

Halton's 112th annual

# Crown Queen, honor plowing match winners

The crowning of Halton's 1978-79 Queen of the Furrow was a highlight of the annual banquet which followed the Halton Plowing Match Saturday.

Once again Nancy McKinnon of R. R. 1, Milton received the tiara.

The 20-year-old queen delivered the speech she gave at the International Plowing Match in Huron County this year.

Miss McKinnon is a former Milton Snow Queen and the 1977 Shorthorn Ontario Lassie.

She has been a member of a number of 4-H clubs in the past several years.

Miss McKinnon was presented with the traditional crown, sash and flowers as well as a trophy, charm and cheque.

She in turn presented presents to people who had helped her.

She will represent Halton at the 1979 International Plowing Match.

The traditional presentations for the best plowing from the day's competition were also made.

Larry Hoard of R.R. 4, Milton walked away with the lion's share of honors.

He received the Stan May Memorial Trophy as the contestant with the highest combined score at both Halton plowing matches and the Lloyd May Memorial

Trophy for the best plowed land by a Halton competitor under the age of 18.

Hoard also placed first in the Class 4 event: Open mounted plows, two or more furrows.

This category was open to boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 16. First prize was \$40.

Hoard was one of a number of young plowmen who distinguished themselves in the day's plowing.

Glenn Wilkinson of Norval received the Judge George Elliott Memorial trophy as the youngest plowman in competition.

In Class 2 competition which was open to Halton Junior Farmers and 4-H Club members under 30 years of age, John Reid of R.R. 2, Georgetown came first.

Besides the \$40 cheque he also received the J. E. Whitelock Trophy.

Second in the class was Tom Wilson of R.R. 3, Georgetown and Brian Wingfield, also of R.R. 3, Georgetown, was third.

While Hoard captured first place honors in Class 4, the event open to young plowmen and women between the ages of 12 and 16, Tom Robinson of Cookstown came second and Glen Wilkinson of Georgetown placed third.

There was only one team of horses which actually plowed

this year. While a second team put in an appearance, they were unable to pull a plow.

Plowing officials said the second team was entered for show.

Andy and Gilbert McRobble of Mount Forest placed first and second respectively in Class 1, the horsedrawn section.

In Class 3, open plows, two furrows or more, even split: John Hagar of Fonthill placed first followed by Keith Robinson of Cookstown and Lloyd Reese of Wellandport.

Tom Perin of St. Marys was judged to be the best in Class 5, which was open to those between the ages of 16 and 20. The category description is tractor in sod, open.

Mrs. Theresa Sister of Caistor Centre came second and Gary Johnson of R.R. 2 Norval, third.

Herb Jarvis of Agincourt received the silver tray for coming first in Class 6 which was described as Tractors in sod, open, three or more furrows, 14-inch plows.

Class 7 was four or more 14-inch plows. First was Howard Dunk of Guelph and second Harley Pickering of Oakville.

Pickering, who also captured second place in Class 8 which was utility class, two or more furrows; was presented the International Harvester Company Special Award.

This is presented for the best plowed land in the utility class by a Halton competitor using a mounted plow with three or more furrows.

First in Class 8 was Murray Breckon of Burlington. Keith Robinson of R.R. 4, Cookstown was judged to be the best in Class 9 followed by Lloyd Reese of Wellandport and John Hagar of Fonthill.

Class 9 is a tractor utility class, open split. Furrows can not be touched by hand, foot or stake. No coaching is permitted. The time limit is one hour.

No steam engines attended Saturday's match, although an award for an antique tractor was presented to Keith McKenzie of Acton.

Florence McCann and Betty Wilkinson of Milton

upset the men to capture the horseshoe tournament which was held on the grounds during the plowing match.

They beat out Mark Leahy of Milton and Bert Davidson of Acton for first place honors.

When Davidson came forward to receive the second place prize money, he turned it over to the Furrow Queen.

He said he was getting "too old" for this "kind of nonsense" and wanted to see the money given to someone younger.

Lack of enough land for the

plowing was a criticism plowing judges levelled at the site which was situated on the farm of A. E. Cook (Spring Loam Farm) near the intersection of Bell School Line and Number Two Sideroad in northern Burlington.

Judge Ray Montague said the shortage prevented sufficient land for all of the plowing.

However he and fellow judge Lorne James said the quality of plowing was high.

Montague said the plowing began on time and finished earlier than expected. He said the "soil lent itself to good plowing."

Plowing officials said they were pleased with the turnout of spectators and the number of entrants in the 4-H competition. The match was the occasion for the Halton 4-H Tractor Club achievement day.

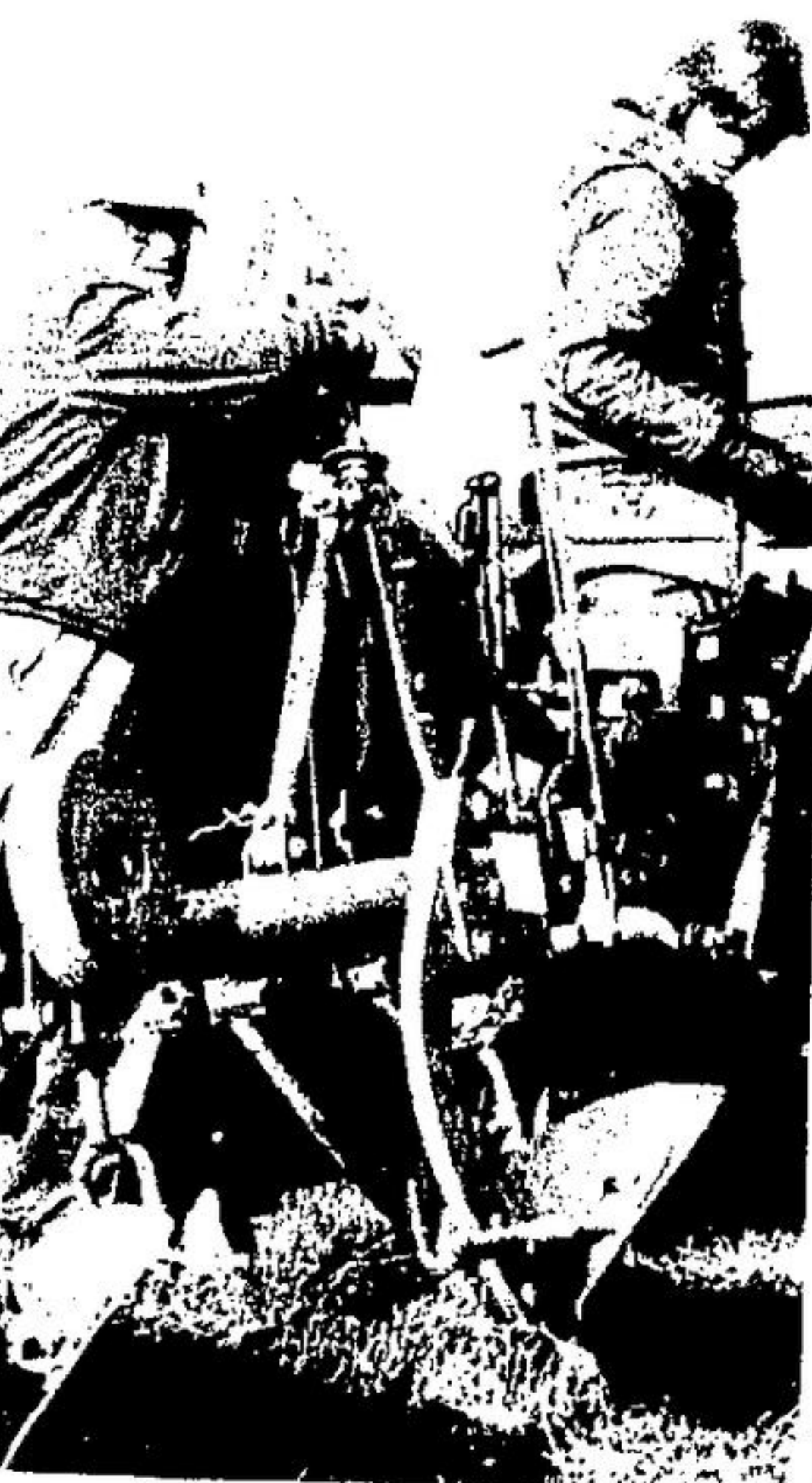
Among the speakers at the banquet were Mary Picket who read a selection of poetry dealing with farm life, and Halton MPP Julian Reed.

Councillor Don McMillan brought greetings from Milton. He represented Mayor Don Gordon who was unable to attend.

The plowmen presented four scholarships. Furrow Queen Nancy McKinnon was one of the recipients as were Roy Fish of Oakville, Jamie Fisher of Burlington and Wendy Lywood of Oakville.

Saturday's plowing match occurred under sunny skies. It marked the 112th time it had been held in Halton.

The first one took place in Nelson Township, Dec. 6, 1866, and according to the plowmen's secretary-treasurer Jack Taylor, is the oldest continuous plowing match in Canada.



SPENCER WILSON of Norval makes an adjustment to the plow of John Reid of Georgetown at the Halton Plowing Match Saturday.

### The star

Playing the "bones" as well as the spoons, Thomas Bradley proved to be one of the stars at the Halton Plowmen's Association banquet at the Masonic Hall Saturday.

## Farm accidents cost lost time

Farmers in Halton Region suffered 110 accidents last year severe enough to cause them to lose time from work.

Workmen's Compensation Board Chairman Michael Starr said the WCB had processed a total of over 2,100 claims from farm workers for lost-time injuries in 1977. Mr. Starr was speaking at the International Plowing Match at Wingham.

Representatives of the WCB were present at the Match to discuss farm injury problems and to promote the farm safety program. The Board finances safety organizations throughout the province, including the Farm Safety Association.

Mr. Starr revealed the WCB had paid out over \$3.5 million in benefits to injured farm workers last year. "I suggest to you that the farming industry is far too important to this province to permit such an accident rate and such a bill in terms of human suffering," Mr. Starr stated. He added that farmers must preach safety to their families and their employees and "they must practice what they preach."

Over 20,000 Ontario farms are covered under Workmen's Compensation.

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## Reid tops in 4-H tractors

John Reid of Georgetown was the top plowman at the Halton 4-H Tractor Club Achievement Day, held at the Halton Plowing Match on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Springloom Farms, Burlington. Tom Wilson, also of Georgetown, placed second.

Third was Brian Wingfield of Georgetown; Fourth, Scott Harris, Milton; Fifth, Bob Allison, Georgetown; Sixth, Doug McPhail, Georgetown and Seventh, John Reid, Milton.

Other competitors were Doug Donaldson, Campbellville; David Agnew, Milton; Jamie Alexander, Oakville; Allan Cunningham, Georgetown; Jay Kitching, Moffat; Glenn McClure, Georgetown; David Richardson, Milton; Dwayne Hiddell, Milton; David Robinson, Georgetown; and Paul Wilkinson, Georgetown.

These 4-H members have attended meetings and kept records on farm machinery. The overall winner in the club will be presented with the Halton Farm Safety Council Trophy at Awards Night on Saturday, Nov. 4 at the E.C. Drury School in Milton.

Club leaders are Bill Lasby of Rockwood and Russell Murray of Acton.



LAUNCHING into his pitch, Bert Davidson prepares to follow-through in the horseshoe pitching tournament at the Halton Plowing Match. Despite his fine form, he and his partner were upstaged by a pair of women.

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