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Reports and articles from Halton's Farmlands and Farm Organizations

Halton Jrs. Debate, Speak In Inter-Club Competition

Many Halton folk missed a real treat last Friday evening at the Milton high school. It was the occasion of the annual Halton Junior Farmers inter-club debating and public speaking competitions. While the crowd was disappointing, the talent displayed was outstanding. All four clubs, Acton, Norval, Milton and Palermo participated in the debating.

The subject was, "Resolved that a policy designed to encourage the establishment of larger farms would be in the best interests of Ontario farmers." The first debate brought together Barbara Tasker and George Greenlees of the Milton club, who had the affirmative, against Norman Bird and Bill Wilson of Norval, who had the negative. Here the judges' decision went to the affirmative or Milton club.

Pick Best Four Debaters
In the second debate on the same topic, Kathleen Stanley and Mae Sprawl upheld the affirmative for Acton, while the Palermo debate, Lloyd Vivian and Roy Ford, had the negative. In this case the judges' decision went to the negative or Palermo club.

The judges were E. W. Foster, principal of Milton public school; C. A. Wood, principal of Milton high school and George E. Elliott, Q.C., also of Milton. The judges had the extra task of selecting the four best debaters of the evening and their selection was: Roy Ford, Geo-

Greenlees, Mae Sprawl and Lloyd Vivian. These four young men, two of them upholding the affirmative and the other two the negative, will meet four debaters from Waterloo county.

Rumor has it that the two debates will take place on November 30 with Halton negative team meeting the Waterloo affirmative team in Halton, while Halton's affirmative team will journey to Waterloo county on the same evening to meet the Waterloo negative team.

Public Speakers
The program, presided over by John W. Pickett of Halton Juniors also brought out three contestants in the public speaking competition. The first speaker, Sylvia Shepherd, of the Palermo club, took as her topic "Famous women of the past and present", while in her impromptu effort, she took as her subject "An historical incident".

Mae Sprawl, Acton, who was the second speaker, spoke on "Great Britain and the Irish Republic" in his prepared address. In his impromptu effort his topic was "My Hobby, Photography".

The final speaker was Bill Kelly of the Milton club, who spoke on "Deaf and Co-operative". For his impromptu effort he too selected "My Hobby Public Speaking".

Very close to home out by the fact that in both debates and also in the public speaking competition,

Excellent Attendance At First Of Series Of Agricultural Meetings

Seventy-two farm operators from all sections of Halton turned out to hear Professor N. J. Thomas of the Soil Department, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, discuss the topic, "Can I Afford to Farm in Halton?"

This subject has many ramifications and the manner in which Professor Thomas covered the topic delighted the crowded auditorium. In fact, at the conclusion of the two hour session, many of those present were loath to leave.

The current week will bring Professor Hugh Ayres of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the O.A.C. to lead a discussion on "The economics of irrigation in Halton's general farming district, its advantages and limitations".

The series of six meetings are all being held in the Bruce Street public school in Milton on Tuesday evenings, commencing at 8 p.m.

The awards were made on a split decision of the judging panel. However, to return to the public speaking competition, the speaker award here was to Bill Kelly, who will represent Halton Juniors in the provincial competition in Toronto early in the year.

Instruments by Miss Ruth Wilson of Norval and some helpful suggestions to the competitors by George E. Elliott rounded out a program of which Halton Juniors may well be very proud.

Dinner Meeting For Postmasters

Postmasters and their wives of Wellington county enjoyed a bountiful dinner in the basement of the United church at Arthur on Wednesday evening, November 2. The occasion was the annual dinner meeting of the Wellington Co. Postmasters Zone 3, which is one of the few zones operating in conjunction with the Ontario Branch Canadian Postmasters' Association.

The dinner was presided over by George Day, postmaster, Rockwood, chairman of the zone. Words of welcome were given by Len Kerr, the local postmaster at Arthur. Arnold Stickle, postmaster, Batavia, and president of the Ontario Branch C.P.A., brought greetings from the provincial branch.

The gathering enjoyed four solo numbers by Martin Bauer Jr. of Rockwood, accompanied by Mrs. Dave Armstrong, ARCT. Moving pictures were shown which took the postmasters on a trip to California, up the west coast, Victoria, Vancouver, the Calgary Stampede, and across Canada on the observation car of the C.N.R.

Words of thanks to the guest artists were given by Harry Mann, postmaster, Fergus.

During the business meeting, the minutes were read by Mrs. K. Mathewson, postmaster, Clifford. A good discussion took place dealing with mutual problems confronting the postmasters in their various offices. The election of officers was conducted by Arnold Stickle, which resulted as follows: chairman, Harry Mann; Fergus; vice-chairman, Len Kerr; Arthur; secretary-treasurer, John Bruden; executive members, M. Farweather, Alma, George Day, Rockwood.

Fall Planted Bulbs Bring Easter Blossoms; Care Needed Now

To plant, dig a hole two inches deeper than the recommended depth. Into this hole put a teaspoon of fertilizer and mix thoroughly with the next two inches of soil. On top of that put two inches of the untreated soil that was removed from the hole. This prevents the bulb from coming in contact with the fertilizer and also brings the hole up to the proper depth.

Now plant the bulb. The soil that was taken from the hole could be mixed with a teaspoon of soil conditioner and then packed gently around the bulb.

Potted bulbs need not be planted as deep as those outdoors, but they should be watered occasionally and kept in a cool, dark place until well sprouted. Then they may be gradually brought up to the light for the blooming period about three months later. Before planting, dust bulbs with a combination insecticide-fungicide to protect them from diseases and insects.

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Halton Plowmen Hold Annual Match

Sixty entries were made at the annual match of the Halton Plowmen's Association on Friday, October 28. Weather conditions were ideal and coupled with a level setting on the J. J. Thistlewaite farm on the first line of Esquewaugh township, just below the escarpment, the event was well up to the high standard of former Halton county matches.

Twenty-year-old Keith Leslie of Georgetown, RR 4, was the youngest contestant of the day and he along with Mary Lou Taylor of Burlington, RR 2, won the Geo. E. Elliott Special for the youngest Halton plowboys or girls. The Esso Champions, tractor and Horse Plow Specials for the best riders of Halton contestants, were won by two Hornby district plowmen, R. A. Neilson and Stanley May.

Arnold Howden, also of Hornby district, won the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy for the best ridge by a Halton plowman under 21 years of age. While Tom Hunter took the Bank of Commerce trophy for the best ridge in Class 4 by a Halton competitor.

Excellent Machinery Display
The Stanley May Special for the best crown and best finish in Class 6, were won by Bob Armstrong of Brampton while the Thomas Howden Special, in the Class open to Halton contestants under 16 years, were won by Don Taylor of Burlington and Glenn Irwin of Omac.

In connection with a very excellent display of farm machinery, perhaps the highlight was a 40-year-old tractor, exhibited by John Moore of Milton, RR 3. This tractor was said to be the first tractor made for the Massey Harris Co. by the Bull Machinery Co. of Minneapolis.

During the afternoon, Mr. Moore played a ridge with this piece of antiquated equipment and literally stole the show.

The day's program concluded with a banquet in the Agricultural Society Hall at the Milton fair grounds. Some 225 were in attendance for the dinner, catered by the Scotch Black Women's Institute. J. Speer Wilson, president of the Halton Plowmen's Association, was the chairman for the excellent evening musical numbers by Flock Bros. of Tansley and an address by J. D. Thomas, president of the World's Plowing Association.

Tribute to Canadians
Mr. Thomas, who was introduced by Stanley L. Hall, M.L.A., stated that when he went overseas in 1952 to promote a World Plowing

Match and to extend an invitation to hold the first World Match in Ontario, "I returned to the land of the thistle, shamrock and rose, not with a sword in my hand as I had done in 1952, but with the symbol of peace, the plow."

Commenting on the World Plowing Matches held to date in various countries he paid tribute to the "ambassadors" of Canada, who had participated in the various World Matches for their sportsmanship and good citizenship while overseas.

George Hostetler of Kitchener, RR 4, and John Harkness of Beachville judges of the day, congratulated the directors of the Halton Association, on the general efficiency with which they directed the match.

Winners of Awards
Their awards were as follows:
Class 1, walking plows: Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Eugene Timbers, Georgetown; Andrew McRobb, Guelph; Stanley May, Hornby; Lloyd May, Milton.

Class 2, walking plow: Doug McRobbie, Guelph; Donald Paddock, Puslinch; Cliff Drake, St. Mary's.

Class 3, tractor in sod, open 19 entries: Bill Dixon, Brampton; Chris Bonney, Princeton; Wm. Heston, Milton; Eldred King, Markham; Bob Neilson, Hornby; Norman Robson, Maple.

Class 4, tractor in sod, 18 entries: Alex McKinney Jr., Brampton; Tom Hunter, Georgetown; Harold Forgan, Milton; Doug Cunningham, Inglewood; Ross Austin, Georgetown; Harold Lawrence, Oakville.

Class 5, tractors in sod, contestants under 16 years: Don Taylor, Burlington; Glenn Irwin, Milton; Bill Speck, Hornby.

Under 21 Class
Class 6, tractors in sod, contestants under 21 years: Bob Armstrong, Brampton; Arnold Howden, Milton; John Cunningham, Hornby; Lee Wilkinson, Milton; Peter Emick, Capetown.

Class 7, tractors in sod, 3 furrows: J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; John Reid, Brampton.

Class 8, 2 furrow utility class: Frank McKerr, Milton; Mary Lou Taylor, Burlington.

Class 9, tractor mounted plow: Thos. Howden, Milton; J. H. Taylor, Burlington; Ian Break, Streetsville; Wm. McLean, Glen Williams; Keith Leslie, Georgetown.

Class 10, 2 furrow utility class: 18 entries: Doug Reid, Brampton; Bob Armstrong, Brampton; Norman Robson, Maple; John Cunningham, Hornby; Bill Dixon, Bramp-

ton; J. H. Taylor, Burlington.

Horse show, Judge T. J. Brown, ridge, Georgetown; Stanley May, Hornby; Stanley May, Hornby; Cliff Drake, St. Mary's; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Andrew McRobb, Guelph; Dan Paddock, Puslinch.

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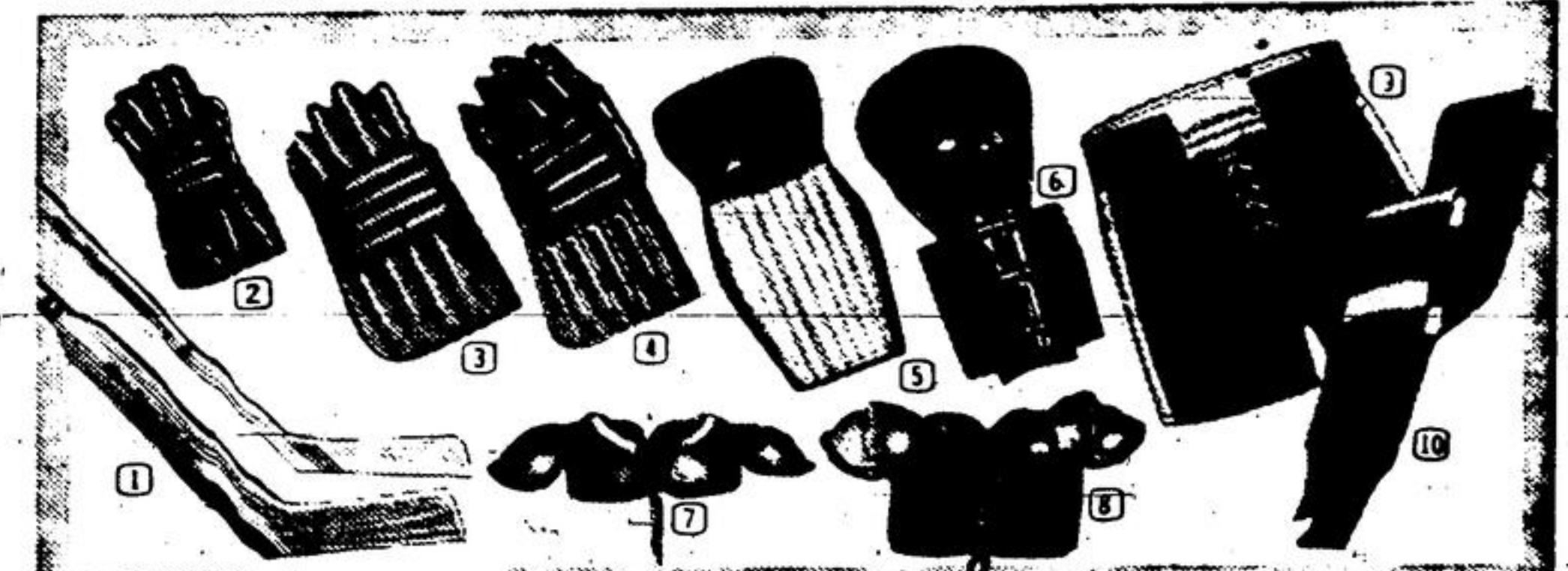
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