

HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT'S

TOM LESLIE of R. R. 4 Georgetown inspects on ear of com among towering stalks which attest to agricultural reports of a good crop. Halton Agricultural Representative Henry Stanley informed the Herald the corn crop is coming along well, and, if frost holds off for another two or three weeks, will be "very good."

Federation Critical New Farmlands Assessment

· New assessment policies for Kerr, MPs for Halton East and Balton County farmlands came Halton West respectively, adander sharp criticism at a meet dressed the meeting. ing attended by about 350 farpers, in Milton, Wednesday.

Snow said.

Although the discussion had centred around agricultural as-

sessment, it was more important

To the man who said the new

policies will squeeze out the

the local assessors, we can pre-

BRIDGE CLUB

North - South winners: 1s.

East - West 1st, Mrs. Suc

George Mundy, Mrs. George

Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Wal-

Jim Kalil, Richard Raymond;

They unanimously supported he property committee of the to consider agricultural taxation Falton County Federation of Agculture in its efforts to get ad-Justments through the court of revision.

Five county assessors came to small farmer and lead to syndithe meeting to defend the new cated farms, Kerr said: "We policies, but they could have want to avoid syndicated farms duried them as far as the far. We hope that with the help of mers were concerned.

serve the small farms." After each assessor had out-Ilmed the policies, which will increase assessment on many farmers, speaker after speaker left little coubt of their oppos-! ition to the policies.

Ernest Williams, assessor for Twelve tables played last Burlington, said it is the first week at Georgetown duplicate change in the value of farm as- bridge club which meets each essement for 25 years. Tuesday in the Legion auditori

"You will find yourself classi. um. fied now according to the type of land you have" he said.

-Under the new assessment 2nd W. Wandel, Bill Coats; 3rd Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. R. Wilmanual, a points system will be used to equalize assessment ac-liams; 4th, Mike Lorusso, Camcording to the value of farmlands. Prime agricultural lands; will be assessed the highest Sullivan, S. Heller; 2nd, Mrs while rocky, flooded, bushy and Anne Pritchard, Mrs. Wallace otherwise inferior lands will be Thompson; 3rd Mr. and Mrs. assessed the lowest. Tom Warnes; 4th, (tie- Mrs.

New Policies

County assessor Bob Beach, ter Biehn. who introduced the assessors from Burlington, Oakville, Esquesing and Nussagaweya Townships, said the changeaver to the new policies began in 1965 after a study revealed a wide deviat ion from actual market value. The deviation had been from 15 to 30 per cent in some municipalities, and Halton County found itself in the latter categ-

The last time land was reas sessed in the county was in 1961 and at that time assessments were decreased, he said.

"Even though form assessment in Halton accounts for only 4.7 per cent of the total, the assessors were very careful and thorough in their efforts to reach a fair adjustment" he

The municipalities concerned are expected to begin mailing, assessment notices around the end of the month, and farmers will have 14 days in which to appeal their assessment before the court of revision.

Form Land

One assessment commissioner raid that under the new assessment act, farms will be valued as farms not as land sold for

This later prompted an emo-Alona! debate over the definition of a bona-tide farmer, and one farmer was moved to define him

"The man who is being i

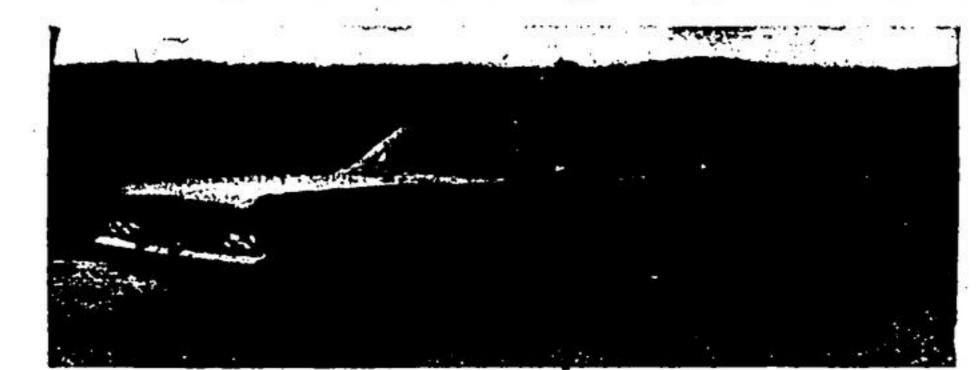
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