Youngest Entrant Tops Field In Halton Junior Plow Match

Junior entrant Harley Pickering beat three older contestants to take top honours in the Halton Jr. Farmers' Plowing match, held Saturday, at the Stanley May farm, Kornky.

A score of 129 points out of a possible 200 on two pieces of land was enough to win Harley, the only entrant in the 14-13 age group, the J. E. Whiteloch Memorial Trophy, donated by Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Company.

But competition was stiff from the match's other three contestants, all registered in the 14 to 21 group, with a slim point spread of 15 separating the four plowers at the end of the match.

$20 Prize

John Breckon took the $20 prize as top senior with 125 points. The $15 second prize went to Roy May with 117 and Larry Picket took the $10 for 3rd with 114. As the only junior Harley Pickering won the $20 in his division.

The match was divided into two classes. On the first piece of land the boys were allowed to handle the furrows, to kick or pull the soil into place and to tuck in any uncovered grass.

They were also allowed help from coaches, who could adjust the depth of their plow and tell them when to kick it or move it. Roy May was coached by his father Lloyd, Larry Picket by his father Vern, John Breckon by Tom Howden and Harley Pickering by Len Lister.

On a second piece of land was staged the 'utility class', in which the boys were not allowed to touch the grounds with hand foot, or stake, and could get help from the coaches only in placing their stakes at the beginning.

Scratching was allowed in both classes. Scoring was on the basis of 15 for the crown, 15 for straightness, 20 for covering, 25 for firmness and evenness, five for ins and outs and 20 for the finish, making a total of 100 for each class.

Judged Match

Judge for the match was Mr. George Hostrawser, a former resident of Peel County who has farmed near Kitchener for the last 13 years.

Hostrawser is a top plower himself, having won the Ontario championship with both horses and tractors, and has been a judge at the International for the past twenty two years.

In a short talk to the boys before the match, Hostrawser advised that for dry soil of the type they would be facing, not to get in too deep at the start, but to go 2 or 3 rounds before getting to full depth.

Hostrawser said that although scratching was allowed for Saturday's match, all international competitions are now using the opening split.

"We've got to get our Ontario boys doing the opening split," he said, "but it's hard to get them plowing even one day a month after August.

"They're so busy at school they don't get a chance to know their equipment.

"Canada won the first world match, which was held here in Cobourg in 1953, but we've only won one since," Hostrawser said.

He placed a major share of the blame on manufacturers. "Our plows were the best in the world 13 or 14 years ago," he said, "but now you would be hard pressed to find a new plow on a farm here that was not bought out of the country."

"The plows made in countries like Sweden and Norway are made for hydraulic systems, and have much better controls. Canadian plows are still using the same bottoms they used on wheel plows, and these bottoms just don't draw to the ground the way the new plows do."

As an example of the superiority of foreign technology Hostrawser cited the Kvernelands plow being used by Roy May for Saturday's match. "That's a top piece of equipment, and I'm anxious to see how it performs today," he said.

Saturday's match was organized by Halton County's three Junior Farmers' clubs, in Palermo, Norval and Acton. Match directors were Bryan Marshall, secretary of the Palermo Club; Dwight May, Norval club president and Brian Cargill of Acton.

Two plowboys to represent the county at the International inter-county match were to be picked from the 14 to 21 age class.

Bill Alexander Stands High, Gets Second In CNE Beef Judging

September 1st, thirty-three Halton 4-H and Junior Farmer club members took part in the annual CNE Judging Competition. Contestants were required to judge grain, hay, apples, potatoes, dairy and beef cattle, sheep and swine. In addition they were required to answer quizzes on farm safety, livestock practices, farm machinery and current trends in agriculture, and identify plants and forage seeds. Twelve counties in the CNE area were represented.

In the Senior Livestock Division, Bill Alexander RR 1, Norval placed second in a class of 95 contestants, with a score of 277 out of 300. In the Junior Livestock Judging, the following results were recorded: Susan Nixon, RR 1, Oakville, 260; Rosemary Booth, RR 1, fourth. Others who placed in the top twenty were Bob and Bill Lasby, RR 2, Rockwood; Murray McCaig RR 1 Norval. In this class there were 175 contestants.

In the Senior Field Crops Division, Art Lawson, RR 5, Milton, placed 18th in a field of 85, and in the Junior Field Crop Division, Bob Leslie, RR 3 Acton was tied for second place folowed by Don McClure, RR 3 Georgetown with 9th place standing. There were 175 contestants in this group also.

Bill Alexander, RR 1, Norval and Art Lawson RR 5, Milton, were tied for 5th place in the Senior Farm Management and Safety Quiz; and Lois Hunter placed 8th, and Mary Anderson, RR 2, Milton John Nurse RR 2, Georgetown, and Bruce Pickering RR 1, Oakville tied for 17th in the Junior Farm Management and Safety Quiz.

In the Championship Class for the Senior Group — all those between 18 and 26 years of age Bill Alexander placed 9th, to lead the Halton Seniors. In the Junior Group of this class, Bob Leslie RR 3, Acton was tied for 11th position; Keith Aitken, RR 3, Acton was 15th; John Nurse was tied for 16th, and Lois Hunter tied for 18th.

In every class the judging ability was the very highest calibre, and the Halton contingent deserves praise for their very creditable showing.

COME TO THE FAIR

— Be sure to attend Georgetown's biggest event the annual Fall Fair on Friday evening and Saturday. And don't forget to watch the big Centennial Parade, Saturday afteroon. This is a "must" for everyone.

HOSPITAL NEWS

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price when one is thanked for their every day job. We refer in this case to the nurses and staff of the hospital, who received a rather nice verbal bouquet recently. Nursing director Mrs. Doupagne showed us the letter and we thought it worthy of print.

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8 Gairey Drive,

I am writing to express my most sincere thanks to you for your wonderful care and kindness you gave to me in the emergency room and throughout the early hours of that Monday morning. It is said that it is difficult to repay, or express what one feels, this seems to be one of these times. All I can really say is thank God that we have people like you who are so dedicated. I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the rest of your staff who were so kind to me. The staff in War A and B, the staff from the Lab. Mrs. Sommer and the kitchen staff for their patience.

Everyone was wonderful — it is hard to define, there are some I feel I must rate for excellence.

Yours most sincerely,

— JOHN BOYD

Study Home for Elderly in Southern Part of Halton

With the new 'Martin House' addition to Halton Centennial Manor barely opened, Halton County Council, on Friday, broke out in a heated discussion about another home for the aged in the southern part of the county.

A resolution from the Manor Committee of management merely stated that a study should be made of the feasibility of building another Home for the Aged. Deputy reeve Frank Rogers took exception to this, claiming that everyone understood the next manor would be somewhere in the lakeshore area.

Reeve H. H. Hinton of Acton claimed a T-section wing should be added to Martin House, since all the services were already there. "We are very conscious of the need for space in the south, but this should be done first as it is more economical" he maintained. "It would be senseless to do otherwise," he added.

Reeve Herb Merry of Oakville reminded council that it was the opinion of the people who pay 80% of the cost that a manor should be in the south. "I even told my council that the next move was to purchase land on No. 2 Highway or the lakeshore for just that purpose."

Deputy reeve Art Speight backed up the Oakville reeve, saying he understood the next manor would be in the south, where the large population is.

Warden Bill Coulter reminded council the study would take all these matters into consideration, and hoped a report would be forthcoming soon.

CANDIDATES

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5,000 votes, more than a 30 per cent increase over the NDP total in the previous election.

Mr. Gillies believes the housing development crisis should be relieved and education standards should be improved without putting the burden on the municipalities. He criticized the present government for 'fuzzy headed welfare handouts' and suggested farmers need the welfare.

GEORGE KERR

George Kerr, present P. C. M.P.P. for Halton County, will run for re-election in the new Halton West riding. Mr. Kerr, a unanimous choice to represent the Conservatives, was first elected to office in 1963.

A native of the Gaspe Coast, Mr. Kerr, attended the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton in a pre-law course and graduated from Dalhousie University a lawyer in 1953.

The father of three, he moved to Hamilton in 1954 and was admitted to the Bar in 1954 and began his own practice in 1958. The P. C. candidate served on Burlington council in 1956 and 1957 and later entered municipal politics on a two year term.

Mr. Kerr has been active with the recreation committee Kinsmen Club and the Retarded Children's Association.

JOHN LUSH

Hugh John Lush, a Burlington stockbroker, will represent the Liberals in next month's contest for a seat in Halton W.

A native of Regina, Saskatchewan, Mr. Lush, 42, has many yeirs of finance and investment experience behind him. He is a graduate of Queen's University with a degree in Economics and joined Canadian Johns-Manville upon graduation as a Financial Analyst in which capacity he remained for three years.

Mr. Lush has since spent 10 years in a number of senior executive appointments with the Montreal Stock Exchange including the position of Assistant to the President.

In 1960 he was appointed Controller of Canadian Liquid Carbonic Corporation. For the last five years, Mr. Luch has been Hamilton Manager.

Mr. Lush serves as chairman of the Investment Dealers' Association of Hamilton and Niagara District. He has served on many charitable appeals including the Heart Fund. Mr. Lush is married with four children.

TED McDONALD

A 45 year old teacher at Alderwood Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke with seven years' experience in Burlington Central high school, Ted McDonald will carry the NDP hopes in the October election.

After three and one-half years in the RCAF, he received an honourable discharge and graduated from Queen's University in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, before returning to the teaching profession.

The NDP candidate was the president of the York South CCF group and district captain in York South when Donald MacDonald, provincial NDP leader was elected.

Mr. McDonald's campaign will be based about the need for improvement in the educational system and the distribution of education costs.

He is married and has three children. They make their home in Burlington.

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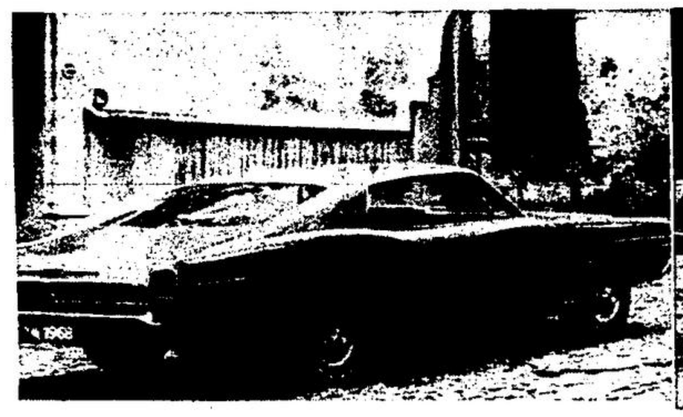

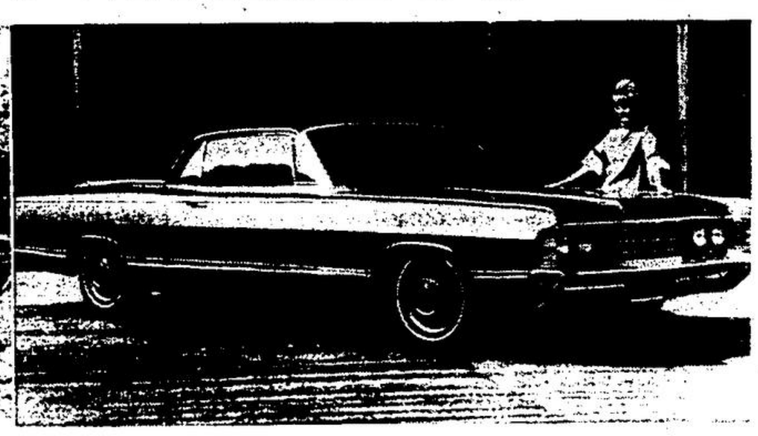

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