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Area residents attending the Oxford Historical Society's Peach Festival last month chose the above photo of Peter Popowski and his team of work horses as one of three "people's favorites" in the "Best Depiction of Early Oxford" category. The photo was taken in 1940 and submitted by the Oxford Historical Society.

**Photo
Winners
Named**

OXFORD — The Oxford Historical Society recently announced the winners of the "People's Favorites" at the recent Peach Festival.

Guests voted for their favorite photos and chose the "Most Interesting Family," the "Most Interesting Clothes" and the "Best Depiction of Old Oxford."

The most popular photograph was the photo of members of the Miles family, taken while on leave during World War II. A small photo of the brothers and brother-in-law was loaned to the society for scanning.

Because the original had so many wrinkles, the scan was sent to Janice Porter-DeBisschop for restoration. The 8x10-inch print was displayed with a variety of other Miles family photos.

The families with the largest number of children were the Miles family with 14 children who all reached adulthood, and the Tilquist family, also with 14 children of whom 13 reached adulthood. Photos of each family were on display.

The vote for the "Most Interesting Family" went to the Miles family and the Budris and Stebar family photos tied for second place.

The vote for "Most Interesting Clothes" also resulted in draw between a Stebar family photo of Carrie Pratt and a Tilquist family photo of Katy Stiansen.

The vote for "Best Depiction of Early Oxford," also resulted in a virtual tie, with photographs from the Popowski, Rowland and Belinsky families capturing the lead.

They included a photograph of Peter Popowski with his team of work horses, a photo of Sam Belinsky mowing hay with his team in front of his orchard and

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Photo Winners

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a photo of the Rowland family women plucking chickens outside the Twitchell-Rowland Homestead.

Although the event was held on the evening of Hurricane Irene's arrival in Oxford, attendance was good.

Visitors enjoyed homemade peach shortcake with Rich Farm peaches and cream ice cream.