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## Duck bag declines

A total of 1,365 hunters (88 less than 1967) were processed by the five check stations around Luther Marsh this year. After 7,970 hours of hunting, they produced a bag of 825 ducks and six Canada Geese.

In 1967, after 8,207 hours of hunting the hunters boasted a bag of 1,027 ducks and four Canada's.

Although the bag in 1967 was 202 ducks more than this season, the hunters required an additional 1,027 hours to harvest them.

In 1967 the average figure for the number of ducks per hunter was .69 as compared to .57 for 1968. Based on these figures the harvest in 1967 was 17.5 per cent better than this season.

As in previous years, Mallards were the predominant species comprising 54 per cent of the total bag.

Pintail, Redhead, Widgeon and Gadwall also contributed to the Hunters Bag.

It is interesting to note the first Surf Scoter on Luther Marsh was harvested this season.

On speculating the reasons for the lower harvest, officials felt the abundant rainfall provided significantly more wet areas thus dispersing the birds over a greater area.

The surprising increase in numbers of Green Winged Teal harvested is related to the warmer weather, which no doubt had the effect of holding the Teal on the marsh as late as opening day.



HALTON COUNTY MUSEUM placed a display of about 50 antique articles from Halton's past in the county's promotion tent in the tent city at the International Plowing Match near Guelph last week. Thousands of plowing match visitors who toured the tent enjoyed seeing the exhibits displayed by Museum curator Maj. H. J. Newman, his assistant Erla

Brittain and museum board member Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton. Halton Region Conservation Authority, United Gas, Halton E.M.O. and the Department of Agriculture added displays and the county's industrial promotion film was featured in one section of the tent.

(Staff Photo)

## CONTESTANTS.



MAYOR LES DUBY (second left) was one of 20 hopefuls who relaxed on the handwagon before the mayors' plowing match. Ingersoll placed first and Fergus second in the competition. (Staff Photo)

## Tent, film at plow match

# Halton puts best foot forward

Halton County put its best foot forward at the International Plowing Match held on the Gilchrist farm north of Guelph from Wednesday to Saturday last week.

For four days thousands of match visitors wandered in and out of a large tent the county industrial display committee erected on Fourth Street of the "tented city", to view the displays of Halton's past, present and future.

The award-winning industrial promotion film, "Halton County: The Man and the Boy" was a featured exhibit, shown in an 100-seat theatre set up inside the tent at regular intervals through the day. County officials estimated roughly 1,000 saw the 26-minute color film that paints a very rosy picture of life and work in Halton.

Halton's past was represented in a display of approximately 50 antique items loaned and exhibited by the Halton County Museum. Early plows were an ideal antique for the gala four-day event that is built around the plowing farmers, and the museum had two of the earliest on display. Other exhibits included many early farm tools and items reminiscent of the Halton of a century or more ago.

The present came to life in several of the tent's displays. Halton Region Conservation Authority had its scale model of the busy Kelso recreational complex near Milton set up just inside the front door—complete with running water, a dam, Glen Eden Lake, the ski hills; the Museum site and the pool. A sign reminded visitors Kelso was the site of the highly successful first Ontario Scout Jamboree last August. The Authority also displayed photos of conservation practices at work and the multitude of recreational and cultural aspects of Authority programs.

Halton's farming background was exemplified in a slide show featuring farming and 4-H work in the county. United Gas Company's display promoted the leisurely living in Halton, and the county's Emergency Measures Organization showed Halton was prepared for anything. Elsewhere through the tent large photos depicted Halton today: lush farm fields, modern urban centres, sprawling industrial complexes, fun and culture and recreation at its best.

John Armstrong of Georgetown was official greeter, or host for the four days. The special industrial display committee that arranged the tent was headed by Acton's clerk-administrator Joe Hurst, who worked in conjunction with the industrial committee of county council headed by Oakville's industrial commissioner Ronald J. Cookley.

Several members of both committees and county councillors also staffed the tent to greet the crowds, answer questions, and point out Halton's many industrial opportunities. An adjoining, smaller tent was provided for interviews and meetings with prospects.

The county staged an opening dinner on Wednesday at noon, to which councillors and press were invited. Problems with the

erection of the tent delayed its opening until one o'clock on Wednesday but the crowds made up for it by Saturday there were lineups to get inside as the plowing match crowds grew from 22,000 opening day to close to 50,000 on the last day. Problems were also encountered in the film theatre

section of the tent it was too bright to properly show the picture. County officials called in the tent rental experts for guidance, and soon large sheets of black plastic were rushed to the tent where they were draped around the walls and ceiling to bar the sunlight enough to show the film.

"We received a lot of favorable comments on the film," deputy clerk Clare McKay reported.

Halton Warden William Hunter competed in the wardens' plowing match held Wednesday afternoon. There was a large field of entries in the contest and he failed to win a prize.



HALTON COUNTY E.M.O. Co-ordinator W. B. McGregor explains an emergency supplies kit to visitors Mrs. Florence Martin and Billy Martin, R.R. 2 Campbellville, in the Halton County display committee's tent at the International Plowing Match. At the right is Joe Hurst of

Acton, chairman of the display committee which prepared the exhibits for the match. The Halton Film "The Man and the Boy" which recently won two awards in international competition, was featured at the tent and about 1,000 saw the film. (Staff Photo)



Dappled with sun-struck gold, a young climber swings through the autumn days.

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