf confirmation and showmanship.

Ribbons were given to all of the participants, while medals went to the top three. Plaques were awarded to the champion in each category.

The Grand Champion Showperson was Lana Beida of Rylie, Alta., while the Reserve Champion was John Bryden of Mount Forest, Ont.

Lana also showed the Grand Champion female, followed by Wade Dogan of Prince Edward Island with Reserve Champion. The province of Ontario won the Group of Three category, with three uniform cattle.

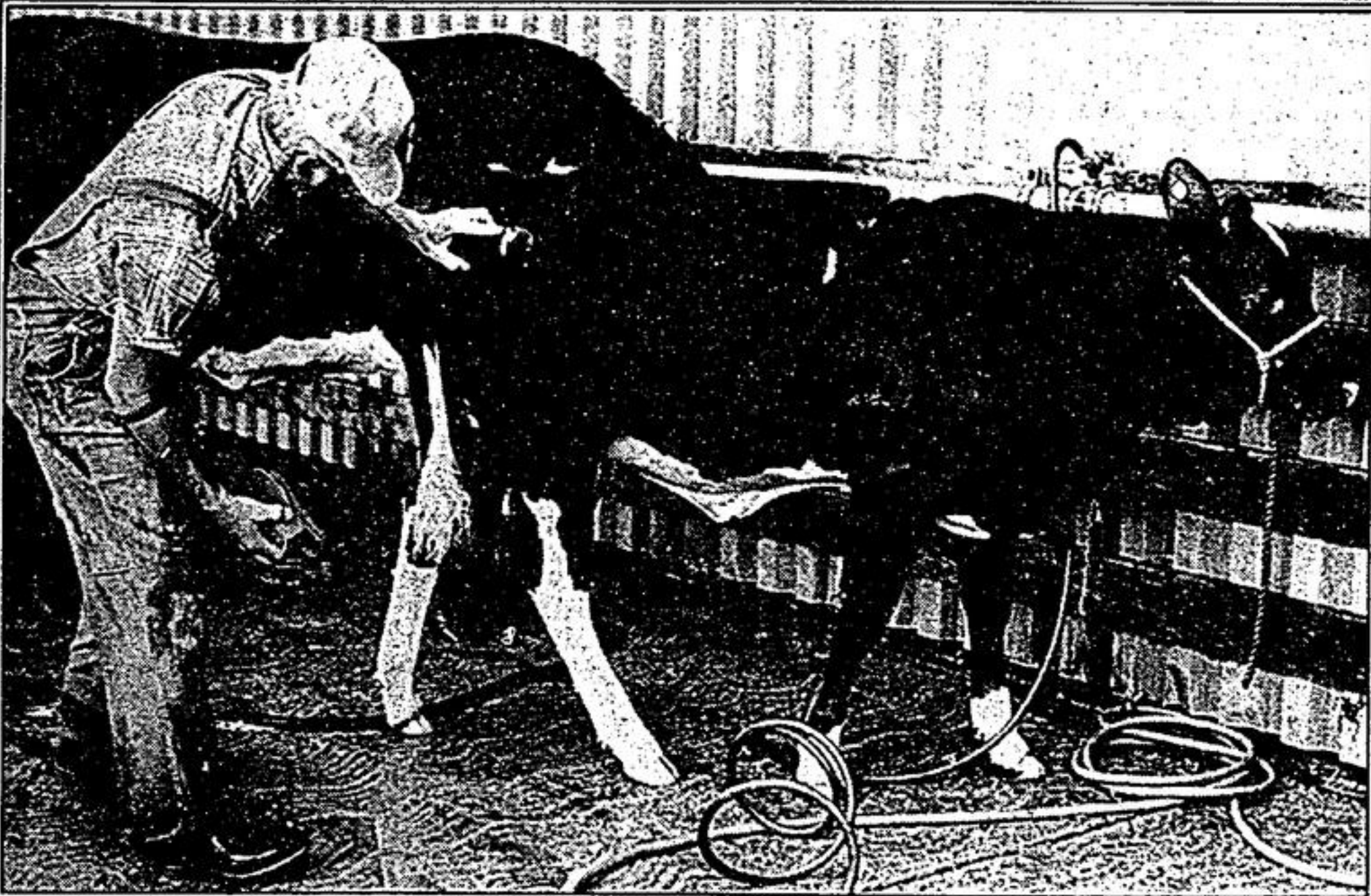
Award winners from the Markham-Stouffville area were John Walton of Markham, who won fifth overall as well as second with his Junior Yearling, and Jenny Pritzker, who won first with her speech on "How I Can Promote the Shorthorn Breed."

The overall champion was a tie between Lana Beida of Alberta and Bill Elmirst of Ontario. They won a trophy as well as a trip for two.

The Opportunity '89 Classic Shorthorn Sale went over well with the highest price going to a cow/calf pair for \$10,500. As well, there was the highly successful semen auction which raised more than \$6,000 for the Junior Shorthorn Association.

New officers for the Junior Shorthorn Association were elected on Sunday. President is Jim Martin of Pheasant, Ont., Vice-president is Chris Poole of P.E.I., and Stouffville's Jenny Pritzker is secretary/treasurer.

Next year, the Junior National Shorthorn Show and Sale will be held in Saskatchewan.



Rick Rickard of Woodville dries some cattle outside the barn at the Markham Fairgrounds early Saturday. Mr. Rickard was just one of many farmers on hand at the event to purchase cattle.



Doug Gardhouse offers some last-minute preparations to a young steer before the sale. Young people from across Canada competed in the weekend event.



This young steer seems a little 'barred' with all the standing around as he awaits a grooming session in the barn area prior to his trip into the auction theatre.



A group of people participating in the shorthorn event caught up on some small talk in between chores. They took the opportunity to share laughs around this pick-up truck Saturday morning.

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Stouffville wins donor challenge

Whitchurch-Stouffville captured top honors in a three-town blood donor challenge held last Friday at the Legion Hall.

The blood donor challenge pitted Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville against one another to see which

town could donate the most blood for the Red Cross Society.

Because of population discrepancies, the town with the highest percentage of residents donating was declared the winner.

And the winning mayor also

received a free lunch, compliments of the second- and third-place mayors.

Whitchurch-Stouffville emerged victorious in the challenge with one per cent, or 178 of its 17,000 residents giving blood.

Newmarket finished second with 0.9 per cent and Richmond Hill was third at 0.2 per cent.

"It was a very good showing for a small town," Mayor Fran Sainsbury said. "Mayor Twinney of Newmarket and Mayor Bell of Richmond Hill bought me lunch last week."

Mayor Sainsbury said the only thing she'd like to improve next year is the time donors spent waiting to take part in the challenge.

"It was so successful that there weren't a sufficient number of cots. Lines were long," the mayor said. "But we're very pleased."

Deputy Clerk moves on

Whitchurch-Stouffville Deputy Clerk Pat Halland has resigned. Mrs. Halland resigned her position two weeks ago, after announcing she had accepted a position with the Town of Vaughan.

"I just felt the experience I would gain going to the Town of Vaughan would be invaluable," she said in an interview. "I was just ready to move." Mrs. Halland spent four and a half years working in Stouffville. She said working here was a pleasure and enjoyed the fact she

had "a wide range of things to do" while here.

"Stouffville has really been excellent for me," she said.

Mrs. Halland's new position in Vaughan will be Supervisor of Committee Secretariat Services. "It basically means I'm going to be responsible for council and committees," she said.

"It was just a change in career," said Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Clerk Pat Oakes. "I guess they (the Town of Vaughan) pay good money too."

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