



Music,
dancing,
Halton hoopla



**Plowmen
plumping
'74 match**

HALTON PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION took a crew of supporters to Toronto last week to promote the 1974 International plowing match in Halton, during the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. The delegates from Halton, all 70 of them, are pictured in the photo above. At left are the Halton square dancers, caller Roy Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Breckon, Jack Marchment, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Claude

Inglis and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Hume. They're pictured dancing to the music of Milton Senior Citizens Orchestra in the photo at upper left. Lower left, Halton's Queen of the Furrow Heather Hyatt of Norval pins a sticker "I'll See You in Halton in 1974" on Halton Warden Mrs. Anne MacArthur, one of the municipal officials supporting the plowmen in the big venture of '74.

(Photos by R. Downs)

**Promote '74
plowing match**

Costumed dancers, toe-tapping music, hats, flags, lapel stickers, politicians, pretty girls and Halton hoopla invaded the King Edward Hotel in Toronto one day last week.

Halton Plowmen's Association, which is hosting the 1974 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration on the Craig Reid farm south of Georgetown in September of 1974, put on a demonstration at the annual meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association Tuesday of last week, to promote the '74 match in Halton and ensure delegates they would get a royal welcome from the county.

During Tuesday morning's business meeting, county plowing associations sponsoring this year's and future matches presented brief demonstrations to welcome other delegates. The Halton bid was well accepted and was certainly the most unique presentation of the day.

"Sodbusters" perform Heading Halton's 70 delegates was a square dancing team which promenade into the meeting room and put on a dancing display, accompanied by the Milton Senior Citizens Orchestra. The local orchestra was appropriately renamed "Halton

Sodbusters" for the occasion. Roy Currie was the caller and practically every toe in the room was tapping as the dancers did their do-si-do and allemande left before the large audience, to the accompaniment of the five-piece orchestra's fiddles, banjo, string bass and piano.

Their dancing entertainment was loudly applauded.

Jack Taylor, a past president of the OPA, was spokesman for the Halton delegation. "We're going to have a big show in 1974," he promised, as he extended a warm welcome to everyone. Halton has had plowing matches since 1866 but has never hosted the international, he noted.

George Swann, publicity director for Halton's local committee promoting the match, explained the symbolism of the flags carried by delegates. Warden Mrs. Ann MacArthur extended a "warm welcome to our beautiful county" next year.

Ross Segsworth, general chairman of the Halton IFM committee, promised visitors would have no trouble getting to visit the match as the site is well served by "highways." He introduced the chairman of the various committees:

Secretary Henry Stanley, publicity George Swann and Roy Downs, bands and parades Andy Frank, host farmer Craig Reid, ladies' division Mrs. C. Ironside, lands chairman Cameron Marshall, tented city Jim Carney, farm improvement contest Gerald Carton, gates and parking Bertram Stewart, tractor pool Mel Phelps, teams and horses Stan May, special events Harold Biggar, antiques Sherwood Hume, billeting Spencer Wilson, local day William Rayner.

Halton's pretty young Furrow Queen Heather Hyatt of Norval was also introduced. All Halton delegates wore lapel stickers saying "Hi, I'm from Halton" and "I'll see you in Halton in 1974".

Lambton county is hosting this year's match.

The Halton delegation stayed for the noon dinner, at which T. R. Hilliard, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food, was guest speaker. He spoke on the future of agriculture in Ontario.

One of the future needs, stated Mr. Hilliard, is a land use policy. Land must be protected in order to provide food for the tables in the future. Another critical question is that of farm employment.

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