

# Farm News Page

## Ernest Alexander Tops Competitors In Annual Land Judging Contest

Ernest Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Alexander, Norval, was high contestant in the second annual Halton Land Judging Competition held at the farm of Brock Harris on Thursday, July 16.

The competition was under the direction of the Halton office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and the Soils Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and was sponsored by the 12 Mile Creek, the 16 Mile Creek, and Credit Valley Conservation Authorities.

**Four Million Area**  
The program got underway at 9.15 a.m., with a tour of soils in the Milton area, and instruction on soil management and classification. Representatives of the Soils Department, O.A.C., Wm. Campbell and J. Murray, acted as instructors for this portion of the competition.

Thirty-five 4-H and Junior Farmer members competed in the afternoon judging program at the Harris farm. In the competition each contestant classified four soil types, and gave reasons on the classification and their selection of crops best suited for each soil type.

**Post Results**  
The results of the competition were as follows:  
Juniors—Eleanor Taylor 72; Robert Denny 68; Charles Twiss 66; Dwight May 60; Bill Alexander 57; Hodgen Barnes 52; John Kramendok 51; John Stull 51; Keith Ellis 51; James Atkin 50; Larry Gardhouse 50; Marilyn Sherwood 50; Lorne Ellis 50; Mildred Martin 50; Alex Finnie 50; Gordon Allan 51; Russell Murray 50; Colin Elliot 48; Fred Gibby 46; Stephen May 45; Janette Finnie 44.  
Intermediates—Ernest Alexander 85; John Van Dijk 82; Bill Lawrence 80; Margaret Lawson 80; Sandy Barnes 29; Lorna Woodley 74; Carolyn Gardhouse 73; Mary Lou Taylor 71; George Greenlee 71; Mary Lawrence 70; Charles Martin 65; George Stull 62; Jack Robertson 58; Courtney Agnew 57.  
**Senior Program**  
In connection with the Halton Land Judging Competition, a program for senior farm operators was held during the afternoon session. Some 35 farm operators took advantage of this meeting.  
T. Lane, Soils Department, O.A.C., and J. A. Francis, agricultural representative, conducted a soils tour by bus at the farm of Brock Harris, a discussion was held on farm management, and Mr. Lane outlined the Land Use Survey available to Ontario farmers.  
In this program over a thousand farms in Ontario have been planned for Best Soils Use. It is interesting to note that some of the recommendations made for these thousand farms indicate that on

90 per cent. of the farms an improved rotation was needed; also 90 per cent. required improved fertility practices; 70 per cent. of the farms required pasture renovation.

**Recommended Practices**  
Three practices were recommended on 50 per cent. of the farms—the use of grass waterways;

contour or field strips; and thirdly, drainage improvement. 20 per cent. of the farms had some form of reforestation recommended; 10 per cent. required gully or stream bank control.

The Land Use Planning Service is available to Halton farmers by contacting the office of the agricultural representative.

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**Not Practical**  
Spraying with chemicals is not a practical method for controlling weeds on vacant lots as it endangers the shrubs and flowers of established homes. Cutting seems to be the best answer yet as the reseeding of weeds can be prevented and it greatly improves the appearance of the area.

**English Delegate Visits Halton**  
Miss Dorothy Clough, delegate of the English Young Farmers' Association, will be entertained by the Halton Junior Farmers' Association from July 27 to August 4. This is part of an exchange program between young farmers' associations in Great Britain, and the Ontario Junior Farmers' Association.

Miss Clough is from Lowland Farm, Coniston Cold, Skipton, Yorks. Dorothy first joined the Young Farmers' Club in 1945. Since that time she has held office at the local and regional levels.  
**Works With Poultry**  
She is at the present time working at home, particularly with poultry. She has been chairman and speaker of winning county and regional public speaking teams. Her interests include dressmaking, cooking, piano, embroidery and soft furnishings.  
During her stay in Halton, Miss Clough will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, Burlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ford, Milton.

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**Make It Pleasant**  
Will elderly people travel with you? Try to find a vacation spot that affords recreation for them, too. Mountain resorts or other vacation spots at high altitudes can be uncomfortable for those with heart trouble or breathing difficulties.

**Campers Beware!**  
If you're going camping, make sure that all members of the family can recognize poison ivy and poison oak. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.  
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**Banquet Highlights Annual Competition**  
The Credit Valley, Sixteen Mile Creek and Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authorities sponsored a banquet for contestants and participants in the Halton Land Judging Competition and Soils Tour. The banquet was held at the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair Grounds, with 81 in attendance.

The chairman for the banquet program was agricultural representative J. A. Francis, who outlined the land judging competition and the soils tour program.  
E. Sutter, field officer with the Department of Planning and Development for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, showed a film on Ontario's Waterways. Assistant agricultural representative D. E. Jackson announced the results of the competition.  
The prize money and trophies were awarded to contestants by Wray Bryant, chairman of the Twelve Mile Creek Conservation Authority; Robert Marshall, chairman of the Sixteen Mile Creek Authority; and A. M. Greenaway, chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

## The BIBLE Today

From Viet-Nam comes the report that the re-translated Gospel of Mark in Lao is now being painstakingly re-copied in preparation for printing. The first edition of illustrated Cambodian Gospels has been printed in Phnom Penh and a large percentage of the churches throughout Viet-Nam observed universal Bible Sunday last December.

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## Tips on Touring

**By Carol Lane**  
**Women's Travel Authority**  
If you're planning your summer vacation trip now, you'll want to give some thought on how to keep the family healthy while you are away from home.

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## Wellington Juniors Stage Variety Show at Rockwood

Wellington County Junior Farmers presented the 59 version of their annual variety show to a large audience on Friday evening in Rockwood town hall.

President of the organization, Miss Beverly Gowdie was a vivacious mistress of ceremonies throughout the evening. It was a well varied program with 14 acts that represented junior farmers from most of the 12 townships in Wellington County.

The show opened with the Belwood Junior Farmers group. Following were musical numbers by Jack Hohenadel, acrobatics by girls from Puslinch, Belwood members again with a skit about an old "24 Assex" piano trio with the Freeman's, "Mirio Mello Tones", a singing male quartette who are making a name for themselves as good singers.

The Harrison comedy presented an amusing comedy skit, a muck wedding. Other numbers included the Rowan trio, who are also becoming known as good musicians, Sandra Gordon soloist and the Eramosa townships square dance set, winners of innumerable contests. Mount Forest members' skit was titled "Life of the Lover".

The program concluded with some fine singing by the Belwood chorus of 14. Now is the Hour. It was a good show, much enjoyed by the audience.

**ISLAND LINK**  
The Canso Causeway, the land bridge linking Cape Breton Island with the mainland of Nova Scotia, is nearly a mile and a half long and carries both railway and highway traffic.

## Here on Assignment Recalls Years Ago

In Acton on a photographic assignment last Saturday, C. E. McClocklin of Belmont studio in Toronto was particularly interested in looking around the town. He explained he lived here as a lad.

Surprisingly, his grandfather is mentioned this week in the 50 Years Ago column. He was Mr. Ebbage, a well known cabinet maker in the district at that time.

Mr. McClocklin was photographer at the Spanton - Hufnagel wedding at the United church. He could recall some of the old stores on the main street and was noting all the changes.

## Trousseau Tea Showers Held

A bride of last Saturday, Miss Elaine Hufnagel was the guest of honor at several parties given in her honor.

On June 16, the bridesmaids held a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Marilyn Bishop in Toronto.

On June 19, the matron of honor, Mrs. Walter Wilson, was hostess at a miscellaneous shower at her home in Milton.

An aunt, Mrs. Ferg Petric, held another miscellaneous shower in Toronto on July 8.

A miscellaneous shower was given in Alliston by Mrs. E. Hufnagel on July 8.

Many called at the bride's home on July 11 when a trousseau tea was held.

**New Address**  
Ruby and Jack Calvert, formerly of 172 Jeffrey Ave., wrote the Free Press this week renewing their subscription.  
"We will be most happy to see or hear from any Acton friends," they said. Their new address is Apartment 4, 861 Hillcrest St., El Segundo, California, U.S.A.  
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