



FURROW LEADS TO ROYAL YORK

Gearing up for the 1982 International Plowing Match, to be held Sept. 25 to 29 near Tevlotdale in Wellington County, David and Faye Craig of RR1 Arthur try on the official clothing for the grand event. Mr. Craig is chairman of Wellington's local committee, and is looking forward to welcoming plowmen and spectators to the match on the farm of J.D. Ross and Sons. The official outfits will be on view at the Ontario Plowmen's Association's annual meeting Feb. 15 and 16 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Helping ensure the fit is just right is George Ilume of Brown's Men's Wear in Guelph.

(Ministry of agriculture photo)

Soil and crop annual draws 70 farmers

By HENRY STANLEY
Halton Ag rep
HALTON SOIL AND CROP ANNUAL

Over 70 Halton farmers met for their Annual Soil and Crop meeting at Hillcrest United Church Jan. 19. Last year's Soil and Crop projects were discussed and plans made for 1982.

Corn Rootworm - Henry Olechowski, our Soils and Crops specialist, reported increasing damage from rootworms last year. The roots of the corn plant are eaten off, resulting in greatly reduced yields and causing the corn to goose-neck or bend over which increases the harvesting losses.

Usually, this insect is not a problem unless you grow corn for three or more years on the same field. Last year, damage was found on second year and in a few cases, on first year corn. Corn growers are advised to rotate crops - different combinations of crops on a field, to cut down on numbers of corn rootworms. If rotation is not possible, there are a number of useful insecticides.

Sewage Sludge - Sewage sludge, applied according to crop requirements, and meeting the Provincial quality standards, can be a useful aid in crop production. There is the conclusion of the sludge experiments carried on in Halton last year on three winter wheat, one corn and one oat field.

Each field had one portion treated with sewage sludge while the remainder of the field received fertilizer according to soil tests. Grain yields were similar. The soils were tested and indicated an increase in Phosphorus where sludge was applied - enough for approximately four more

years of crops. There was a tendency for some of the metals to be slightly higher in some of the soils where sludge was applied, but variations were quite small. Leaves of the crops were analysed with no difference in metal content from sludge fields vs fertilizer.

Halton farmers are much more receptive to applying sludge since the Region has purchased a Terragator which can apply more uniform rates of sludge on the fields with less compaction than the old equipment.

Barnyard Manure - "Use manure first, and fertilizer second". This was the advice of Dr. Eric Beauchamp, Land Resource Science Dept., Guelph. The manure produced by a dairy cow each year is the equivalent of \$7 worth of commercial fertilizer if saved and applied to crop fields. Manure consistently gives higher crop yields due to its organic matter and trace element content.

The highest value is obtained if manure can be applied in the spring and worked into the soil. Manure can now be tested at the University of Guelph to tell the level of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash.

HALTON 4-H SHEEP CLUB
The 1982 4-H Agricultural program started on January 19 with the formation of the Halton 4-H Sheep Club. The club member looks after a ewe or market lamb and shows it at Milton Fair Sept. 24.

Club leaders are Doug Gardhouse, Milton 5, and Holly Hurren, Campbellville 1. To date, eight 4-H members between the ages of 12 and 20 have joined this club.

Additional members may join prior to the February meeting.

Time for action now, Julian tells CWL

By BRENDA AUCOTT
CWL publicist
The January meeting of the Catholic Women's League commenced with Mass celebrated by Father Dave Cote in Holy Cross Church.

Guest speaker for the evening was M.P.P. Julian Reed who came to talk to us about the provincial government's role in development and peace. Mr. Reed said that after researching this subject, he found that the government does little to help the Third World.

Emergency food, aid etc., in times of disaster have been sent but there is no provincial government program to help these people on a continuing

basis. Sending material goods and food is only a short-term answer. It has little effect in the long run.

The people of the Third World are striving for self-improvement and a better life and trying to impose our life style on them does not work.

We have to tackle the root cause of the problems - war and economic deprivation. We have to allow these people to develop their own natural resources and utilize the facilities in their own natural resources and utilize the facilities in their own particular country. We need positive action!

Mr. Reed said he would take this whole concern to the

provincial government. "I see economic opportunity for the Ontario government to alter the idea of what it should be doing. We are not isolated, we are part of it. We have to make a commitment."

Quite a long discussion period followed and Mr. Reed answered our questions in detail. Trudy Edwards thanked our guest speaker for coming out to speak to us on such a cold evening and presented him with a small gift.

The business of the meeting followed. Thankyou letters were read from Halton Women's Place, Georgetown High School and the Vanier Centre. A letter from our family in India was also read.

Gord Kearney from the Red Cross Emergency Group also came out to speak to us about a special course which will take place Feb. 10 and 11 at Cedarvale starting at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to take this course on emergency rescue procedures. A number of our ladies are planning to attend.

Burlington benefit

The Burlington Cultural Centre will benefit from proceeds from an art auction of fine arts and crafts Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in the centre's main gallery. The centre is located at 425 Brock Ave. in Burlington, phone 632-7796.

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Young Drivers of Canada

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Cigarette-smoking parents now enduring scoldings from health-conscious youngsters will have to put up with more lectures from the younger generation if the Halton Council on Smoking and Health has its way.



Margaret Macleod of the council said last week that children in nursery schools and daycare centres form an important target group in the campaign "Towards a generation of non-smokers", this year's theme.

"Parents who don't want their children to smoke can help most by giving up cigarettes themselves," Mrs. Macleod said. All smoking habit surveys indicate that youngsters whose parents smoke are the ones most likely to take up the habit.

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