

Entries Down to 20

Halton Plowmen's Annual Match Ends With Brookville Banquet

Despite good weather and excellent soil for plowing, only 20 entries were made at the annual Halton County plowing match, held Friday on the Moffat farm of Grant Campbell. Officials of the Halton Plowmen's Association said it was the smallest entry they could remember, but praised the competitors for good sportsmanship which made a big success of the day.

Cloudy skies early Friday morning were blamed for keeping many plowmen from outside the county at home for the day. However, the sun did shine and it made an excellent day for the fall match.

Three span of horses were entered, including the two local entries of Stan and Lloyd May who each took a first prize as well as a third. Besides the 17-tractor plows, a small equipment and machinery display drew a good crowd of spectators to the picturesque farm in the northern section of Nassagaweya township.

The ladies of Nassagaweya Presbyterian church did a booming business in pie, coffee and sandwiches on the grounds, and Boy Scouts from the Campbellville troop sold apples throughout the day.

Commercial exhibits were entered by Bill Bailey "The Oil Man", Milton Milling, Forney Arc Welders, Hornby Garage and Ferguson and Sons of Rockwood.

Big Entry

Largest entry was seen in the Ernest Irvine tractor utility class, with 11 entries.

First vice-president Clebert McDowell welcomed the guests to the annual banquet following the competitions, held at Brookville Hall and catered to by the Ebenzer W.A. President Len Lister was ill and unable to attend.

Head table guests were the speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Grant

Campbell and Mary Lou Taylor, Halton's Dairy Princess, and were introduced by assistant agricultural representative Doug Jackson.

Welcomes Guests

Nassagaweya deputy reeve A. R. Service welcomed the guests on behalf of the township, as Reeve and Halton Warden J. A. Milne was unable to attend. Andy Frank gave two violin selections.

Guest speaker J. E. Whitlock, former agricultural representative for Halton, was introduced by honorary president Stan Hall, M. L.A.

Mr. Whitlock congratulated the plowmen on a successful match and recalled a match of similar size when he came to Halton 25 years ago. However, he noted more recent matches with 70 entries including 50 horse drawn plows and the gradual change in farm methods until a more recent match with 52 tractors out of 60 entries.

Agricultural Change

The speaker noted the many changes in the Halton match—and in Halton agriculture—over the past 25 years, pointing out that the output of the farmer is now up 90 per cent since the pre-war years. Since 1951, he said, the farmer's labour pool has been diminished, his labor costs are up six times, and his investment in farming has risen to three times its original size.

Recalling his recent trip through the United States, the former agricultural representative told of many great things in modern agriculture he had seen, including farms of 1,000 to 1,200 cattle, marketing and retailing their own dairy products. Ontario is scheduled for larger family farms in the future, he said.

More Education

Comparing the farmer to the industrial worker, he said the farm worker's investment is five to 10 times higher than that of the industrial worker. He foresaw the farm managers of the future needing at least secondary school education and two years of agricultural school. "We need an education comparable to that of industrial leaders," he said. We must get it out of our minds that the lad who can't make secondary school would be alright to work the farm and let his brother go on to higher education and a profession, he added in closing.

Jack Taylor, second vice-president, thanked the speaker and all others who had made the match so successful.

Give Comments

Tractor judge W. C. Barry and horse judge Tom Brownridge complimented the officials on a splendid match and gave some comments on their judging. George Hostrasser was the third judge but was unable to attend the banquet.

Winners of the prizes were announced by agricultural representative J. Allan Francis, and Mr. McDowell and Mr. Taylor awarded the prize money and merchandise awards. Kenny Howden of Hornby won the Toronto-Dominion bank tray for contestants under 16 years of age. Bob Stark won the Bank of Nova Scotia special tray and the T. Eaton trophy for boys 14 to 17.

More Specials

The Esso horse show special was won by Lloyd May while J. H. Taylor won the Esso tractor special. George Ferguson took the Milton Milling special trophy.

George E. Elliott's special cash awards for the youngest contestants were won by Murray Harris, 11, and Kenny Howden, 12.



YOUNGEST PLOWMEN attending the Halton match near Moffat on Friday were awarded cash prizes by Milton lawyer George E. Elliott. Murray Harris, 11, of R.R. 6, Milton was the youngest by on the field in his first year of competition. Kenny Howden, 12, of Hornby took second prize.

Five Entries Halton 4-H Teams Rate High In Inter-Club Competitions

Halton's five teams in 4-H Provincial Inter-club Competitions at Guelph made a commendable showing on October 23. Carolyn Gardhouse and Margaret Lawson of Milton R. R. 5, represented the Halton 4-H Forage Club and stood second in the grain competition. 31 teams, representing various counties in Ontario, participated in the competition.

The most keenly contested was the dairy project, with 87 teams taking part. Five teams from Halton took part in this competition. Nora Beatty and Mike Jenkinson, representing the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guinness Club, and Barbara Pickard and Mary Lou Taylor, representing the Holstein Club, participated. Both teams had a score of 897 out of a possible 1040.

The Halton 4-H Swine club team of Ernest Alexander and Harold Patterson stood sixth, with 29 teams competing.

The Halton 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club team of Bob Mering and Jack Robertson stood sixth, with 36 teams competing.

There were 267 teams of two taking part in the competitions. The program was directed by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

At the evening banquet Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, addressed the contestants. In his remarks, he stressed the value of the 4-H Club program in training rural young people for future occupations.

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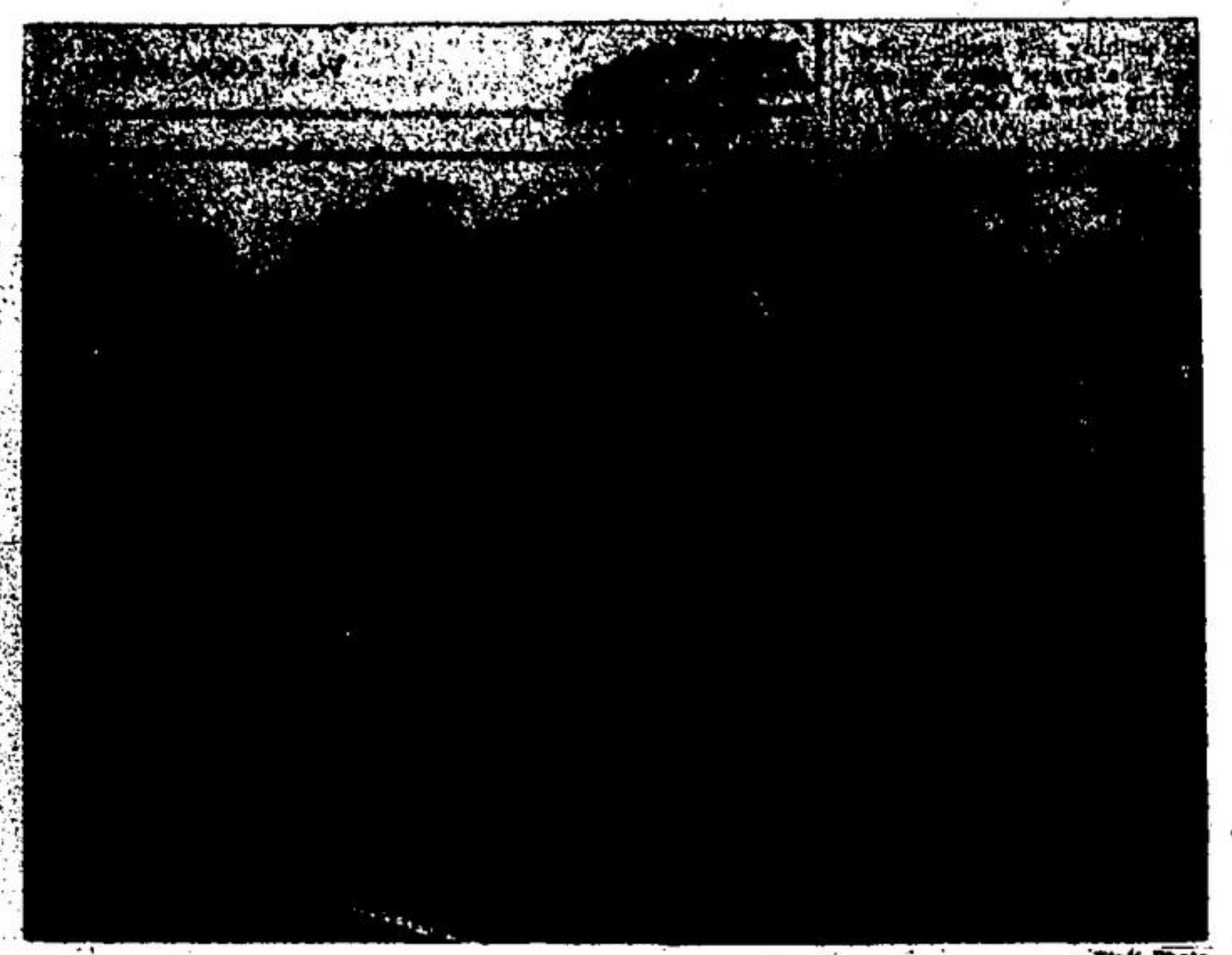
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Farm News Page



THE HOWDEN FAMILY from Hornby is a family of plowmen, the 1959 Halton plowing match proved. Tom Howden, left, won a prize in the utility class, his 22-year-old son Arnold on the right took a first and a second in adult competition, and son Kenny, age 12, gleaned four awards including three firsts, and a special tray. They're all regular competitors at the annual match.



ENTRIES WERE LOWER than ever in the Halton Plowmen's annual competition for tractor and horse-drawn plows on Friday. The Grant Campbell farm north of Moffat was used this year for the match. Stan May of Hornby is seen here with his horse-drawn plow, finishing off his crown. Stan won a first and a third.

Edinburgh Delegate Is Institute Speaker

Mrs. T. Anos was the hostess for the recent October meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. Mrs. M. Mahon presided and opened the meeting by reading a poem. The Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect were repeated, followed by the roll call. A place I visited this summer Mrs. A. Frank read the minutes of the last meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the Halloween party. Brookville Hall, the Saturday evening. The parade will begin at 8.45 p.m. and will be followed by games. Ladies are to supply the lunch.

meeting will be held Nov. 10 in Milton. A pot luck lunch will be served. Special speakers will be Mrs. C. Rinehart and Mrs. Somerville.

It was decided to send \$10.00 to the Tely Milk fund.

Mrs. M. Mahon introduced the special speaker for the evening, Mrs. Clara K. Rinehart who told the ladies of her impression as a delegate to the ACWW convention held in historic Edinburgh. This beautiful city of flowers was a perfect setting for the convention attended by hundreds of delegates in their graceful colorful costumes representing many countries of the world.

Understanding

One of the main themes of the convention, reported Mrs. Rinehart, was that by understanding each other and understanding the youth of today the road to a better world could be found. Mrs. Rinehart's interested audience also derived added enjoyment from her excellent pictures of Edinburgh and its environs shown by A. Padbury.

The meeting closed with the Queen and Grace. The 55 members and guests then enjoyed a social hour. Mrs. B. Young was courtesy convener.

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