

See Halton's Plowmen Compete Against The Best



HALTON REGIONAL HOSPITALITY FUN CENTRE

Keynote Word Is Hospitality At Big Match

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Halton Hospitality will be dispensed in large measures throughout the five day International Plowing Match at the Craig Reid Farm near Georgetown, starting next Tuesday and running until Saturday.

The 1974 plowing match is a pot-pourri of people pulling together, creative minds and great ideas blending to make this the biggest and best International on record.

There is something for everyone at a plowing match.

A special ladies' program coordinated by Mrs. Charlotte Ironside of Georgetown is planned in a tent designed to seat 500 people.

The program begins at 10 o'clock each morning with entertainment and lucky draws. Two daily flower arranging demonstrations will be presented by florists from throughout the region.

Yummy beef dishes will be cooked on the spot, sponsored by the Beef Information Centre and daily fashion shows will bring the latest designs.

FREE TEA

Free tea, coffee, cookies and entertainment will be provided for everyone in the regional exhibit tent. Dozens of other exciting and fun-filled displays will take place in four tents designed by the region to show off Halton as a great place to live, work and visit, and to extend a warm hand of friendship to the quarter of a million visitors expected to pass through.

A delightful sight and sound program on a panoramic screen, costumed ladies serving in an English style tea garden, a mini-tractor pull, a bubble-covered trampoline for the kids are just some of the unusual exciting events provided for the people who don't know much about plowing.

The town of Milton is sponsoring a continuous program of entertainment arranged and

First Halton Match Held In 1860

The first Halton Plowing Match was held in 1860 by the Halton Agricultural Society.

On November 17, 1891, the Halton Mouldboard Association held their first plowing match on the farm of Johnston Harrison - the day was reported as cold and stormy and the attendance as very fair. There were 14 prize winners.

It is surprising to note that 83 years ago cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 were being offered. By 1897 the cash prizes had been reduced and under "Specials" there was listed: a barrel of salt, value \$1.25; a pair of shoes, value \$1.50; a whip, value \$1.00; pair of mitts, value 75c; and a neckyoke, value \$2.

conducted by Ron Harris. Although a wide variety of artists and groups has been pre-arranged, Ron has made a point of providing for some spontaneous acts. He plans to have on hand, besides a piano, a supply of instruments hopefully the instrument of your choice. You may be picked at random or volunteer from the audience to get up and do your thing, whether it be dancing, singing, corny jokes or instrumental.

PARADE

Everybody loves a parade, so the Halton committee has taken care of that too. Every day at 1 p.m. two bands and hundreds of new vehicles and agricultural implements as well as antique-powered steam-powered tractors, and elephants will march throughout the streets of tent city. Andy Frank, chairman of the parade committee has arranged for 12 bands, two each day; Acton Citizens Band, Georgetown girls pipe band, Kiwanis Cavaliers, Brampton Clown Band, Whitby Brass Band, Burlington Teen Tour Band, Milton Girls Pipe Band, Durham Girls Drum and Bugle Band, Shinglers Accordion Band, Mount Forest Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band, Teeswater Highlanders Pipe Band and Seaforth District High School Girls Trumpet Band.

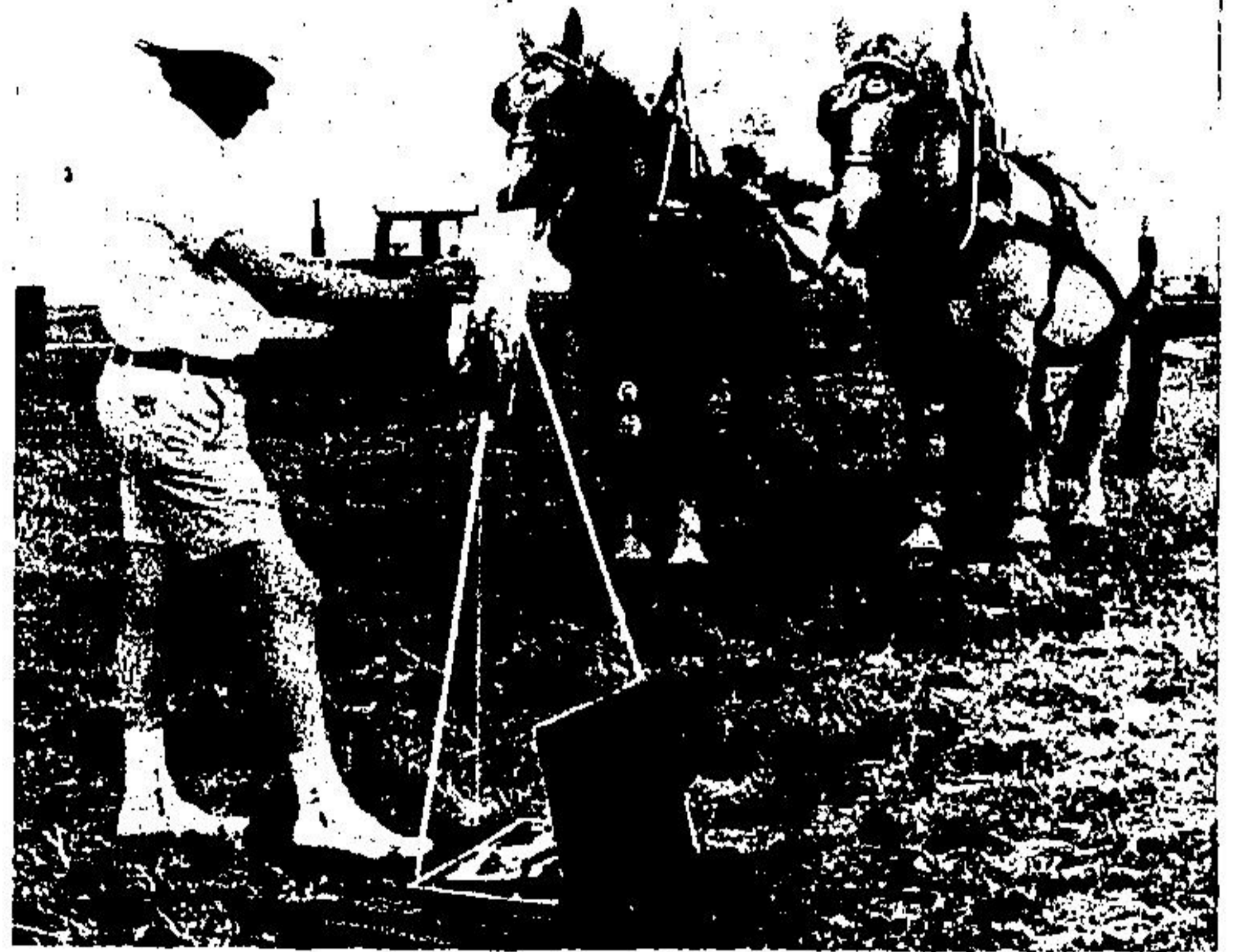
SHEAR SHEEP

Other special events include Ontario Queen of the Furrow competition, sheep-shearing and horse-shoe pitching contests. Plowing contests, helicopter rides, wagon tours, sponsored by the Junior farmers and of course a midway.

Some 50 food concessions have been set up where one can get anything from a hot dog to a good old fashioned home cooked meal.

The Halton Junior Farmers will have a booth selling submarine sandwiches, arranged for them by Terry Chernish, from the Georgetown Sub Shop. Terry will have his employees making hundreds of submarines fresh every morning to be delivered to the site before 7.

So if you're not interested in plowing, there's no need to stay away. Come on out and enjoy some of that good-old-fashioned "Halton Hospitality."



Georgetown artist David Vance prepares for an expected demand for sketches and paintings of the event.

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