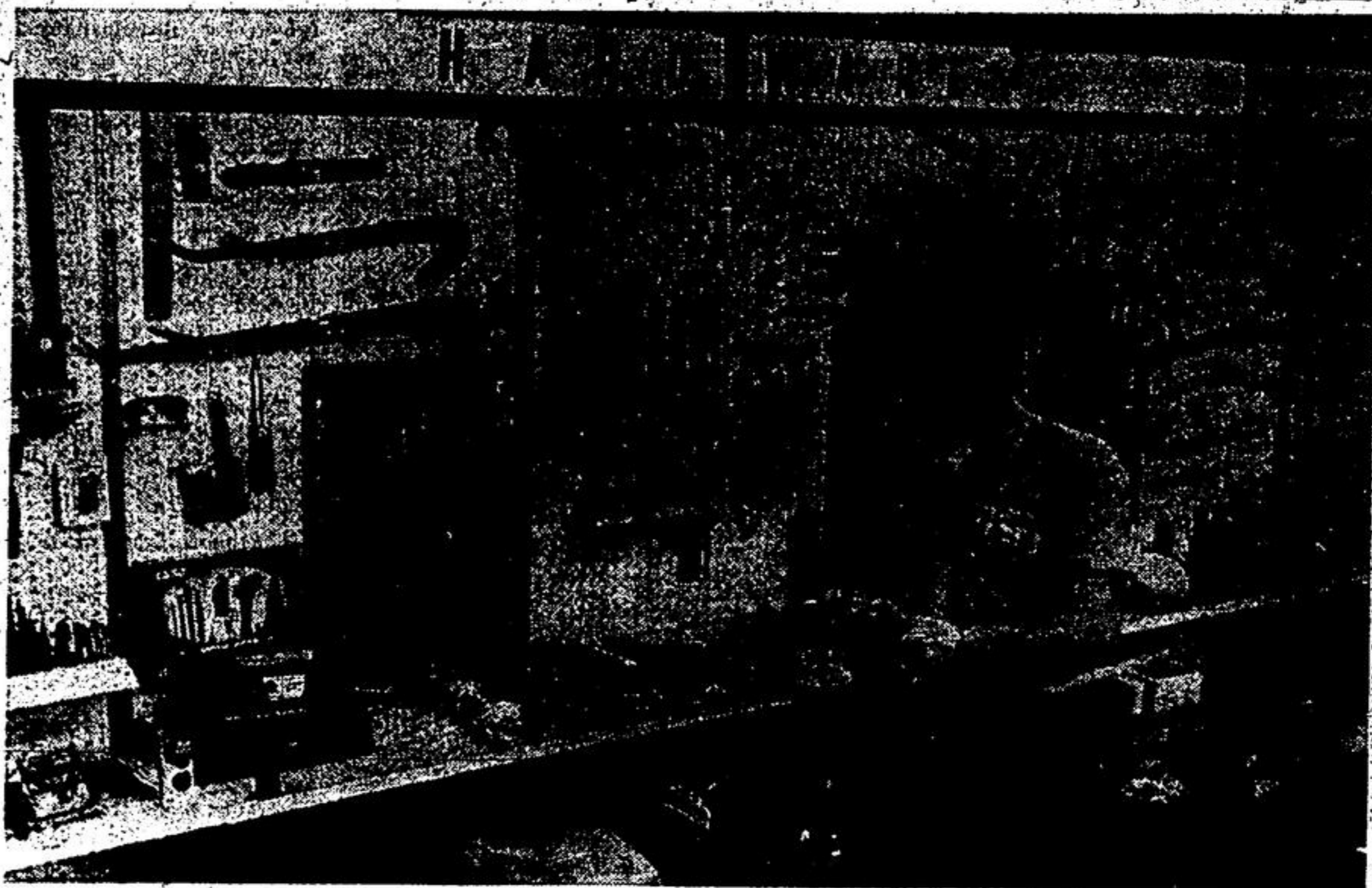


# From Nine Farm Clubs To Complete Co-Op



John Perrott, Georgetown UCO assistant manager, in the hardware section of the bright, new Guelph Street store.

UCO Halton and Orangeville council chairman George Pelletier's description of Ottawa's recent Agricultural Congress — that it "appeared to dissuade our youngsters from taking up farming" — vividly expressed a mood generated there. But George himself is currently devoting a good deal of his time and energy directing the activities of a co-operative that will benefit the youngsters that do go farming.

In 1935, for instance, the farm clubs realized they were not supplying the service to members they could be providing. They moved to incorporate the Milton Club as Milton District Co-operative. The first annual meeting, held two years later, reported savings of \$109.75 on a volume of \$34,235 to the 50 members. Later in 1937, the Milton Co-operative

took another forward step which was to profoundly affect its future — affiliation with United Farmers Co-operative Ltd. (UCO today).

The Co-op expanded a year later, taking over the Willmott coal business at the CNR station and leasing a store on Main Street. In 1944, the need to comply with requests for a more complete feed service called for the building of a new feed mill at the site of the present property. It was built — along with store and offices — in 1947.

A few years later, the Georgetown Feed Mill was bought, and in 1952, in keeping with its enlarged area of operations, Milton District Co-operative became Halton Co-operative Supplies.

In 1956, while Halton was building petroleum bulk storage at its Georgetown property farmers in Orangeville were incorporating their own co-operative. This was an event which would eventually affect Halton, too.

A continual upgrading of facilities and staff took place throughout the 1950's culminating in the purchase of the Erin Feed Mill as Halton's third branch in 1959.

As the agricultural pattern shifted again, the co-operative

was called upon to provide grain storage at Milton in 1963, which they did. The following year, a grain dryer was installed, and fertilizer and other storage space was built at both Milton and Erin.

In 1966, again to keep up with the changing face of agriculture and to take advantage of the obvious benefits, Halton Co-operative Supplies merged with United Co-operatives of Ontario.

Since then, the Orangeville District Co-operative Limited, which also merged with UCO in 1966, has been put in with the Halton group. This enabled the two branches to merge their accounting operations, and save on staff. It also paved the way for a switch of feed mill operations from Orangeville (only custom work is done there now) to the bigger and more efficient Erin mill.

Today, in their last full year of operations, the 1250 members of UCO Halton branch contributed to a business volume of \$2,128,558. And more than 30 people on the Halton branch staff handle the work involved in providing patrons service through three feed mills, two bulk liquid and bagged fertilizer locations, a grain dryer, three lawn and garden centres, four retail farm supply stores and three petroleum centres.

## Official Opening of New Co-Op Today

The new Georgetown branch of United Co-operatives of Ontario will be officially opened at 10.30 a.m. on October 23. Present at the unique, chain saw cutting ceremony will be Georgetown mayor, Wheldon Emerson, the Provincial M.P.P. for Halton County James Snow, and a UCO director, Fred Hamilton of Guelph.

The new facility, was created as result of a major overhaul of the old Georgetown co-operative store. Still at the downtown location, it is now a modern new urban and farm supply store.

"Parking was the major problem at the old store," says George Pelletier, chairman of the council of the UCO Halton group, which includes Georgetown.

"With our new store, we've not only solved that problem, but added much needed merchandise display space and increased our storage area substantially," Mr. Pelletier adds.

The increased space is being used to keep the branch abreast of the changing rural and urban characteristics of the area, indicates the branch manager, Glen Kelly.

"We've added more hardware plumbing and white goods lines to our store merchandise to cater to the increasing urban nature of our trade," says Mr. Kelly.

The co-operative branch will continue to provide its rural members with its extensive line of livestock feeds and a wide range of farm supplies.

The branch continues to provide a bagged feed service, but the original old mill at the facility was dismantled a year or so ago. All local grains are now handled through the group's mill at Erin.



## TULIPS AT HOSPITAL REMINDERS OF LIBERATION

Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital groundskeeper John Schenk prepares a spot near the hospital flag staff for some of the 250 tulip bulbs presented to the hospital last week to commemorate in 1970 the 25th anniversary of the liberation of Holland in which the Canadian Armed Forces played a major role. From left are, hospital administrator Fred Whittaker; board chairman Denney Charles, and Mrs. Connie Holland Liberation Committee. The tulips are registered under the name "Holland Liberation."

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### NORVAL

## Norval District Winner at International Plowing Match

Placing among the winners at the recent ploughing match held at Paris, Ont., from this district were: Larry Pickett, Harley Pickering, Stan and Dwight May, John Wilson and his sister Jean Wilson, George Dixon, Keith Leslie and the County team of Carl Sinclair and Harley Pickering. Mary Pickett received honourable mention in the Queen of the Furrows Class and Sylvia Shaw of Peel County placed second.

Spencer Wilson was a popular coach in the Mayors Class coaching both Mayor Emerson of Georgetown who received honourable mention and Mayor Best of Milton who placed second. Congratulations to the successful competitors.

Parents of the Norval Cubs attended a special cub meeting held in the parish hall on Thursday evening Oct. 16 when Marion Young and David Bailie were invested and it was registration night. There are 33 Cubs enrolled with Ron Frost as leader and Marie Fendley as assistant.

The LA for Scouts and Cubs held a meeting following the Cub meeting and new officers were elected, president Mrs. Joan Young; secretary, Mrs. Jean Lindley; treasurer, Mrs. Pat Dellio.

A new men's group committee for Scouts and Cubs has been formed recently composed of representatives from the three Norval churches. The executive are, chairman Don Strahtdee; vice chairman Norman Guthrie; secretary Russ Hamilton; treasurer Charlie Carney. They hope to get a Scout troop going once again in the village.

The Cubs held a very successful Apple Day on Saturday, October 18.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Barnhill (nee Ruby Cole) who were married on September 26 in Wesley United Methodist Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Warwick Coupland is now home and getting around on crutches. He spent about two months in hospital following a broken leg as the result of an accident in his home and other complications. He was in Georgetown Hospital and later in Toronto General hospital then back to Georgetown hospital for convalescence. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Norval and Union Presbyterian YPS officers installed by Rev. R. Duncanson at the church service at Union Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Oct. 12 were president, Marlon Young; vice president, Lila McClure; secretary, Arlene Leslie; treasurer, Brian Mills; worship convener, Kathy McClure; social convener, Bob Finney.

On Sunday evening Oct. 19 the Norval and Union YPS met at the home of Brian Mills at Terra Cotta. Connie Andrews gave the chapter from the

study book on Mormonism. The scripture lesson was read by John Duff and the prayer by Bob Finney. Rev. R. Duncanson pronounced the benediction.

During the business a Halloween party was planned for Saturday evening. Kathy and Mary McClure were in charge of the lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Young folk from Norval and Union YPS have been prominent in the news recently. Several were elected to the executive of the Brampton Presbyterian YPS on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Milton. From the Norval Union group were president, Terry Leslie, vice president, Norma McClure and publicity convener, Marion Young.

Lorene Archdeacon, another YPS member, who won the Dairy Princess crown at the Canadian National Exhibition this fall, left on a trip to Britain on Monday, Oct. 20 where she will represent Canada, and Mary Dolson won the Peel County Queen of the Furrroughs at the recent ploughing match.

Gary Irwin Rice, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rice, was baptized by Rev. R. Duncanson at Union Presbyterian Church on Sunday Oct. 19.

Norval and Huttonville Sr. Hi-C group elected new officers, president Bryan Reynolds, vice president, Karen Swerdfeger, secretary, Brenda Pickett, treasurer Cathy Beamish. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jones are the councillors. They meet each Sunday evening in Huttonville church and hold discussions on subjects of interest to young people.

A Jr. Hi-C group was started on Sunday evening Oct. 19 in Norval United Church with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ciglen as councillors. Officers elected were president, Betty June Laidlaw, vice president, Lynn Penson and secretary treasurer Donna Pickett. At their meeting they viewed a film This Call For You and held a discussion on the film.

The Norval 4H girls met at the home of Mrs. Bob May on Thursday evening October 2 with 15 members present.

The designs for the book covers and a name for the group was chosen with Beth Castle's suggestion and design the winner with 'Meat Queens'.

It was decided to order books for each one on "How to Buy and Cook Meat" with Heather Hyatt in charge of ordering the books. The food value of meat was discussed. Wendy May and Gwen Webb cooked meat dishes which were enjoyed for lunch.

On Wednesday evening Oct. 8 the Meat Queens held their regular meeting and meat cookery was discussed. Beth Laidlaw and Kathy May cooked stuffed tomatoes and Spanish steak and the girls sampled them for lunch.

— Mrs. Ed McLean

### ASHGROVE

## Hillcrest UCW Meet For October Meeting

The Friendship Unit of Hillcrest UCW was held on Tuesday evening, October 14 at the lovely new home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Thompson with eighteen ladies attending. President Mrs. Ward Browbridge opened the meeting with an Autumn Poem.

Worship service was by Mrs. George Wilson on 'Ruth the Faithful' and the hymn 'Come Ye Thankful People Come' was sung. Mrs. John McNabb was in charge of the Study Book and gave the final chapter on 'China in Canada.' To many China seems a puzzle. Their history goes back four thousand years and their population is 740 million. Almost everyone is poor and they still work in the primitive way. But they are a happy race of people and quite content with things as they are.

A question and answer period followed, then at nine o'clock all watched on television the program 'Under Attack' where the College students from Waterloo Lutheran University were questioning Dr. Robert McClure, moderator of the United Church, on different subjects.

After this went off the air, our secretary read last month's minutes and called the Roll.

which was answered by 'Bring an article made in China.' The Workshop at Lorne Park on October 23rd was announced and meeting closed with a social hour.

— Mrs. John Bellbody

### SILVERWOOD

## Mrs. R. W. Norton Wins Flower Show Trophy

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith are home again after a holiday at Fenelon Falls recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marchington visited with son Bob and family in Preston over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. W. R. Norton has the greenest thumb in the district. The mum show on Wednesday evening October 15, the last of the Georgetown Horticultural Society flower shows for 1969 proved again that Anne knows how to grow flowers.

She won T. Eaton trophy for highest aggregate points for the year 1969. Again a trophy the most points in roses in September and once again a trophy for highest number of points for the September show. Congratulations to you Anne.

— Alicia F. C. Scott

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