



**HALTON TENT** at the international plowing match at Sebringville drew thousands of visitors. With the match in Halton in 1974, they got a preview of the county's attractions from the displays and colored films. The new county flags flutter in the breeze above the colorful tent.  
(Photo by J. Carpenter)

## Halton plowmen at IPM

Many Halton plowmen competed in the tractor and horse-drawn plowing competitions at the International Plowing Match, held at Sebringville west of Stratford from Tuesday to Saturday of last week. Keith Leslie of R.R. 4 Georgetown won a tractor class in the Tuesday section of the show, and claimed a trophy donated by a bank, for the only first prize awarded any Halton plowman. George Atkins of Bronte, a CBC radio commentator, won second prize in a special fun class for press representatives, placing second to a woman. Halton entrants showed well in many of the classes. Halton's junior plowing team of Murray Breckon from Burlington and Harley Pickering of Oakville, winners at the recent Halton County Junior Match, came fourth in the Gulf Oil Inter County match at Sebringville. Murray also placed seventh in a tractor class on Friday and Harley Pickering won a 20th place in a

tractor class Thursday. **Horse classes** Stan May of Hornby and his brother Lloyd May of Ariss (formerly of Hornby) had entries in the horse classes throughout the week. On Tuesday Lloyd came second, Stan sixth; Wednesday Stan was fifth and Lloyd sixth; Thursday Lloyd eighth, Stan ninth; Friday Stan seventh and Lloyd eighth. John Wilson of R.R. 1 Norval was 11th in tractor classes Wednesday, seventh Tuesday; ninth Thursday; 11th Friday in the utility and also 11th in the open. Bert Robertson of Acton competed in the Canadian Champion class on Friday, which was won by Keith Robinson of Cookstown. Bert came 17th. He also placed 12th in utility class Tuesday; 12th Wednesday; seventh Thursday. Larry Pickett of Georgetown was eighth Thursday and fifth Friday in utility classes. Halton Warden Jim Swanborough was an entrant in the

special class for county wardens, but didn't win. Milton Mayor Brian Best also competed in the mayors' class and finished out of the money. **Furrow Queens** Furrow Queen of Halton Mary Anderson was an entrant in the Ontario Queen of the Furrow contest. Jack Taylor of Burlington, a director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, was listed as an "also-ran" in the special class for directors. Milton resident George Swann spent the week at the match as the OPA's "official sign painter" and also toured the grounds with the Sherwood Farms sound car. Halton County Council had an information tent at the match where literature on Halton was distributed along with calendars promoting the 1974 plowing match in Halton. Halton 4-H girls manned the tent and directors of the Halton Plowmen's Association looked after the plowmen's corner of the tent.



**THREE VISITORS** to the Halton county tent, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bushfield and son of Stratford, at the international plowing match admire the large cow hide, lent for the display by Beardmore. The match will be in north Halton in Acton's centennial year.  
(Photo by J. Carpenter)



**STOP! SLOW DOWN.** That's what Acton High School vice-principal Ian Downie is asking students who drive cars to school and citizens who may be using the school parking lots at night. An asphalt hump has been placed across the width of the entrance to the lot to encourage hot-rodders to slow down. Principal Dave Katz just wants to make sure all potential users of the lot know about it.  
(Photo by D. Gibbons)

## Acton parade marks fire prevention week

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 to 14, will be celebrated by the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau with a church parade, a children's poster contest and a concentrated effort to acquaint the public about the causes and prevention of fires. The Bureau's annual church parade will be held Sunday, Oct. 15 in Acton. Firefighters from the five fire departments in Halton County will be parading to Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton for the 11 a.m. service and Acton Citizens Band will lead the parade. This church parade is held annually to direct attention to Fire Prevention Week. **Children's contest** During the next few weeks the local fire departments will be

accepting entries in the Bureau's annual children's poster contest. Students attending Grade 5 in any Halton County elementary or separate school are eligible to enter posters on the theme, "Fire Prevention in the Home" and the winners of the countywide contest will be honored by the Bureau at a banquet in November. The Bureau is also distributing a new place mat to restaurants

and dining establishments across the county. The place mat, bearing a map of Halton County and a fire prevention message, is a new design this year. Each fire department which belongs to Halton Fire Prevention Bureau is planning its own special fire prevention week programs including school fire drills, fire hall open houses, film nights and distribution of literature.

## Resident of Acton for over 60 years

A founding member of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the IOOE, and life member of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Isma Dills died early Tuesday morning, September 26 in Guelph General Hospital. She had been a resident of Acton for over 60 years. Mrs. Dills was the wife of the late George Arlof Dills who published the Acton Free Press and the Canadian Champion, Milton, prior to his death in 1966. Since that time she has been vice-president of Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., publishers of the papers. Well-known in weekly newspaper circles at the national and provincial level, Mrs. Dills regularly attended annual conventions across Canada. She continued her interest in this area as well as locally. She was a 50 year member of the IOOE and a member of the UCW and Trinity United Church. **Attended fair** Mrs. Dills attended Acton Fair, enjoying it and meeting relatives and friends who came to town that day. She was hospitalized the next week. **Born in Milton** Born Isma Victoria Macpherson, November 4, 1893 in Milton, she was the elder daughter of William and Alice Macpherson. The family lived in Kilbride, Galt, Chicago,

Albuquerque, New Mexico and Freeton. Following the death of William, Mrs. Macpherson and the two girls moved to Acton. Dr. W. J. Onions conducted the funeral service from the Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral Home, Acton, on Thursday, September 28 with interment in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were friends and relatives, Bill Mainprize, Bob McArthur, R. H. Elliott, Werden Leavens, grandson Rod Prosser and cousin Gordon Small. Mrs. Dills is survived by her sister, Mrs. Mary Lyon of Lewisburg, Pa. and by three children, Mrs. C. R. Prosser (Frances) of St. Thomas, David of Acton and James of Milton. There are also 11 grandchildren.

## Fears collision

Following a request from Paul Colbourne, a resident of the area, Esquering Council has promised to do what they can to control snowmobiles coming down the hill on St. Helena Road near Speyside this winter. Mr. Colbourne, who is the only resident on the township road said Monday night he fears a serious collision could occur if some action is not taken. "I'm concerned only about the hill, not snowmobiling in general, but some of them come down that hill wide open," he said. He claimed there is only room

for one car on the road as it is. Reeve Tom Hill suggested they could ask that snowmobiles be banned on that particular piece of road or that signs could be at least erected. Councillor Len Coxe said he hoped signs could be put up, but admitted he questioned the legality of it. Council finally decided to contact their roads superintendent and the Department of Transportation and Communication for further advice.

## Elizabeth Drive to get sidewalk

The town engineer has called for three bids on the installation of a sidewalk on Elizabeth Drive and public works committee chairman Councillor Earl Masales said last week preparations for the work are being handled as quickly as possible. Masales said his committee ran into unexpected problems because they found the sidewalk must relate to the future road there. The chairman was responding to a query by Councillor Peter Marks.

## Promote county at plow match

Halton county will be hosts for the International plowing match in 1974 - Acton's centennial - and the Halton county tent at this year's match promoted the county side. The county tent was easily identified by the new and colorful flag advertising the '74 location. In Acton's centennial year the match will be held at the Craig Reid farm on the 10th side road between Acton and Norval. Halton's representatives did quite well in the matches at Sebringville last week although they were not top winners. **Museum display** The display from Halton county museum included old plows, an oxen plow cultivator and carriage jacks, set off on sparkly Dolomite gravel which some visitors picked up for souvenirs. Several hundred copies of the Acton Free Press were supplied and had been taken in a few hours by interested visitors to the tent. Other county papers were also displayed, all gone the first day. A photo display of the county was posted and color films ran continuously. **Hide, saws** A cow hide from Beardmore and Co. attracted curious fingers and Duxton saws were included in the industrial display. Some of the county display will hopefully be set up in Acton arena this weekend for the Passports to Halton visitors to see.

## Business men plow

Saturday, Oct. 14 is the date of Halton's 1972 plowing match and the farm of Mrs. G. Campbell near Moffat will host the all-day event. John Wilson of Norval, one of the directors of the match, is busy promoting a new feature, a special fun plowing class for business and professional men from throughout Halton. It's open to merchants, equipment dealers, service clubs, politicians, even women will be accepted as entrants. Wilson said there's no entry fee and the tractors and coaches will also be supplied free of charge.

## ESQUERING COUNCIL BRIEFS

At their regular meeting Monday night, Esquering Council: **Endorsed a resolution** passed by the University Women's Club of Milton and district dealing with the problem of domestic solid waste disposal. **Passed a by-law** authorizing the use of the new composite ballot at this year's municipal election. **Clerk-treasurer Delmar French** reported council has been granted extended approval of its agricultural holding by-law until April 1, 1973. **Mr. French** also reported that Springbank Sand and Gravel had withdrawn their application to the OMB for approval of a quarry site in Esquering one day before last Thursday's scheduled hearing. He said the same company's application for a site in Nassagaweya township will be heard by the OMB at a later date. **Deputy-reeve Russell Miller** referred a complaint from Casey Bos, a resident of the Fourth Line near Acton concerning the amount of dust on the road recently. Roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow said the road was in such bad shape it had to be graded which unfortunately resulted in temporary excess dust. **Reeve Tom Hill** presided for the three hour meeting with all councillors present.

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