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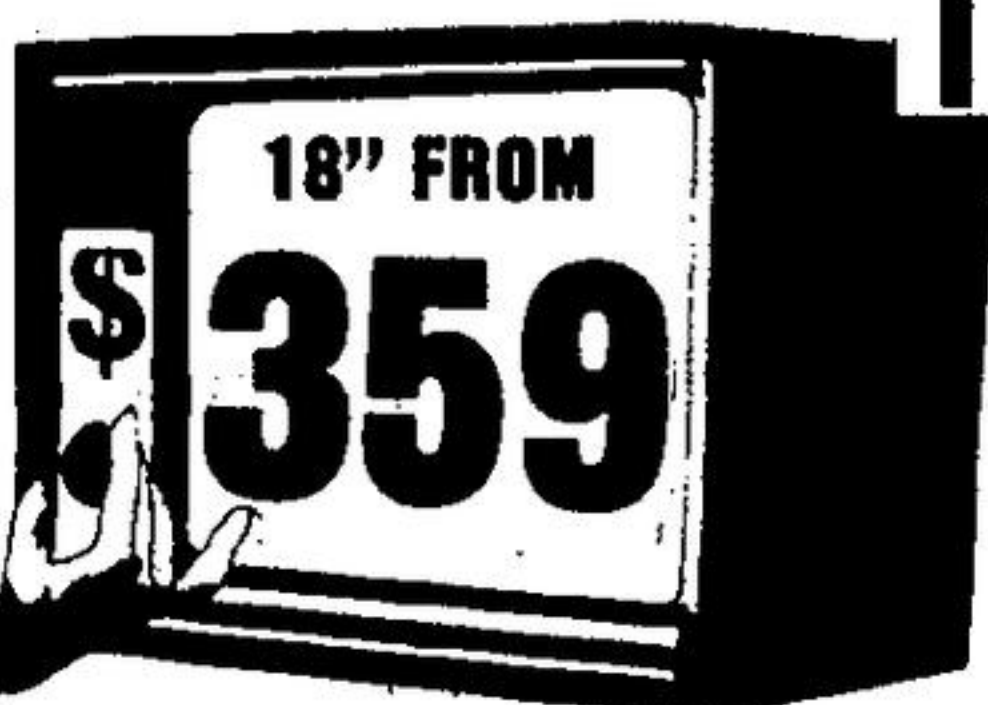
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NEW BOARD MEMBERS for 1974 are shown at the annual meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture. From left are Bill Lawson, Joe Windmoller, Harold Middlebrook, Claude Inglis, Norman Bird, Fred Nurse, Bill Mahon, Craig Reid, Horace Blythe, Gerhardt Treviranus, Vic Lawrence, Harold Biggar, Lloyd Pickering, Bob Merry, Bruce McClure, Arnold Fish and Vern Pickett.

(Photo by J. Beaton)

No outright settlements chairman warns farmers

The annual dinner meeting of the Halton Federation of Agriculture was described by Henry Stanley, Agriculture Representative, as the largest in the federation's history. "This is a strong association now and it is a real pleasure to work with such an active group," he said.

Bruce McClure, Federation president said, "The Ontario Federation with its 18,000 members and your Halton Federation with its 230 members are only as strong or as good as you make it. Voluntary membership has been tried with a good response but it does not get rid of the free-loaders. I feel if a farmer is interested in his own business and puts some of his money in a strong organization, he will become more interested. In my own mind an answer to this problem could be in compulsory check-off."

Thanks committees Mr. McClure gave his appreciation of the work done by the various Federation committees during the past year. He reminded the 150 farmers and their wives present that when they get their 50 percent rebate for their 1973 taxes that it was the work of the Ontario Federation. Just recently the Ontario government passed a bill for \$50,000 tax-free succession duties from father

and son or daughter. Assessing farm land based on productivity has been delayed for most of Ontario and new tax bills in 1977 will be based on productivity assessments.

Harold Middlebrook, chairman of the property committee, elaborated on the subject of assessment appeals. He told the meeting that everyone who appealed in this county before the Ontario Municipal Board should now have their rebate cheques from the province owing them for the remainder of 1970. This year's rebate will be 50 percent of the 1973 taxes and forms will have to be filled out to prove income is over \$2,000 and that half of the 1973 taxes have been paid.

Mr. Middlebrook expressed his views on the Parkway Corridor and the Niagara Escarpment plans. "I will try to explain my own viewpoints on this matter and the stand that the Federation will take," he said. "From the meetings I have attended with government officials and civil servants, I feel that the farmer who thinks he is going to get outright settlements is in for a big disappointment. Land is worth only what it will produce and government officials know this."

He went on to say, "Some people feel that the government should be picking up the

difference between speculative value and productive value and in my opinion this is the wrong attitude. We should be striving for realistic taxes and incentives to keep number one and two land in viable production units."

Mr. Middlebrook said it was the job of a farm organization to protect agricultural land and try to get governments to come up with incentives to keep agriculture in Halton County, and to encourage young men to come into the field of agriculture.

"The farmer I feel sorry for," said Mr. Middlebrook, "is the older man who wants to quit farming and retire. I feel the Federation must convince government to come up with a realistic plan if they intend to keep this land in agriculture."

Set per diem

Members of the Halton Region Land Division will receive \$40 per meeting to a maximum of \$1,600 a year for sitting on that committee.

The committee will handle all applications for land separations in the region. Two members from each of the four area municipalities will sit on the committee and a chairman will be appointed by regional council.

Planner outlines region operation

It will take about \$210,000 in salaries in the initial phases of the regional planning department, planner Ed Cumming told the Halton Planning Committee Wednesday.

He noted one of the first tasks of the new department would be to formulate a regional official plan that would set out an overall planning concept for the region.

He explained there would be two alternate official plans developed. One would be a consolidation of existing plans in the various municipalities and the other would be an independent plan.

In the initial phase Cumming predicted a survey team would be required and would consist of a senior planner, one planner and one planning assistant, while the consolidation team would consist of one senior planner, two planners and one planning assistant.

He proposed the drafting room be staffed with three draftsmen, and that the general office include a secretary for the regional planner, one steno and one clerk typist.

Homemakers display books and projects

By Doreen Bannister Ten of the 15 4-H Homemaking Clubs in Halton County met on Saturday at St. Paul's United Church, Milton, for an Achievement Day. It marked the completion of the fall project, "Accessories for the Bedroom". The day's program was carried out under the supervision of County Home Economist Mrs. Doreen Bannister.

Members displayed the record books and bedroom accessories they had learned to make at club meetings conducted by their local leaders. Included in the display were sewn items such as bedspreads, cushions trimmed with corded piping, and linen dresser scarves, worked with Italian hemstitching. Other articles chosen by members were bulletin boards, wastebaskets, and lampshades.

The afternoon program was made up of demonstrations, skills, and exhibits, one prepared by each club. A large number of visitors were in attendance.

Each of the 75 girls who completed the project received a sterling silver 4-H Homemaking Club spoon. County honors for completion of six 4-H Homemaking Club units went to Dorothy Eakins, Debbie Hood, and Kim Northwood of Palermo, Teresa McCarron, Alice van Ogtrop and Penny Kirton of Dublin, Monica and Rosemary Lukewski of Hornby South

and Lorna Sayers, Acton. Provincial Honors were awarded to nine members who have completed 12 projects. They were Judy Chase, Barbara and Deborah Preston of Hornby North, Irene Kidd and Benita Pries of Nassagaweya, Lynda Sayers of Acton and Dianne Westelaken of Palermo.

Advanced Honors Miss Eleanor Smith of Hornby North was presented with an Advanced Honors Certificate and a silver pie server on her satisfactory completion of 18 projects and nine years of club work.

Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs Leadership Awards were received by Mrs. Douglas Inglis of Campbellville (five years) and Mrs. Cecil Patterson of Hornby South Club (15 years leadership).

A special guest at the Achievement Day was the President of Halton District Women's Institute, Mrs. Mansell Nellis of Acton. The second Halton 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day will be held Saturday, Dec. 15 at Stewarstown Senior Public School.

Exhibit champion

Dave Maher of R.R. 3 Mississauga, Peel County, a member of the Halton 4-H Beef Calf Club, exhibited a Grand Champion Steer at the Toronto Stockyards junior show and sale. This steer was also the champion Angus and sold for \$77. per cwt. Dave also picked up \$200 prize money for exhibiting the champion steer. Ron Appleyard, R.R. 1 Georgetown won the champion Dairy Beef Class with a Holstein-Angus calf which sold for \$52.50 per cwt.

Keith McKinnon, although not placing with his calf, a Limousin-Shorthorn Cross sold for \$54 per cwt. and weighed 1,390 pounds. Brent Coulson, of R.R. 2 Milton, placed fourth in the Shorthorn class. Neil Coulson also exhibited an Angus calf but did not place. Similarly, James Lindsay exhibited a crossbred calf but did not place but received \$55.00 per cwt. for his calf.



RISING ABOVE the crowd, a papier mache Winnie the Pooh was presented to the Junior School at the Ontario school for the Deaf in Milton Friday morning by members of the Hungry Hollow Camping Club of Georgetown. The storybook bear, featured in Georgetown's Santa Claus parade last Saturday was accepted by members of Mrs. MacDonnell's class and will go on display in the lobby of the school. Nancy Massop, a Georgetown student at the school, is in the foreground.