

Farm

Tribune

Year's top exhibitors

Honored by Markham Fair Board

MARKHAM - "There was never a better Markham Fair than in 1971", stated Alan Wall, Agricultural Representative, County of York, "it was a great, great show."

Mr. Wall was a head table guest at the annual Awards Banquet, Dec. 3. He was introduced by the president, Bert Paisley of Stouffville.

The success of the Fair was due to the contributions of many people. Not the least of these, were the exhibitors, with many of the top winners on hand, Friday, to receive their awards. Presentations were made to the following - Eaton Co. Trophy for best herd in the Shorthorn Division to Lorne Pimmitt, Indian River, Ont.; Simpson-Sears Ltd. Trophy, for best herd in the Ayrshire

Division to Wm. Reid of Ashburn; Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy for best showman in the Markham 4-H Dairy Club to Dianne Clark, Stouffville, R. R. 3; Bank of Montreal Trophy for the outstanding member of the Markham 4-H Crop Club to Donald Risebrough, Markham, R. R. 2; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trophy for the champion calf in the Markham 4-H Dairy Club, to David Houck, Gormley, R. R. 2; Royal Bank of Canada Trophy for the highest score on the year's work in the Markham 4-H Beef Club to Evelyn Yusko, Unionville, R. R. 1; Stouffville Co-op Special to Frank Hendy, Goodwood, R. R. 1; Bradford Fertilizer Co. Ltd. Award to Tom Smith, Clarendon; Clarendon Co-op Special to

Harold Smalley, Mt. Albert; Federation of Agriculture Trophy (Twp. of Pickering) for most points in school work department to the Clarendon Public School; Thos. Birkett and Son Trophy for most points in the Domestic Science Dept., to Mrs. Stan Clarkson, Stouffville, R. R. 2; Crothers Pharmacy Trophy for most points in the Women's Work Department to Mrs. R. McFadden,

Toronto. In recognition of his work with the Markham Agricultural Society; Bert Guardhouse, immediate past president was presented with an engraved plaque from the Department of Agriculture. Prior to the recognition of award-winners, Maurice Hamill, Markham, R. R. 1, showed a series of colored slides, depicting many of the Fair's highlights in 1971.

Editor's Mail

It was good to see your editorial support of the stand taken by Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, our Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, regarding farm assessment and taxes. Some municipal politicians and

provincials too, such as Philip Givens, seem determined to turn the urban dweller against the farmer. Unfortunately, they do not see or they do not wish to see, how important to the whole population is the legitimate farmer.

We are rightly concerned about the export of our depleting resources such as oil, gas, wood and water but when the farmer exports grain, meat, cheese, fruit, vegetables or other farm products he is enriching Canada by the sale abroad of renewable resources. Renewable of course, if we keep him in a position where he can combine his toil with the soil with some hope of a profit in good years, and at least a break even in others. The farmer is the only real producer of continuing wealth in Canada.

A farmer must pay his taxes in bad years as well as good. The imposition of unrealistic taxes on legitimate farms tends to drive him out of our area and though the land speculators and sub-dividers may look on this state of affairs with the glint of great profit in their eyes, the rest of us suffer thereby.

The farmer not only enriches Canada but his own area as well. They are the section of people who, per capita, buy the most motor vehicles, electricity, electric motors, machinery, parts, fencing, gasoline, insurance, etc. They



The Markham Agricultural Society held its annual Awards Night Banquet in the auditorium of the Markham Arena, Dec. 3. The recipient of the Stouffville Co-op Special, a wristwatch, was

Frank Hendy (left), R.R.1, Goodwood. Trevor Watson, R.R.2, Markham, made the presentation.

—Jas. Thomas.

Nine 4-H girls Provincial honors

YORK-ONTARIO - Nine 4-H girls from Clubs in York and Ontario Counties, have been awarded Provincial Honors.

Provincial Certificates were presented to - Marie Robinson, R. R. 1, Bolton; Cathy Harcourt, R. R. 1, Stouffville; Jamie Cudia and Joanne Howden, R. R. 1, Maple; Lyn Corner, R. R. 3, Uxbridge and Donna Forsythe, Denna Ballard, Donna Ballard and Diane Panabaker, all of Port Perry. County Honors have been won by - Kim Huffman and Jennifer Sedgwick, R. R. 1, Markham; Jo Anne Hadwen, King City; Debbie Delaney and Maureen Reekie, R. R. 1, Bolton; Barbara Every, Thornhill; Karen Grove, Stouffville. R. R. 1: Catherine James, R. R. 3, King; Judy LaPierre, R. R. 1, Keswick; Anne Schaap, Sutton West; Christine Bone, Zephyr; Barbara Broadbelt and Margaret Cupples, Mt. Albert; Jane Lovell and Diane McMurdy, Newmarket, R. R. 3; Mrs. Lois Saunders, Tottenham; Nancy Karges, R. R. 1, Queensville; Christine Wells, Stouffville, R. R. 4; Susan Williamson, Uxbridge; Sheree Brethour, R. R. 3, Uxbridge; Dawn Hudson, Uxbridge; Vivian Turner, Clarendon, R. R. 1; Kay Waterman, Goodwood; Hilda Balling, Seagrave; Dorothy Brown and Connie Sutherland, R. R. 4, Uxbridge; Margaret Wanninkhof, R. R. 4, Port Perry and Karen Ball, Uxbridge.

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Wm. S. McGee
R.R.2,
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