



**TOP PLOWMEN** at the Halton County Plowing Match on Friday, October 22 are shown here following the presentation of awards at the banquet in Trafalgar Hall. From the left in the back row are Jack Taylor, J. C. Cunningham, Bill Ostroser, Cliff Gray, Keith Merry. In the front are John Randall, Bill Dixon, Glen Irwin, Bob Armstrong. Absent when the picture was taken was Herb Jarvis. All these plowmen stood first in the 10 classes contested.



# FARM NEWS

From Halton's Farm Lands

## A Wet Harvest For British Farmers

Thanks to a very good friend, a copy of the British Farmer and Stock Breeder of the issue of September 28 came to my attention a few days ago.

While most of us have noticed references in the press of the wet harvest in Britain, it was not until I saw some pictures in the magazine of fields of staked grain standing in water and read the accompanying article that I realized just what a serious problem our British agricultural cousins have had on their hands.

To say the least I was intrigued with one article, a portion of which I am taking the liberty of quoting—

"Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in our local church on Sunday the 19, others in adjoining parishes were to take place on the 26. As far as I know not a single farmer in the parish was present at our celebration, nor were the young men. All were harvesting—snatching between the showers a few sheaves of grain."

"Obviously the local V. car must have been working to the calendar and not to the season or nature. For miles surrounding the Church there were hundreds of acres of uncut crops, some thrown out, scores of acres uncut, laid flat or with clovers higher than the grain."

**The Great Pig Muddle**  
This is the heading of another interesting article arising out of the present British high pig population. I again take the liberty of quoting from the same magazine.

"An extremely grave position has arisen in the marketing of pigs. It is very serious for the producer who is unable to dispose of all his pigs and who sees them depreciating in value day by day. It is also a very serious matter for the Government, which will have to pay out increasing amounts in subsidies. The Fatstock Marketing Corporation is in trouble too and has a headache for which it can find no satisfactory remedy."

**Quality Not Good**  
English pigs, like Canadian hogs at the moment, leave much to be desired from the standpoint of quality. This has resulted in the housewife and the bacon merchant both preferring to buy Danish bacon. I note there is a difference or premium in favour of Danish over English bacon of 28 shillings per cwt. (approximately \$3.92) for No. 1 selection; in the case of No. 2 selection the spread is \$4.48; and for No. 3 selection \$10.36 per cwt.

The situation is so critical that the Fatstock Marketing Corporation plan is to give priority to senders of pigs whose returns show 50 percent and over of Grade A pigs and less than 10 percent of pigs outside the weight range.

I can't help but wonder what the reaction of Canadian farmers would be to a similar policy here in Canada! I am inclined to believe the percentage of Grade A's would step up very rapidly.

## Outstanding Oral Program by Juniors

Twelve Halton Juniors participated in the annual Junior Farmer Debating and Public Speaking programme presided over by president Don Matthews, at the Milton High School on Friday evening of last week. The calibre of this programme improves year after year and the judges, Mrs. L. L. Skuce, and Messrs. K. Y. Dick and Geo. E. Elliott had a difficult assignment to declare the winners.

Resolved that the best interests of the Ontario Farmer require that as a business and not as a way of life, was the subject for both debates. In the first debate Palermo Juniors represented by Helen Vavian and Roy Ford, upheld the affirmative with Dorothy Ingram and John W. Pickett of the Milton Juniors supporting the negative. Here the judges' decision went to the negative.

## J. Wigglesworth and John Pickett Are Top Debaters

The second debate brought together Norval and Acton Clubs. Here the affirmative was upheld by the Norval debaters, namely Bernice Wilson and Joan Wigglesworth; while Kathleen Stanley and Glen Scott of Acton supported the negative. In this case the judges' decision was awarded to the affirmative.

The judges also had the difficult task of selecting from the eight young people participating, the two best debaters. Their decision went to Joan Wigglesworth and John W. Pickett, who will now represent Halton in the inter-county debate with Haldimand County on the same subject, early in December. Incidentally, Halton will have the negative side of the argument.

**Jean Peterson Tops In Public Speaking**  
Four young people participated in the Public Speaking Competition. Each competitor delivered a prepared 10 minute address on a subject of his own choice. Later they each were given the choice of five subjects, after 10 minutes warning, had to give a three minute impromptu speech. This is a tough assignment for anyone and as pointed out by Geo. E. Elliott, who gave the judges' decision, takes a great deal of courage.

The first speaker was Bill Kelly, of the Milton Juniors. In his prepared address he dealt with "The Right To a Living", and followed with an impromptu talk, "A Junior Farmer Activity—Public Speaking". This young man showed a lot of natural ability along with wit and humour and in his impromptu effort he literally had his audience "rolling out of their seats".

Mary Pope, of Palermo, was the second speaker. In her prepared address she dealt with "The St. Lawrence Seaway", a most interesting discourse, particularly to those who have travelled along the No. 2 highway by the St. Lawrence. Her impromptu effort was on "A Trip to New York", and her vivacious description of some of the incidents delighted her audience.

"I passed by your window" was

the subject of Jean Bird's address. Miss Bird, who represented the Norval Juniors in a very original and pleasing manner, also delighted her audience. For her impromptu effort she dealt with 4-H Club Work with particular reference to Junior Homemaker Club Work.

The final speaker, Jean Peterson, of Milton Juniors, took as her subject "Get Your Man Dead or Alive". This topic naturally dealt with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In her impromptu effort she spoke on "Our County Fair". Miss Peterson's material along with her pleasing personality won the judges' decision. She will now represent Halton in the Provincial Public Speaking Competition to be held in Toronto in early January.

## Honor Dairy Maid And Dairy Man

Another pleasing feature of the evening's programme was the presentations made to Halton's Champion Dairy Maid and Dairy Man, namely Barbara Cunningham and John W. Pickett; and to Halton's champion inter-county Plowteam, of John Cunningham and Arnold Howden.

The first presentation was made on behalf of the Halton Juniors, by Howard Russell assisted by Jean Peterson and Anne McLaughlin, while second presentation was made by Harold Tyrrell assisted by Wilma Sinclair and Donna Marshall.

Others who helped to round out a most enjoyable evening's programme were Barbara Cunningham and Ruth Wilson, who took charge of the musical numbers.

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## Bazaar Highlights Sale, Draws, Tea

The auditorium of the Y.M.C.A. was decorated in red, white and blue for the annual bazaar held by the Lakeside Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Saturday, October 30th. Tables of articles for sale circled the large room and many purchased the baking, sewing, knitting, candy, Christmas cards and wrappings, and attractive novelties.

Tea was served in the basement lounge of the Y. The annual money-raising project was considered quite successful by the conveners, under the direction of Mrs. J. Mann.

Winner of the mixer was Bill Cassidy of Ballinacath, and Mrs. Grace Townsend won the bouquet of flowers. Penny sale winners were, note paper, Mrs. D. Morris; doll cradle, Mrs. F. Blow; chocolates, Mrs. Bolton; key case, Mrs. Ruby Smith; candle sticks, Mrs. L. E. Crump; tea towels, Miss Nellie Wilkins; tulip bulbs Mrs. F. Terry; panda bear, Mrs. Charles Leatherland; socks, Mrs. Freda Lambert; cup and saucer, Mrs. Howard Massey; relish plate, Mrs. Archie Pappillon; plate, Mrs. Frank Terry; shell picture, Mrs. H. Helwig; picture, Mrs. Don Gries; cook book, pot holder, Mrs. Donna Krapiec; pot holder set, Mrs. Shirley Turcotte; Rog Rogers set, Mrs. H. Wilkinson; cakes, Mrs. Stella Brunelle; candy, Mrs. F. Lawson; pear platters, Mrs. F. Van Wyck; doll, Mrs. F. Blow; towel, cloth, pot holder, Mrs. Lloyd McIntyre; mother, daughter and doll aprons, Miss Duval; cushion, Mrs. H. Jolley; apron, Miss Peg Ryder; scarf, Mrs. Jack Drysdale.

## Jersey Cows Shipped By Cloverdale Farms

A J. Murray and Son of Cloverdale Farms, Acton, have shipped a truck load of mature Jersey cows that have a butter fat test of 5.5. These were sold to R. S. Johnston of Heuvelton, N.Y.

This sale was negotiated by Mr. McQueen of Hammond, N.Y. and Mr. Clark of Brampton. Prior to this sale, two cows were shipped to Ohio.

## Halton P.C.'s Name C. Palmer Prexy

Charles Palmer was named president of the Halton Progressive Conservative Association at the annual meeting of the organization held in Milton town hall on Thursday evening, October 28.

Past president is T. W. Lawson, Q.C. of Oakville; vice-president is George F. Elliott, Milton; lady vice-president is Esther Taylor, Acton; young Progressive Conservative representative is Mac Sproul, Esquering; secretary is Alexander Best, Esquering and treasurer is Bruce Fitzgerald, Milton.

Officials report a very enthusiastic meeting was addressed by John Pallet (P.C. Poel) on methods of organization. Mr. Pallet was victorious in a by-election in Poel retaining the seat formerly held by Gordon Graydon.

Stanley Hall, M.L.A., introduced the speaker and the president expressed the thanks of the group.

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