

Halton Plowmen Have Outstanding Match

Sixty entries were made at the annual match of the Halton Plowmen's Association, held on Friday, October 28th. Weather conditions were ideal and coupled with a lovely setting on the J. J. Thistlewaite farm on the first line of Esquevas Township, just below the escarpment, the event was well up to the high standard of former Halton county matches.

Twelve-year old Keith Leslie of Georgetown R. R. 6, was the youngest contestant of the day and he along with Mary Lou Taylor of Burlington, R. R. 2, won the George E. Elliott Specials for the youngest Halton plowboys or girls. The Esso Champions, Tractor and Horse Plow Specials for the best ridges by Halton contestants, were won by two Hornby district plowmen, namely, R. A. Neilson and Stanley May. Arnold Howden, also of Hornby district, won the Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy for the best ridge by a Halton plowboy under 21 years of age, while Tom Hunter took the Bank of Commerce trophy for the best ridge in Class 4, by a Halton competitor. The Stanley May Specials, for the best crown and best finish in Class 6, were won by Bob Armstrong of Brampton, while the Thos. Howden

Specials, in the class open to Halton Contestants under 16 years, were won by Don Taylor of Burlington and Glenn Irwin of Omagh.

In connection with a very excellent display of farm machinery, perhaps the highlight was a 60 year old tractor, exhibited by John Moore of Milton, R. R. 3. This tractor was said to be the first tractor made for the Massey Harris Company by the Bull Machinery Company of Minneapolis. During the afternoon, Mr. Moore plowed a ridge with this piece of antiquated equipment and literally "stole the show."

The day's programme concluded with a banquet in the agricultural society hall at the Milton fairgrounds. Some 225 were in attendance for the dinner catered by the Scotch Block Women's Institute. J. Spencer Wilson, president of the Halton Plowmen's Association, was the chairman for the excellent evening's program, which featured musical numbers by Flock Bros. of Tansley and an address by J. D. Thomas, president of the world's plowing association. Mr. Thomas, who was introduced by Stanley L. Hall, M.L.A., stated that when he went overseas in 1952 to promote a world plowing match and to extend an invitation to hold the first world match in Ontario. "I returned to the land of the thistle, shamrock and rose not with a sword in my hand as I had done in 1915, but with the symbol of peace, the plow. Commenting on the World Plowing Matches held to date in various countries, he paid tribute to the "ambassadors" of Canada, who had participated in the various World Matches, for their sportsmanship and good citizenship while overseas.

George Hostrawser of Kitchener, R. R. 4, and John Hargreaves of Beachville, judges of the day, congratulated the directors of the Halton Association, on the general efficiency with which they directed the match.

Their awards were as follows:
Class 1, Walking Plows — 1st, Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; 2nd, Eugene Timbers, Claremont; 3rd, Andrew McRobbie, Guelph; 4th, Stanley May, Hornby; 5th, Lloyd May, Milton.

Class 2, Walking Plows — 1st, Doug McRobbie, Guelph; 2nd, Donald Paddock, Puslinch; 3rd, Cliff Drake, St. Marys.

Class 3, Tractor in Sod, open (9 entries) — 1st, Bill Dixon, Brampton; 2nd, Charles Bonney, Princeton; 3rd, Wm. Hostrawser, Milton; 4th, Eldred King, Markham; 5th, Bob Neilson, of Hornby; 6th, Norman Robson, Maple.

Class 4, Tractor in Sod (8 entries) — 1st, Alex McKinney Jr., Brampton; 2nd, Tom Hunter, Georgetown; 3rd, Harold Ferguson, Milton; 4th, Doug Cunningham, Inglewood; 5th, Ross Austin, Georgetown; 6th, Harold Lawrence, Oakville.

Class 5, Tractors in Sod, Contestants under 16 years — 1st, Don Taylor, of Burlington; 2nd, Glenn Irwin, Milton; 3rd, Bill Speck, Hornby.

Class 6, Tractors in Sod, Contestants under 21 years — 1st, Bob Armstrong, Brampton; 2nd, Arnold Howden,

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BARRIE SONGWRITER HITS THE BIG TIME

The United States song writer of the hour is a Canadian, according to an announcement by the Meteor Recording Company, 4607 North Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. The explanation, according to Doris Vancel, president, is that Cecil E. Burridge, of Barrie, Ontario, has just won Meteor's contest for new songwriters, the prize for which is to be commercial recording and nation wide promotion of his prize winning song "You've Got the Wrong Number," at a royalty double the standard recording royalty set by the copyright law.

Other facts about the contest winner, added Miss Vancel, are that he is 38 years old, married, has a three-year old son, and has been writing songs since he was 21. In 17 years he has written 77 of them, both words and music. His business? Mr. Burridge has been a plastering contractor for the last eight years. Previous to this he did his stint in the RCAF for five years, during which he played guitar in three different dance bands in his spare time.

As to his musical background, says Meteor. Mr. Burridge is entirely self-taught — as a musician and as a song writer. He played his first instrument, guitar, 31 years ago, and now plays banjo, mandolin, piano and piano accordion. Last fall he organized his own western band, with bass, violin, and guitar backing up his accordion. His "Blue Mountain Rangers" plays for dances and community events, and are working towards a radio program of their own radio station CKBB.

How he won the United States contest, said Miss Vancel, is best explained by Mr. Burridge himself: "Songs Across the Border" has long been my slogan. I subscribed for their song-writing magazines and entered all possible of their songwriting clubs and contests. Now my seventy-fifth song, is not only a winner, but Vancel Enterprises, which own Spin Recording as well as Meteor, also has given me a publishing contract for it through Vancel Music Publishing Company, and I am walking around in a daze, for the publishing contract was no part of the contest, and is like manna from the skies."

As to his immediate reaction to winning the contest: "I didn't believe it," said Mr. Burridge. "It took 34 hours for it to sink in, and before I began to feel really happy. If you ask me, the United States is not only the land of promise and opportunity, but of fulfillment. And they sure got the right number this time!"

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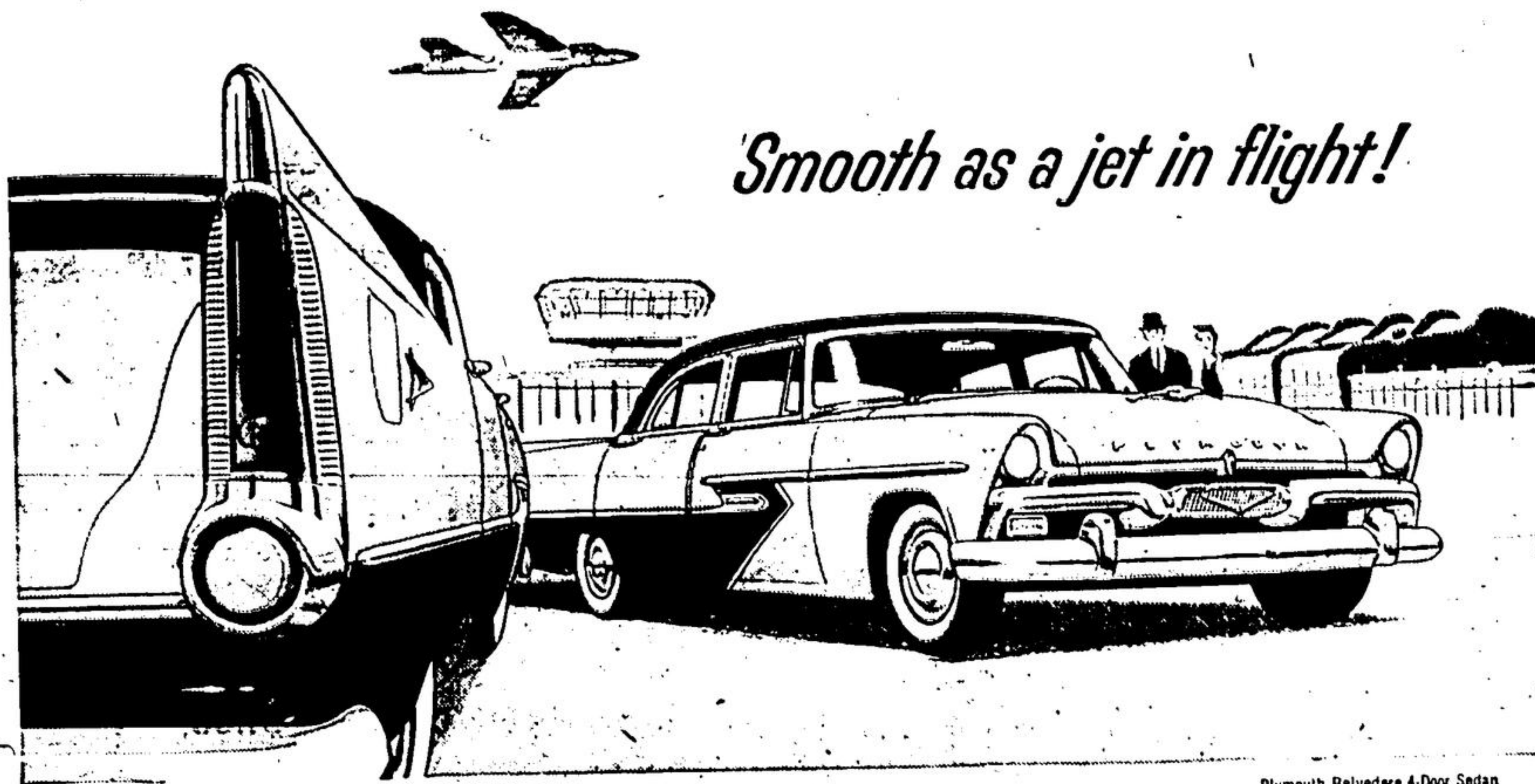
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