



## ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, February 2, 2002

6:30 p.m. Social  
7:00 p.m. Supper

St. Anne's Community Centre  
St. Thomas, Ontario



ALLOY  
ALISTAIR  
Littlejohn.



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January 9, 2002

Helen Van Breen/Wallacetown W. I.  
R. R. #1  
FINGAL, Ontario  
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Dear Helen:

Re: Elgin Federation of Agriculture  
Re: Annual Banquet & Dance & Hall of Fame Awards


Thank you for your nomination of Alistair Littlejohn to our Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Alistair has been chosen to receive this Award this year and will be honoured at our Annual Banquet & Dance to be held February 2, 2002 at St. Anne's Centre, St. Thomas.

Anyone who might like to attend can give me a call and I can mail tickets to you. Ticket price is \$20 per person. As you know, there is a dinner, a special speaker and a dance to follow.

Thanks again and we hope to see you there.

Yours truly,

  
Ruby Silcox, Sec-Treasurer  
Elgin Federation of Agriculture

## Elgin Federation of Agriculture announces Hall inductees

### BANQUET AND DANCE HELD FEB. 2

Each year the Elgin Federation of Agriculture honours deserving people from the County into the Elgin Agricultural Hall of Fame. This year is no exception. The following three farmers of Elgin County will be honoured this year at the Elgin Federation of Agriculture's Annual Banquet & Dance, which will be held February 2 at St. Anne's Centre in St. Thomas.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm with a special speaker following the dinner, and then a dance. The DJ'ing will be done by Lazer Line of St. Thomas.

This year's speaker is Crystal Mackay, known as a humorous, motivational speaker.

Three additional awards will be presented to area youth, related to agricultural backgrounds.

*This year's inductees are:*

#### **Alfred Bruce Howe (deceased)**

*RR 5 Aylmer*

- joined Aylmer Fair Board - President 1982-83 (retired after serving 25 years).

- member of Elgin County Holstein Club - President in 1977 (The 60th Anniversary year).

- received a letter from Aylmer Town Council lauding his contribution to

the community over the years.

- farmed with father Melvin and two brothers Keith and Glenn under Mervin Howe and Sons Ltd. 1966 - 1995.

- farmed with son Brent until his death.

- locally among the first to superovulate cattle - best results with Werrcroft Model Doris who has 37 classified animals with Holstein Canada.

- received Master Breeder Shield award in 1989 & 2001.

- usually had excellent results at cattle shows in Canada and the USA.

- has had Grand Champion, Reserve Champion & Junior Champion on a few occasions at Aylmer Fair with Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Awards.

In recent years, Bruce sold seed corn for Grast and was later made District Sales Manager. He made great strides in volume of sales.

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#### **Aldon Earnest Gent** *RR1 Springfield*

- past Worthy Patron, Carnation Chapter #135, Springfield, Order of the Eastern Star, 1943-44.

- Sec. for Mt. Vernon School Board for several years; Chairman of the Closing Committee in 1966.

- past president Harrietsville Junior Farmers, 1945.

- past president Aylmer Concentrated Milk Local.

- past president Elgin Federation of Agriculture 1954-55.

- past president Elgin County Milk Committee.

- past president Elgin Chapter Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Corporation (ODHIC).

- past director Elgin and Crop Improvement Association (for several years).

- president of South Dorchester Historical Association 1979 to present.

- Chairman 1987-89 Elgin County Labour Pool.

- director of the Elgin Federation of Agriculture.

- best winter wheat Elgin County Wheat Producers, 1994.

- Gent Brothers (Gordon and Aldon) received several Dairy Herd Improvement Association Awards.

- winner Soil Conservation Farm Award, 1988.

- member St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club.

- winner Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Conservation Award, 1990.

- started Flower Fund in Mt Vernon community in 1998.

- started Neighbourhood Watch in 1991.

Soil Conservation plays a large part in Mr Gent's farming. He uses grassed waterways and takes a crop of hay from the waterways each year so as not to be wasteful.. His farm is extensively tiled to

allow him early access to the land after a rain which is especially important during harvest season.

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#### **Alistair Littlejohn** *RR 2 Wallacetown,*

- president of Junior Farmers, 1945.

- president Elgin Soil & Crop, 1951.

- Elgin Federation of Agriculture President, 1965.

- founding board member of the Ontario Swine A.I. Association 1970.

- Elgin County Cattlemen's Association board member in the 1960's:

- president of FAME (Farmers Allied Meat Enterprises), 1964.

- Ontario Wheat Producer's Elgin board member, 1960's.

- Premier Exhibitor, Elgin County Seed Fair in 1946.

- Canadian Seed Grower's Representative to Russia and Eastern Europe, 1978.

- Victory Mills Award for high soybean yield, 1946.

- Member, Canadian Seed Grower's for over 50 years as an Elite seed grower.

- on Dunwich Council, Councillor, Deputy Reeve, Reeve.

- Bobier Home Trustee, then chairman 1976-88.

- Land Severance Board late 1980's early 90's.

- member of Odd Fellows Lodge over 50 years.

# Special contributions to agriculture

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Most recently he was president of the Elgin and eventually was promoted to district manager.

## ALISTAIR LITTLEJOHN

A familiar face in the Wallacetown area, Littlejohn served as EFA president in 1965 in addition to terms as president of the Junior Farmers in 1945, Elgin Soil & Crop in 1951 and Farmers Allied Meat Enterprise in 1964.

He served on numerous boards including the Elgin Cattlemen's Association, Ontario Wheat Producers, and Canadian Seed Growers' where for more than 50 years he was an elite seed grower.

In addition, Littlejohn was a founding member of the Ontario Swine AI Association in 1970.

In 1946 he captured the premier exhibitor award at the Elgin County Seed

Fair and the same year claimed the Victory Mills award for high soybean yield.

His knowledge proved invaluable in 1978 when he was the Canadian Seed Growers' representative to Russia and Eastern Europe.

His influence was felt far beyond the bounds of agriculture as he sat on Dunwich council and then assumed the position of deputy reeve and then reeve.

He was a school board trustee in 1964 in addition to serving as a Bobier Home trustee and chairman from 1976-1988.

Littlejohn has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge for more than 50 years and a long-standing member of Cameron Lodge 232, Dutton, becoming master and district deputy in 1979.



▲ LITTLEJOHN

1 - St. Thomas Times-Journal, Monday, February 4, 2002

## EFA Celebrates



### HALL OF FAME:

The Elgin Federation of Agriculture inducted three new members into its Hall of Fame Saturday night at their annual banquet. Gar Knutson, left, Elgin-Middlesex-London MP, congratulates inductees Brent Howe (accepting the award for his father Alfred Bruce Howe inducted posthumously), Alden Earnest Gent and Alistair Littlejohn. (T-J photo by Doug Avram)



### YOUTH ACHIEVERS:

The Elgin Federation of Agriculture honoured a number of agricultural youth achievers at their annual banquet held Saturday night at St. Anne's Centre. Congratulating the outstanding youth award winners is EFA vice-president Donna Lunn, second from left. Youth award winners are Martin Koyle, left, of Iona Station, Jennifer Smith of Iona Station and Natalie Ford of Rodney. (T-J photo by Doug Avram)



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