



**HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT'S EYE?**

**TOM LESLIE** of R. R. 4 Georgetown inspects on ear of corn 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 Halton County farmlands came under sharp criticism at a meeting attended by about 350 farmers, in Milton, Wednesday.

They unanimously supported the property committee of the Halton County Federation of Agriculture in its efforts to get adjustments through the court of revision.

Five county assessors came to the meeting to defend the new policies, but they could have buried them as far as the farmers were concerned.

After each assessor had outlined the policies, which will increase assessment on many farmers, speaker after speaker left little doubt of their opposition to the policies.

Ernest Williams, assessor for Burlington, said it is the first change in the value of farm assessment for 25 years.

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

Under the new assessment manual, a points system will be used to equalize assessment according to the value of farmlands. Prime agricultural lands will be assessed the highest while rocky, flooded, bushy and otherwise inferior lands will be assessed the lowest.

**New Policies**

County assessor Bob Beach, who introduced the assessors from Burlington, Oakville, Esquesing and Nussagaweya Townships, said the changeover to the new policies began in 1965 after a study revealed a wide deviation 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 category.

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

"Even though farm 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 said.

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.

**Farm Land**

One assessment commissioner said that under the new assessment act, farms will be valued as farms, not as land sold for other uses.

This later prompted an emotional debate over the definition of a bonafide farmer, and one farmer was moved to decline him as: "The man who is being squeezed."

Both James Snow and George,

Kerr, MPs for Halton East and Halton West respectively, addressed the meeting.

Although the discussion had centred around agricultural assessment, it was more important to consider agricultural taxation Snow said.

To the man who said the new policies will squeeze out the small farmer and lead to syndicated farms, Kerr said: "We want to avoid syndicated farms. We hope that with the help of the local assessors, we can preserve the small farms."

**BRIDGE CLUB**

Twelve tables played last week at Georgetown duplicate bridge club which meets each Tuesday in the Legion auditorium.

North - South winners: 1st, Jim Kalil, Richard Raymond; 2nd, W. Wandel, Bill Coats; 3rd, Mrs. Fret Allen, Mrs. B. Williams; 4th, Mike Lorusso, Cam Sinclair.

East - West 1st, Mrs. Sue Sullivan, S. Heller; 2nd, Mrs. Anne Pritchard, Mrs. Wallace Thompson; 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warren; 4th, Mrs. George Mundy, Mrs. George Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

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