

Overseas Officials And Contestants At World Plowing Match Here

ALFRED HALL

(Secretary, World Championship Ploughing Organization)

Alfred Hall is founder-secretary of the British Ploughing Association. During recent months he has visited Sweden, Norway, Canada and Germany in connection with the World Championship Ploughing Organization.

He is a farmer and has been regular radio broadcaster with the B.B.C. for nine years. He is also a well-known T.V. commentator on farming and country life subjects, as well as an agricultural and country life columnist. He has been organizer of agricultural shows for many years and was associated with production of several films with outdoor subjects, as well as acting in some of them.

He is a Rural District Councillor and member of several local government boards and other authorities. He is also a governor of a boys' school.

The Six Nations Indians are to confer an honorary chieftainship on him during the visit of the overseas teams to Brantford area. Mr. Hall opened Roseneath Agricultural Fair October 3. Mr. Hall's farm is at Roseneath, Seaton, Workington, Cumberland, England.

Great Britain

T. LESLIE DIXON

Glebe Farm, Billingham, Co. Durham, Contestant, age 47 years. Operates a 136 acre farm (mixed and dairy). Has won 96 championships and first prizes in plowing matches in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Is champion tractor plowman of Great Britain. Won title by winning

local championship and qualifying for entry into the British National Ploughing Match held at Stirling, Scotland, 1952. (His prize was £100 given by the British Ploughing Association, the "Esso" National Challenge Trophy, silver medal given by the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland and free trip to Canada given by Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd.)

(Leslie's father when he retired from competitions in 1932 had 263 championships to his credit. Leslie's grandfather and two uncles also won 158 first prizes between them. At matches where Leslie and his brother John (a horse plowman) have both entered they have won the horse and tractor classes 38 times.) Leslie lives in a 12th century farmhouse and is adept at "Tossing the Sheaf" at county sports meetings. His record throw cleared a height of 26 feet with a sheaf of grain weighing 16 pounds. He was in the Home Guard, and likes a game of bowls, darts, billiards and snooker. He has a cousin living in Victoria.

REGINALD A. HOGG

Morton Grange, East Harsley, Northallerton, Yorkshire, Contestant, age 42 years. Farms 345 acres (mixed) has 150 breeding ewes and other stock. Has won many plowing championships including the British National Match at Stirling (same as Leslie Dixon) for horse plowing, but will plow with tractor at World Match here. His 14 year old son represented his school in a local plowing match and won second prize at first attempt. Is fond of riding horses. Used to keep a couple of

hunters, was a keen show jumper, rider to hounds and point-to-point steeplechase racer. A relative, E. J. Hogg, lives at R.R. 4, Saldis, B. C.

WILLIAM MUIRHEAD

Foot o' Green, Stirling, Scotland, Team Manager, age 57 years, farms 220 acres where in 1314 the famous Battle of Bannockburn was fought when the Scots under Robert the Bruce defeated the English under King Edward the Second. He has won a number of horse plowing competitions. His father and grandfather were consistent winners at plowing matches, his grandfather as far back as 1843. He has been secretary of the Banrockburn, Pieane and Polmaise Ploughing Society for 25 years. His grandfather was secretary for 40 years and father was for many years the president. Is president of the Stirling Agricultural Show, immediate past vice-chairman of the British Ploughing Association and now a vice-president of the British Ploughing Association and area representative for Scotland. Is past president of the local and area branches of the National Farmers' Union. Is a noted plowing match judge and judge of Clydesdale horses. Breeds Clydesdales, the first foal he ever bred was shipped to Canada as a four-year-old and her granddaughter won the famed Cawder Cup in Glasgow in 1945.

Northern Ireland

ROBERT JAMES CARSE

Kellynure, Carryduff, Co. Down, Contestant, age 35 years. Farms 70 acres (mixed). Was four times champion of Dromara Ploughing Society; five times champion of Drumbo Ploughing Society and four times champion of Seaforde Ploughing Society matches. Is the 1953 Northern Ireland Tractor Champion. Is a member of the Carryduff, Co. Down Ploughing Society. Mr. and Mrs. Carnduff, 384 Rhodes Ave., Toronto, are friends.

Republic Of Ireland

RONALD G. SHEANE

Togher, Kilbride, Co. Wicklow, Contestant, age 30 years. Operates 120-acre farm (mixed). Won County Wicklow plowing championship for the four years 1950 to 1953 and County Wexford Invit-

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hayes, 499 Sherbourne St., Toronto, are friends.

THOMAS McDONNELL

Killencooles, Readyppenny, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Contestant, age 30 years. Operates 150-acre farm (mixed). Has taken part in many plowing matches, placing first in most. Was first in the All Ireland class in 1953. Is member of County Louth Ploughing Association.

(Ronald Sheane and Thomas McDonnell were the highest scorers in a test match in which the 10 top winners at the National Match competed for the championship titles.)

J. J. BERGIN

Maybrook, Athy, Co. Kildare, Team Manager, age 71 years. Has been secretary of the National Ploughing Association of Ireland since its formation 23 years ago. Is vice-president of World Championship Ploughing Organization. Appointed team manager by the National Ploughing Association of Ireland.

West Germany

ROMAN DONDORFF

Stuehlingen, (Baden), Contest-

ant, age 20 years. Is a farm assistant on a 70-acre farm at the foothills of the Black Forest. 1953 champion of Baden in the state plowing competition and champion in the tractor class of the Federal Plowing Match held at Cologne.

JAHN HORST

Grenzau (Westerwald) near Coblenz, Contestant, age 21 years. Operates a 40-acre farm (mixed). Was 1953 champion of Rhineland-Palatia in the state plowing match and third in the tractor class in Federal Plowing Match.

WALTER FEUERLEIN

Ulm/Danube, Team Manager, age 50 years. Agricultural expert. Is branch head of the Institute for Soil Management, Federal Agricultural Research Centre. Is board member of the World Championship Ploughing Organization. Appointed team manager by the German Land Youth Service Organization.

Norway

ODD BRAUT

Klepp, Jaeren, Contestant, age 41 years. Operates a 200-acre farm (mixed). Has been in contest plowing for four years during which he won four district championships and the Norway Championship. Competed in matches in Ulster and England. Is fond of singing.

Klepp, Jaeren, Team Manager, age 35 years, operates a 100-acre farm. Appointed team manager by the Norwegian Young Farmers' Organization.

OLAV NEDBERG

Buskerud, Contestant, age 30 years, operates a 200-acre farm (mixed). Placed second in the Norwegian Plowing Championship match.

Sweden

ALLAN HELIN

Nyby, Harkeberga, Contestant, age 27 years, member of the Young Farmers Club in Sweden. Operates 40-acre farm with father (mixed). Is fond of sports.

PER-GOTE JONSON

Eskilstorps gard, Vittskovle, Contestant, age 26 years. Operates a 390-acre farm (mixed). Has been in contest plowing for

the past seven years during which he placed third in the National Match in 1948, was the winner in 1950 and the same year placed fourth in the Scandinavian Match held in Denmark. Is president of Young Farmers' Club.

BENGT OSKAR SVENSSON

Vasterlosa, Team Manager, age 33 years. Formerly operated 500-acre farm (mixed) with father. Appointed team manager by Swedish Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs. Is board member of the World Championship Ploughing Organization. Is secretary of the Swedish Committee for International Farm Youth Exchange. Is officer in Swedish Army. Writes on agriculture for some Swedish newspapers. Recreation is horse racing and car racing.

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Officials

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Denmark

ERIK BIE

Hatting, Horsens, Contestant, age 29 years, manager of a farm machinery station. Lives on his father's farm in the province of Jutland.

FREDE EIGIL ANDERSEN

Fulby, Sor., Contestant, age 24 years, farmer in the province of Seeland. Was second in the 1950 Scandinavian Match.

(Erik Bie and Frede Andersen, represented Denmark in the 1952 Scandinavian championship plowing match and won the competition for Denmark.)

PAUL BILDSE HANSEN

Fortevej 33, Risskov, Team Manager, age 39 years. Farm machinery counsellor and teacher, Agricultural High School, Vejlbj. Served in Danish Army. Appointed team manager by Danish National Committee of Young Farmers and 4-H Clubs.

Finland

HUGO JOONAS SINTONEN

Lohjantaipale, Karjalohja, Contestant, age 32. Farmer and tractor operator. Has a 72-acre farm, 30 acres of which are cultivated and 42 acres wooded. Won the 1952 Newland Country plowing championship. Is a member of the Karjalohja Farmer Society. Was a Second Sergeant in Finnish Army. Fought in Finnish Winter War 1939-40 and World War II, in Finland 1941-44. Favorite recreation is skiing.

VAINO K. NEUVONEN

Helsinki, Team Manager, age 39. Secretary of Association of Young Farmers Clubs in Finland. Secretary of Scandinavian 4-H Committee. Member of the W.C.P.O. Board. Had a farm in Carelia, which is now in Russia. Was a lieutenant in the Finnish Army and was wounded in the Finnish Winter War of 1939-40. Served in World War II from 1941-44. Recreations are skiing and choral singing.

Netherlands

F. T. L. VAN GAALEN

Hoofdweg 204, Hoofddorps. Contestant, age 25 years. Farmer with 100 acres on which he does mixed farming. Has friends living in Mount Forest, Ont.

WILLEM ADRIANUS DE LINT

Hoeve de Vlyt, ZevenBergschen Hoek, Contestant, age 23 years. Operates 130-acre farm with father. First year in plowing matches. Mr. A. Korteweg of South Woodslee, Ont., is a relative.

ARIE C. STEHOUWER

Korte Kruisweg, Eosenberg, Team Manager. Farms a 140-acre farm (mixed) on the polders. His farm was flooded during last winter months and his land has suffered as a result. Appointed manager by the Combined Dutch Agricultural Organizations. Is board member of the World Championship Ploughing Organization. Has friends in London, Hamilton and Kingston areas.