



TRACTORS MAY BE more efficient but will never match the beauty of a team of horses. This team was one of two at the Halton County Plowing match this year. —(Staff Photo).

# Cold weather doesn't hinder Halton plowmen

By Henry J. Stanley

The annual Halton Plowing Match held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the farm of H. Craig Reid, R.R. 6 Milton was quite successful despite the cool fall weather. A total of 38 tractor lands and three horse lands were plowed.

In the evening, everyone moved to the Masonic Hall, Milton for the banquet and presentation of prizes. Head table guests were W. Timbers and Bill Simpson, judges; Mrs. Ella Foote, councillor for Burlington; Don Gordon, councillor from Oakville; Mayor and Mrs. Brian Best, Milton; Len Jefferson, director on the Ontario Plowmen's Association from Wellington County; along with the executive of the Halton Plowmen's Association, under

the leadership of Frank Peacock.

Future of family farm  
Mary Anderson, R.R. 3 Milton was crowned Halton Furrow Queen by Mrs. Jack Taylor, wife of the Halton secretary-treasurer. Mary, who will represent Halton in the 1972 Ontario Furrow Queen Competition, spoke on the future of the family farm.

Jack Taylor, the 1971 O.P.A. president, was complimented by Mayor Best on the excellent manner in which the 1971 International Plowing Match was organized.

Prizes in each class were as follows: Junior plows in soil: open to all; first Lloyd May, Arnis; second Stanley May, Hornby; third Dwight May, Hornby.

Tractors in soil open, open split: first Keith Robinson, Cookstown; second Morris Comay, Princeton; third Bert Robertson, Acton.

Open mounted plows—Two furrows or more—open split: first Bryan Marshall, Milton; second—Glen Gray, Blackwood, third—Shelby Williams, Caledonia; fourth—Ray Craig, Caledonia East; fifth Larry Picket, Georgetown.

Tractor mounted plows—two (or more) furrows—(Halton only) first Murray Brecken, Burlington (Eaton's of Canada Silver Walter); second Jeffrey Tapp, Burlington (Judge George E. Elliott Memorial Trophy and Great Drebhook Special \$15.00 to first year competitor).  
Tractors in soil—open: Bert

Perriman, Arns; second Waa Jarvis, Agincourt; third—John Williams, Caledonia; fourth—John Degees, Mount Albert; fifth Don Little, Sunderland; sixth Brian Reid, Hagersville; seventh Jean Wilson, Norval; eighth Robert Brander, Misalsauga.

Tractors in soil—open—three or more furrows 16" plow: first Herb Jarvis, Agincourt (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trophy).

Four or more furrows—12 or more width, first Harley Pickering, Oakville (1 year Subscription to Hamilton Spectator); second Sherwood Hume, Milton; third Harold Biggar, Oakville.

The Ernest Irvine Tractor Utility class—Two (or more)

Furrows—(Halton Only) first Larry Picket, Georgetown (Bank of Montreal Special); second—Harley Pickering, Oakville; third Murray Brecken, Burlington; fourth Jean Wilson, Norval.

Tractor Utility Class—Open first Keith Robinson, Cookstown; second Ivan De Geer, Mount Albert; third Bert Robertson, Acton; fourth Roy Craig, Mono Rd. fifth H. H. Jarvis, Agincourt; sixth Morris Bonner, Princeton; seventh Shelby Williams, Caledonia; eighth John H. Held, Hagersville; ninth Robert Brander, Misalsauga; 10th Bryan Marshall, Milton.

Other winners were Hank of Nova Scotia Special, Bert Robertson, Esso Special, Bert Robertson, International (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Trophy), Harley Pickering, Halton Queen of the Furrow, Mary Anderson and J. E. Whitehead Trophy by Canada Trust for the high competitor in Junior match went to Harley Pickering.

Horse show winners were Ron May of Hornby first and Lloyd May of Arnis second.

## Tax rebate program on OFA agenda

Farmers from across Ontario will gather in Hamilton soon to consider the state of their industry. They'll discuss the problems facing farmers and then develop recommendations for their solution.

The farmers will be attending the annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to be held at the Sheraton Connaught Hotel in Hamilton Monday, Nov. 22 through Wednesday, Nov. 24.

One of the big issues on their agenda will be taxation, property taxation in particular.

Last year members of the Federation withheld the education portion of their property taxes to protest what they considered to be an unfair method of financing education. They wanted the provincial government to pick up the whole tab for education, raising the funds on a fair ability-to-pay basis.

As a result of the protest, the Ontario government introduced a rebate to farmers. Farmers with 11 acres or more, or sales of more than \$2,000 received a 25 per cent rebate on their property taxes. Last year farmers got about \$15 million, this year about \$16 million.

Now the Ontario government has proposed to scrap the whole rebate system. Instead it intends to introduce a tax credit scheme. Under this program a farmer would apply for tax credits on both property and sales taxes when he completes his income tax returns. The amount he received would depend on his income.

Some members feel this is merely a token gesture, and that it doesn't really answer the problems of education taxes on property.

It's possible that federation delegates to the convention may decide to oppose the government proposal.

There are many thousands of people who are diabetics, but whose condition has not yet been detected.

## Predict Ontarians will top plowmen

Good plowing, good food and cold nasty weather highlighted the Halton County Plowing Match Saturday. After a full day's plowing, plowmen and guests attended a banquet at the Masonic Hall on Highway 25 south of Milton.

Wm. Timbers, one of two judges at the match spoke at the banquet. He noted the county match was usually one of the best in the province and congratulated organizers for such a fine job.

Keep rules  
He was critical of the plowmen for breaking the rules Saturday, however. He noted the rules set

by the county plowmen called for opening splits in various classes but when it came time to judge, the judges were told to overlook the opening split regulation, he told plowmen.

"When you make the rules, go by them. It is important that you know how to make an opening split," Mr. Timbers continued.

He said the boys' class was an excellent exhibition of plowing and predicted a time when Ontario would once again be highly competitive in world competition. He noted this was the first year they did not have a team in the world competition.

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