

Halton's prettiest farms, homes win improvement competitions

Owners of 15 rural homes and farmsteads in Halton received \$50 prizes in August when winners of the Halton Farmstead and Rural Home

Improvement competition were announced. The contest was sponsored by the Halton Local Committee for the International Plowing Match.

In an effort to "spruce up" the farms and rural homes in the region.

"We want everyone in Halton to tidy up and beautify

their property, so people will see the best side of Halton when they visit the IPM in September," contest committee chairman Gerald

Carton said.

Visited twice

The contest was divided into three categories—farmsteads, rural homes, and farmsteads which have already been improved. Entrants in the first two categories were visited by Judge R. E. Goodin of Oakville last summer, then he visited them all again this summer to see how much they had improved the appearance of their properties. The farmsteads already improved were just visited once.

Winner of the farmstead section was Brock Harris of Walker's Line, R.R. 6, Milton. Second prize went to Bill Gregg, R.R. 2, Rockwood, while third to fifth prizes went to Fred Nurse, R.R. 2, Georgetown, Peter VanderDussen, R.R. 2, Hornby and Casey Boss, R.R. 4, Acton.

Rural home winner was Joseph Bonanno, R.R. 2, Georgetown. Second place in this class went to David Moffat, R.R. 3, Georgetown. Third to fifth prizes were G. H. Fish, R.R. 2, Campbellville, Keith Copeland, R.R. 2, Milton and Edward Doyle, R.R. 3, Georgetown.

Best of the improved farmsteads was that of Ford Wickson, Seventh Line, R.R. 2, Georgetown. Second in this

class went to Limestone Hall Farms, R.R. 2, Milton, while third was H. C. Reid, R.R. 6, Milton, fourth Reford Gardhouse, R.R. 4, Milton and fifth Gordon McDonald, R.R. 3, Georgetown.

150 entered

Judge Goodin reported there were 60 farmsteads, 46 rural homes and 23 improved farmsteads entered in the contest.

The judge also awarded a special prize, a watering can, to Halton's agricultural representative Henry J. Stanley for what he called "The best garden in Halton."

Judge Goodin showed slides of many of the contest entries, before and after the improvements, and remarked he was very satisfied to see the changes people made.

First prize winners received a cheque for \$50 plus a silver tea service, donated by Simpson's. First and second prize winners will also receive a colored aerial photograph of their property, donated by Glen Eaton. Third to fifth prizes brought \$50 cash awards.

All entrants in the contest received a plaque as well.

More than half the entries were from the Esquesing area of Halton, where the match will be staged, officials report.



THE BROCK HARRIS FARM was first prize winner in the "farmsteads" class of the Halton International Plowing Match farmstead and rural home improvement competition. It is on Walker's Line south of Derry Rd., Milton.



JOSEPH BONANNO HOME, located on Esquesing Eighth Line between Five and 10 Sideroad in Halton Hills, was improved to top the class for rural homes in the IPM contest. Wooden fences, trees and shrubs and flower gardens made it a winner.



FORD WICKSON FARM on Seventh Line near Ashgrove won for already improved farmsteads.

Junior Farmers offer free ride

People attending the International Plowing Match near Georgetown Sept. 24 to 28 will be chauffeured between the parking lots and tent city by 40 Halton Junior Farmers via 35 tractors and wagons.

"In previous years the tractors were donated by machinery dealers. This year however, we had to go to the farmers," said Rae Swackhamer of Acton, chairman of wagon tours.

Farmers who are donating the use of their tractors are receiving \$10 for delivering them to the site and picking them up following the match. Seats on the wagons are being built by the junior farmers with \$500 worth of cedar lumber donated by J. Norman Duncan of Larken Lumber. In dressing the wagons Northrup-King Seed Co.

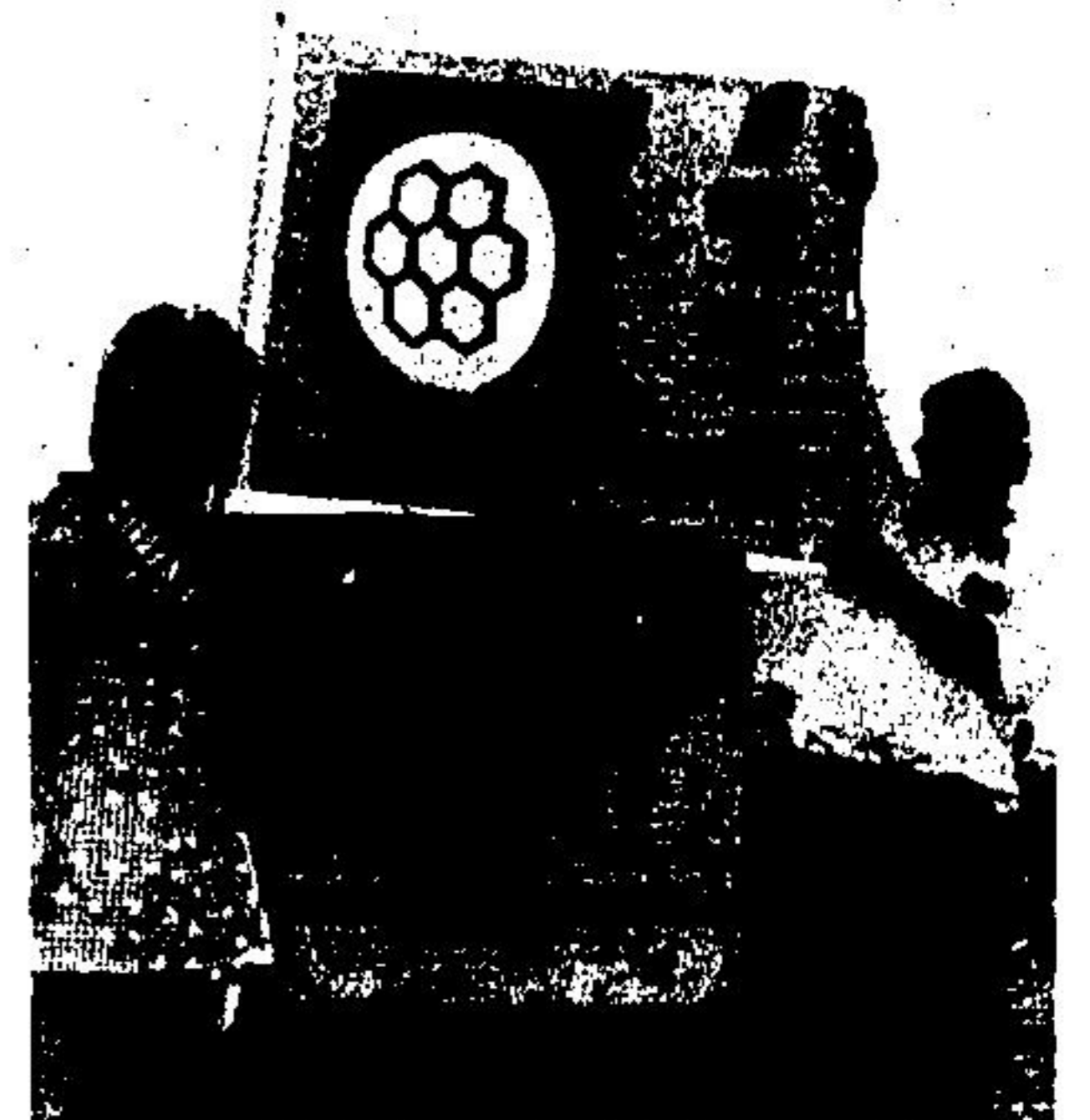
provided all the banners and signs.

Drivers will be wearing white smock coats donated by Imperial Oil and hard hats provided by the Halton Farm Safety Council. The safety council also outfitted drivers with safety kits, safety chains and signs.

All tractors are being serviced at Brooks Farm Service in Limehouse and gasoline is being provided by Imperial Oil fuel station on the southeast corner of the tented city.

Chauffeurs will receive \$2.25 an hour per driver during service times, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., throughout the match, says the chairman.

Wagon rides will also be available for tent city visitors wanting to visit the outlying fields where the plowing takes place.



BUSY PROMOTING the International are 1973 Ontario Furrow Queen Linda Shouldice and Halton publicist George Swann. They are shown with one of the special Halton IPM flags that have been flying for three years.