

# Mary Picket Halton Furrow Queen

The annual Halton County Plowing Match is many things to many people. For some it is an out and out test of plowing talents, while for others it is a chance to meet with friends and exchange stories. For the women folk the highlight of the day is the Queen of the Furrow in the 1969 version of the plowing match. While Mary quotes 1969 as being the 78th annual, oldtimers insist the event goes back more than 100 years.

Mary Anderson and Norma Leslie were runners-up in the competition. In her victory speech Mary told of the first recorded match, Nov. 2, 1891 when only horsedrawn plows were used and prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 were given to the winners.

In the early days women took

a back seat to men just as horses did to plows and only recently have women competed for the title of Furrow Queen.

She noted the match is an opportunity to promote skill in plowing and proper methods of cultivating the soil as well as demonstrating new and old machinery.

"May we continue to plow straight furrows," she said in closing. Mrs. G. E. Elliott, Mrs. Jim Reid and Bob Timbers were judges in the furrow queen event.

George Kerr, who served as M.P.P. for Halton West for six years and was promoted to Minister of Energy and Natural Resources in June spoke of his work and of the departments of government under his control.

He spoke of the work of the

water commission and the 38 Conservation Authorities. Mr. Kerr touched on the current problem of pollution in air and water and noted soap and detergents account for 50 per cent of the phosphate and nitrate content in our lakes and streams.

Burning waste is a problem agitating pollution, Mr. Kerr said and assured the audience he and his department were working hard to curb the problem.

He commended the local Halton Region Conservation Authority for their work in general and defended their decision to keep Crawford's Lake closed until the necessary work is done.

Noting the lake has a deep sharp drop off, he explained the land had been acquired late and

the IRCA had no money allotted for development in the current budget. He indicated the area might eventually be used for an outdoor centre and possibly for a forestry school.

Bob Timbers, president of the Ontario Plowman's Association spoke briefly and indicated that with the enthusiasm evident for plowing in Halton the county would be a logical place for the

International Plowing Match. The next international match is planned for Victoria County.

Halton Plowmen's Association president Cameron Marshall read a message from an avid plowman in the audience suggesting 1971 as the possible date for bringing the International Match here.

Other head table and noted guests at the banquet included Milton Mayor Brian Best, Halton East M.P. Jim Snow and executive members.

The Higgins twins, Sandy and Cindy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Art Higgins entertained the group with several pieces on their accordions.

## Shorthorn breeders' auction in Arthur

Wellington District Shorthorn Breeders Club held a very successful auction sale of Shorthorns at the arena in Arthur on Saturday, Nov. 1. A large crowd was present, and bidding was brisk. Auctioneer Bert Pepper of Neustadt sold 28 lots in one hour and 30 minutes to 16 different purchasers from all parts of Western Ontario.

Average price for females was \$488, and bulls averaged \$397. Highest price paid was \$910 for a cow, Green Row Mayflower, and calf, consigned by Bert Pepper. The cow was purchased at \$710, by Miss Rosemary Booth, Milton, and the calf at \$200, by McKenzie Hall, Ayr. Second top was Scotsdale Boxen Broadhook, consigned by S. G. Bennett, Esquewaugh, selling at \$650, to Mr. Beardmore, Calderon East, who purchased a total of 10 head.

Club president is Gordon Willmott, Arthur, and sale manager, Smith R. Griffin Acton.

## Snowmobiles

With winter close at hand it's snowmobile time again. This is rapidly developing sport in Ontario and can be fun. However, it is also dangerous if the operators are careless or reckless. There are many rules that snowmobile drivers should follow, but they all boil down to one-use common sense and courtesy. Have fun the safe way.



AMONG MANY WINNERS at the Halton plowing match Saturday were Murray Breckon and Bert Robertson. Both are regulars at the annual event. Mr. Breckon won the Judge George E. Elliott Memorial Trophy and Bert Robertson won the Bank of Nova Scotia Special among other prizes.—(Staff Photo)

## Free Press Farm Page

# Halton's best plowmen named at county match

Many of the same faces returned to the winner's circle Saturday at the 1969 version of Halton County Plowing Match. Much of the plowing was done under rainy skies at the farm of Earl McDowell near Hornby.

The following are the results from each of the 12 regular classes and six specials:

Class 1, jointer plows in sod, open, Lloyd May, Stan May, Wray Stirling and Leslie Vanuckle.

Class 2, tractors in sod, open, Robert Brown, Bert Robertson, Shelby Williams, and Roy Craig.

Class 3, open mounted plows, two furrows or more, Morris Bonney, Bryan Marshall, Larry Picket, Ken Taylor and Ron Goetting.

Class 4, mounted plows, Daryl Hostrawser, Ken Button, Murray Breckon.

Class 5, tractor mounted plow, two or more furrows, Halton only, Jean Wilson, Harley Pickering and Ken Alderson.

Class 6, Rep Operko, Richard Dunnett, Robert Brander and Harry Brander.

Class 7, tractor in sod, open, three or more furrows, 14 inch plow, Norm Love, Cecil

Shoemaker, Dwight May, Howard Dunk.

Class 8, two or more furrows, 12 inch or more width, Halton plowmen in first year, Dale Devlin and Lloyd Pickering.

Class 9, Ernest Irvine, Halton only, Bryan Marshall, Larry Picket, Murray Breckon, Ken Alderson, Dwight May and Dale Devlin.

Class 10, tractor utility class, open, Bob Brown, Harry Brander, Ed Operko, Morris Bonney, Ron Goetting, Bert Robertson, Ken Taylor, Bob Brander, Ken Button, Roy Craig, Shelby Williams.

Horse show, Stan May, Wray Stirling.

Class 11 and 12 were cancelled.

Esso Champion, two furrow mounted plows only, Bryan Marshall.

International Harvester Special, Dwight May.

Judge George E. Elliott Memorial Trophy, Murray Breckon.

Halton Queen of the Furrow, Mary Picket, Norma Leslie and Mary Anderson.



WHO SAYS GIRLS CAN'T PLOW? Jean Wilson is one lassie who would take great exception to the statement. Jean has entered the Halton County match for a couple of years now and her prowess paid off Saturday as she captured first place honors in her competition.—(Staff Photo)

## "Monkey see"

You've probably heard the saying, "Monkey see, monkey do." So it is with children. They're impressionable. They copy what they see others do, including you.

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**FURROW QUEEN**  
 Mary Picket was selected as Halton's 1969 Furrow Queen Saturday for the second year in a row and was awarded the trophy at the Halton Plowmen's Association banquet Saturday night. More pictures and stories inside.—(Staff Photo)

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