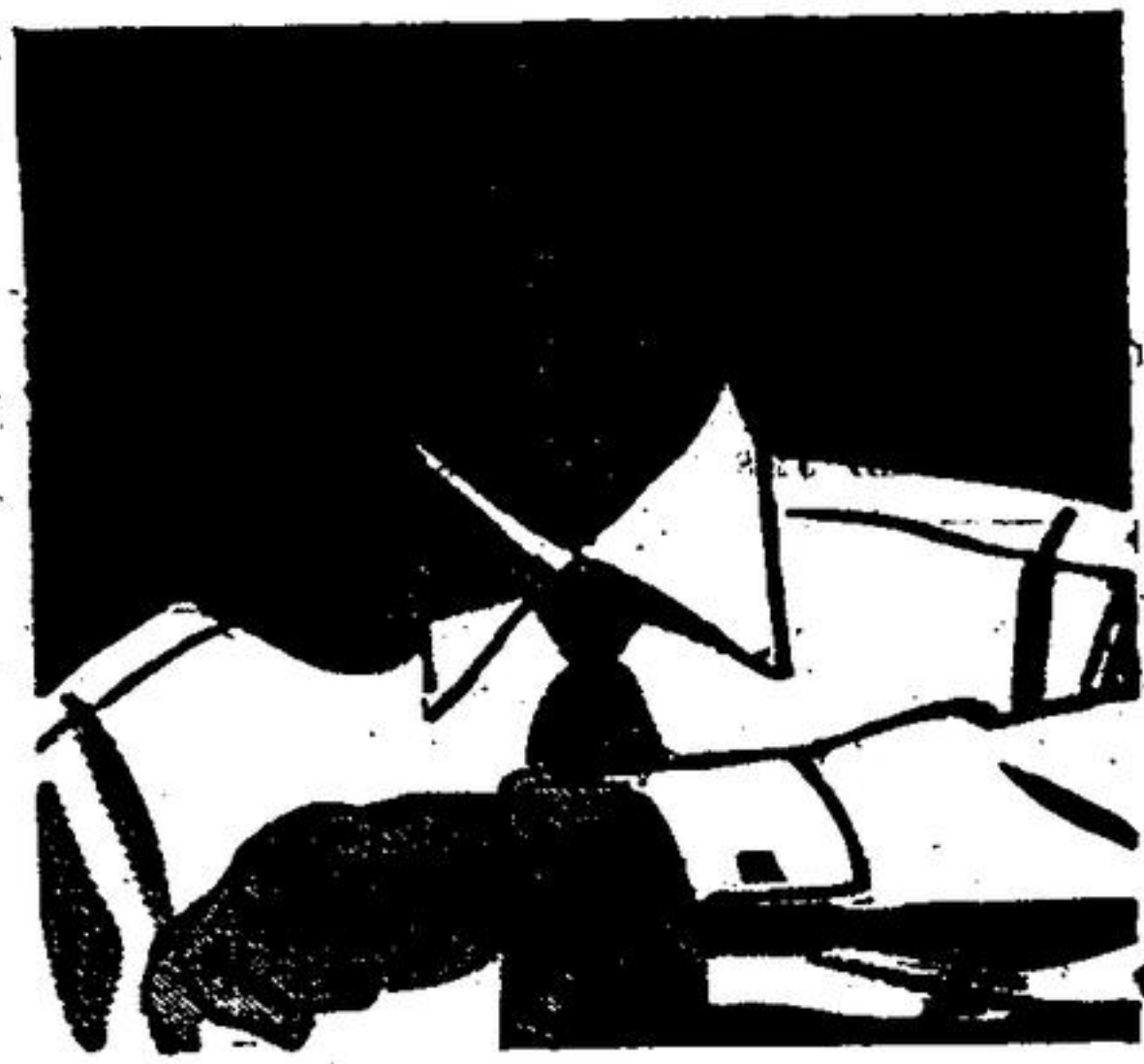


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Strive for Perfection in Plowing Matches: Carroll

Let us have utility classes at our plowing matches but also let us have perfection, stated J. A. Carroll, assistant deputy minister of Agriculture for Ontario, when addressing the Halton Plowmen at their banquet in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Norval, following their match held on Thursday on the Fred Ruddle farm in Equeusing Township.

Many folk, stated Mr. Carroll, are critical of the amount of handling done at our plowing matches and while admitting that quite often plowmen spend too much time on their crowns to the detriment of the rest of their land, nevertheless people do not flock to see a painted barn but they do go to see a painted picture. It was also pointed out by the speaker that livestock exhibitors when taking their livestock to a major show do not take them direct from the pasture field.

Land of Freedom

In a most interesting way, Mr. Carroll who was president of the recent World Plowing Match held near Cobourg, outlined the objectives of such a match and the impressions gained by many of the visiting plowmen. "Your Country", stated one of the delegates from Finland, to Mr. Carroll, "is a land of freedom." It was pointed out by the speakers that twenty-five percent of the Finnish people lost their homes and farms in the war with Communist Russia.

A delegate from another European country was impressed by the lack of class distinction in Canada. Still another by the abundance of good land and its cheapness when compared to that in most European countries.

Ideal Site

However, to get back to the Halton Match, it was one of the most successful matches ever held by the Halton association. It was one of the most beautiful sites—a total of sixty-one ridges were turned and the first two or three ridges in each class would compare favourably with anything to be seen anywhere stated the official judges, Wm. Barrie of Galt, and Alex Black of Guelph.

Father and Son Combinations

Stanley May, of Hornby, and Spencer Wilson of Norval, repeated their triumphs of a year ago by winning the Esso Specials for the best ridges by Halton plowmen in walking plow and tractor classes respectively.

Another pleasing feature of the Halton Match was the three father and son combinations plowing at the match—these included J. C. Cunningham and son John of Hornby; Charles Irwin and son Glenn of Ormagh; Jack H. Taylor and son Don of Appleby. Out of the six ridges plowed by these plowmen, three first prize awards were secured. These went to Jim Cunningham, Glenn Irwin, and Jack H. Taylor. John Cunningham had taken two firsts the previous day at the Peel County Match (one in the class for plowboys under 18 years, and the other in the open utility class) so he could afford to ease up a bit at his home match.

Presentation to World Champ

Still another pleasing feature at the evening programme was the presentation made by Stanley L. Hall, MPP, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eccles of Brampton.

This consisted of a model of the Massey-Harris plow and tractor operated by Mr. Eccles in winning the world title. This model was made by George Swan of Milton, and presented on behalf of the Milton Implement dealers.

A special two furrow utility class arranged by the Halton executive, drew a record entry of 17 tractor plowmen. This class modelled after those in the world competition at Cobourg, was a no handling class with a time limit of one hour. Here Doug Reid, a former Esso champion trip winner, took top honors.

Champion Team Repeats

In the Horse Show, Judge Martyn Heslop of Tansley gave the first award to Stan May's great team of Percherons which also won the championship at the International

earlier this month. Halton farm implement dealers put on a great display of practically everything that is new and modern in farm machinery.

When it comes to staging machinery demonstrations, most people are prepared to admit the Ruddle Bros., Fred and Newton, are in a class by themselves. Once they got under way the 1,000 spectators who have been lining the head ridges and the farm machinery Display Park, congregated around the big machines being piloted by Fred and Newton.

The whole event was an outstanding success and president Harold Pickett who was the chairman of the evening program, may well be proud of the 1953 event, which would go in history as one of the most successful ever staged by the Halton Association.

Vice president Spencer Wilson paid tribute, at the evening programme to the many individuals and organizations whose cooperation made the event possible. These included the long list of donors—the host of the day; Fred Ruddle and his brother Newton; the Ashgrove W.I., who supplied the excellent noonday lunches; the Ladies Guild of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval and the Norval W.I., who catered to the delicious banquet in the evening—the farm machinery dealers and tractor owners, and Misses Carol Stevenson and Jeanette Foster and Donald Wilson, whose lovely instrumental numbers rounded out an excellent evening's programme.

The following is a list of the awards:

Class 1: Jointer Plows in Sod—(4 entries)—R. G. Brown, Galt; Stanley May, Hornby; Lloyd May, Milton; George Markle, Alberton.

Class 2: Second Class Jointers in Sod (4 entries)—Harold Cunningham, Inglewood; Paul Timbers, Aurora.

Class 3: Tractors in Sod—Open (5 entries)—Joe Tran, Claremont; Bill Hostrawser, Milton; Spencer Wilson, Norval; Norman Robson, Maple; C. F. Pickett, Georgetown.

Class 4: Second Class Tractors in Sod (7 entries)—Keith Merry, Hornby; John W. Pickett, Hornby; Bill Dixon, Brampton; Wm. Brain, Ross Brown, of Norval.

Class 5: Tractors in Sod, Under 16 years (3 entries)—Glenn Irwin, Milton; Ross Austin, Georgetown; Don Taylor, Burlington.

Class 6: Tractors in Sod, under 21 years (11 entries)—Don Dunkeld, Claremont; George Dixon, Brampton; Stan Davis, Alberton; Arnold Howden, Milton; Lee Wilkinson, Malton.

Class 7: Tractors (3 furrow)—(4 entries): J. A. Randell, Breslau, Bob Wanless, Brampton; Joe Brownridge, Brampton; Jack Judge, of Cheltenham.

Class 8: Tractor 3 furrow, Utility Class (3 entries)—J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; R. J. Coombes, Burlington; James Ismond, Georgetown.

Class 9: Tractor Mounted Plows—(5 entries)—Jack Taylor, Burlington; Don Armstrong, Brampton; Harold Tyrrell, Burlington; Bert Robertson, Guelph; Wm. McLean, Glen Williams.

Class 10: Tractor, 2 Furrow—Utility (17 entries)—Doug Reid, Brampton; Bob Armstrong, Brampton; Norman Robson, Maple; Stan Davis, Alberton; John Cunningham, Hornby.

HORSE SHOW—Stanley May, Hornby; Harry Cunningham, Inglewood; R. G. Brown, Galt; George Markle, Alberton; Paul Timbers, Aurora.

Other Specials Not Previously Mentioned:

Bank of Nova Scotia, (Class 6)—Arnold Howden, Milton; Bank of Commerce (Class 4)—Keith Merry, Hornby; George E. Elliott—(Youngest Plowmen) Don Taylor, Glenn Irwin; Richardson's Store, Norval—Best ridge by Norval Jr. Farmer—John Cunningham; W. C. Woods Co.—Keith Merry.

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THIMBLE CLUB DINES AT YELLOW BRIAR INN

Fourteen members of the Thimble Club attended the annual dinner which this year was held at the Yellow Briar, Brampton, last Thursday. After chicken dinner, a few hands of cards were played.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Clark, who have a new daughter, a sister for Barbara.

Mr. George Coulter, who attended school here, was a visitor with friends in the village last Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. George Gray and daughter Sharon called on the Emmersons one day last week.

Mrs. Joseph Eves was on the sick list last week. We hope to see her up and around again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Rhodes of Toronto spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zillo.

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