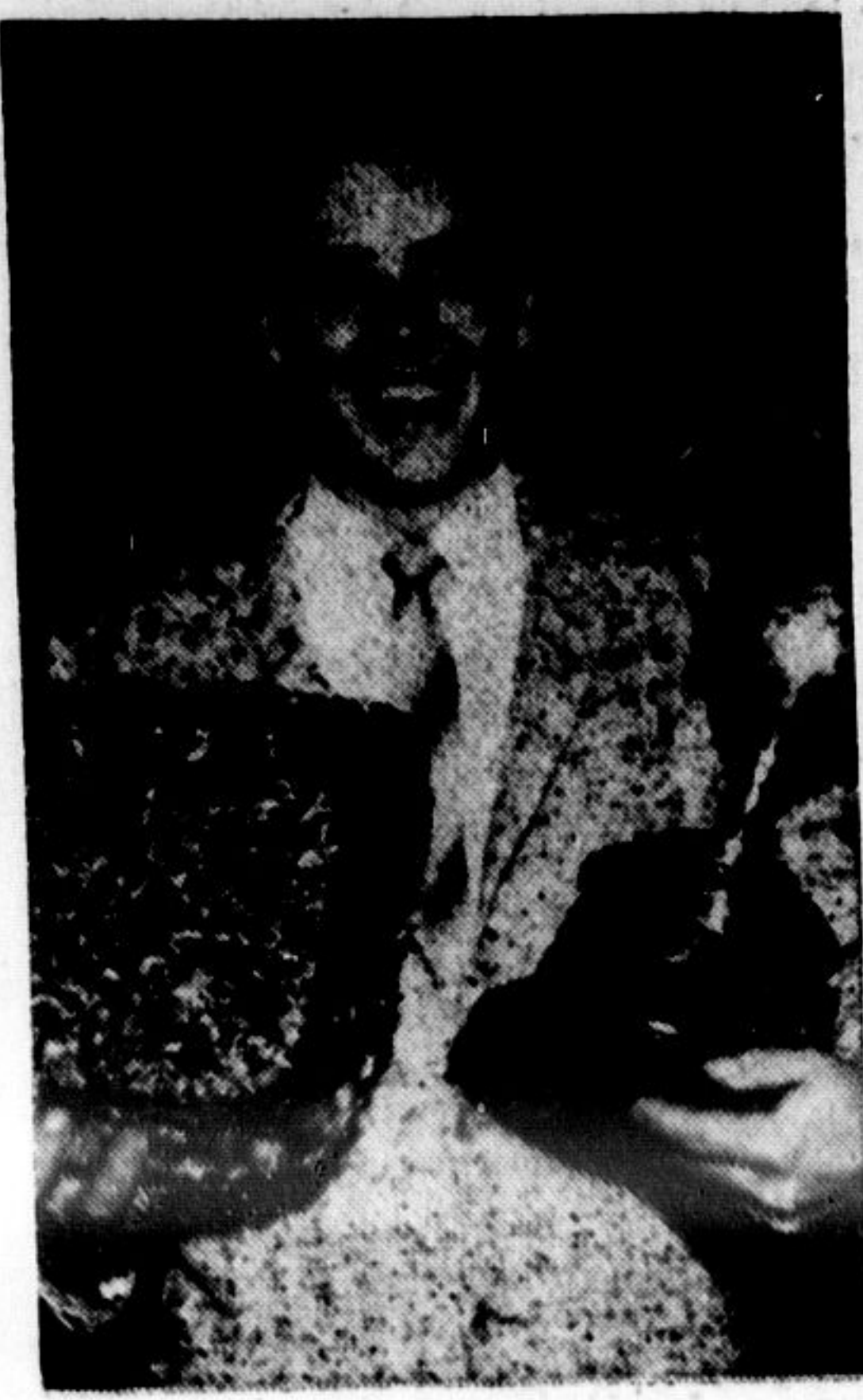




THE HOWDEN FAMILY from Hornby is a family of plowmen, the 1959 Halton plowing match proved. Tom Howden, left, won a prize in the utility class, his 22-year-old son Arnold on the right took a first and a second in adult competition, and son Kenny, age 12, gleaned four awards including three firsts and a special tray. They're all regular competitors at the annual match.



Bob Stark
This Milton lad, 17, picked up the T. Eaton trophy and Bank of Nova Scotia tray at the plowing match Friday.

Keep Farm Fires From Beginning

One out of three farm fires start from defects in heating and cooking systems, according to farm safety specialists.

With the approach of cold weather, many fires will be lit in farm homes in heating systems that have not been checked for some time. In order to help cut down on the number of possible farm fires in Ontario, H. E. Wright, farm safety specialist of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, offers the following advice:

- Points to Check**
- (1) Inspect flues, chimneys, spark arrestors and cooking equipment to make sure they are in good condition.
 - (2) Check for inadequate, defective and misused electrical wiring systems and replace them where needed.
 - (3) Check fuses and all electrical equipment to make sure they are of the proper type and in good condition.
 - (4) Check the storage of fuels and other inflammable material to make sure that it is adequately and suitably protected. See that the storage area is neat and located in a safe area with all fire hazards removed.
 - (5) Inspect lightning rods to make sure they are grounded and securely connected.

O. Mullin's Hat Thrown in Ring

Owen Mullin of Burlington, defeated Liberal candidate in the last Provincial election, has thrown his hat into the Burlington council election ring. He announced last week he would run for town council in Ward One.

Not All Sugary Smiley Learns

While readers were blasting the Champion for leaving out J. M. Starr's "Turning Point" column last week, two of them dropped a word about Bill Smiley's "Sugar and Spice" column as well. Only their comments were not sugary.

"We really laugh at Mr. Smiley. He has a terrific sense of humor but he shouldn't call his wife those terrible things," wrote one reader. "Old Smiley appeals to me but he's a little crude, if you know what I mean," said another.

Five Entries

Halton 4-H Teams Rate High In Inter-Club Competitions

Halton's five teams in 4-H Provincial Inter-club Competitions at Guelph made a commendable showing on October 23. Carolyn Gardhouse and Margaret Lawson of Milton R. R. 5, represented the Halton 4-H Forage Club and stood second in the grain competition. 31 teams, representing various counties in Ontario, participated in the competition.

The most keenly contested was the dairy project, with 87 teams taking part. Two teams from Halton tied for third place in this competition. Nora Beaty and Mike Jenkinson, representing the Halton 4-H Jersey-Guernsey Club, and Barbara Pickard and Mary Lou Taylor, representing the Holstein Club, participated. Both teams had a score of 897 out of a possible 1040.

The Halton 4-H Swine club team of Ernest Alexander and Harold Patterson stood sixth, with 20

teams competing. The Halton 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club team of Bob Merry and Jack Robertson stood sixth, with 36 teams competing.

There were 267 teams of two taking part in the competitions. The program was directed by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

At the evening banquet Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, addressed the contestants. In his remarks, he stressed the value of the 4-H Club program in training rural people for future work.

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Entries Down to 20

Halton Plowmen's Annual Match Ends With Brookville Banquet



YOUNGEST PLOWMEN attending the Halton match near Moffat on Friday were awarded cash prizes by Milton lawyer George E. Elliott. Murray Harris, 11, of R.R. 6, Milton was the youngest by on the field in his first year of competition. Kenny Howden, 12, of Hornby took second prize.

Despite good weather and excellent sod for plowing, only 20 entries were made at the annual Halton County plowing match, held Friday on the Moffat farm of Grant Campbell. Officials of the Halton Plowmen's Association said it was the smallest entry they could remember, but praised the competitors for good sportsmanship which made a big success of the day.

Cloudy skies early Friday morning were blamed for keeping many plowmen from outside the county at home for the day. However, the sun did shine and it made an excellent day for the fall match.

Three span of horses were entered, including the two local entries of Stan and Lloyd May who each took a first prize as well as a third. Besides the 17 tractor plows, a small equipment and machinery display drew a good crowd of spectators to the picturesque farm in the northern section of Nassagaweya township.

The ladies of Nassagaweya Presbyterian church did a booming business in pie, coffee and sandwiches on the grounds, and Boy Scouts from the Campbellville troop sold apples throughout the day.

Commercial exhibits were entered by Bill Bailey "The Oil Man".

Milton Milling, Forney Arc Welders, Hornby Garage and Ferguson and Sons of Rockwood.

Big Entry
Largest entry was seen in the Ernest Irvine tractor utility class, with 11 entries.

First vice-president Clebert McDowell welcomed the guests to the annual banquet following the competitions, held at Brookville Hall and catered to by the Ebenzer W.A. President Len Lister was ill and unable to attend.

Head table guests were the speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Campbell and Mary Lou Taylor, Halton's Dairy Princess, and were introduced by assistant agricultural representative Doug Jackson.

Welcomes Guests
Nassagaweya deputy reeve A. R. Service welcomed the guests on behalf of the township, as Reeve and Halton Warden J. A. Milne was unable to attend. Andy Frank gave two violin selections.

Guest speaker J. E. Whitelock, former agricultural representative for Halton, was introduced by honorary president Stan Hall, M. L.A.

Mr. Whitelock congratulated the plowmen on a successful match and recalled a match of similar size when he came to Halton 25 years ago. However, he noted more recent matches with 76 entries including 56 horse drawn plows and the gradual change in farm methods until a more recent match with 52 tractors out of 60 entries.

Agricultural Change
The speaker noted the many changes in the Halton match—and in Halton agriculture — over the past 25 years, pointing out that the output of the farmer is now up 90 per cent. since the pre-war years. Since 1951, he said, the farmer's labor pool has been diminished, his labor costs are up six times, and his investment in farming has risen to three times its original size.

Recalling his recent trip through the United States, the former agricultural representative told of many great things in modern agriculture he had seen, including farms of 1,000 to 1,200 cattle, marketing and retailing their own dairy products. Ontario is scheduled for larger family farms in the future, he said.

More Education

Comparing the farmer to the industrial worker, he said the farm worker's investment is five to 10 times higher than that of the industrial worker. He foresaw the farm managers of the future needing at least secondary school education and two years of agricultural school. "We need an education comparable to that of industrial leaders," he said. We must get it out of our minds that the lad who can't make secondary school would be alright to work the farm and let his brother go on to higher education and a profession, he added in closing.

Jack Taylor, second vice-president, thanked the speaker and all others who had made the match so successful.

Tractor judge W. C. Berry and horse judge Tom Brownridge complimented the officials on a splendid match and gave some comments on their judging. George Hostrawser was the third judge but was unable to attend the banquet.

Winners of the prizes were announced by agricultural representative J. Allan Francis, and Mr. McDowell and Mr. Taylor awarded the prize money and merchandise awards. Kenny Howden of Hornby won the Toronto - Dominion bank tray for contestants under 16 years of age. Bob Stark won the Bank of Nova Scotia special tray and the T. Eaton trophy for boys 14 to 17.

The Esso horse show special was won by Lloyd May while J. H. Taylor won the Esso tractor special. George Ferguson took the Milton Milling special trophy.

George E. Elliott's special cash awards for the youngest contestants were won by Murray Harris, 11, and Kenny Howden, 12.



ENTRIES WERE LOWER than ever in the Halton Plowmen's annual competition for tractor-and horse-drawn plows on Friday. The Grant Campbell farm north of Moffat was used this year for the match. Stan May of Hornby is seen here with his horse-drawn plow, finishing off his crown. Stan won a first and a third.

List Plowing Match Winners For Recent Halton Competition

Winners of the various classes at the Halton County Plowmen's Association plowing match held last Friday are as follows:

Class 1, jointed plows, open to all: Lloyd May, Milton R. R. 4; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Stan May, Hornby R. R. 2.

Class 2, tractors in sod, open: Bill Dixon, Brampton R. R. 3; Bill Hawstrawser, Malton R. R. 1; J. H. Taylor, Burlington; George Dixon, Georgetown R. R. 4; Doug Reid, Brampton R. R. 5.

Class 3, tractors in sod, open: Arnold Howden, Milton R. R. 4; Howard Dunk, Guelph R. R. 5; Lee Wilkinson, Malton R. R. 2.

Class 4, tractors in sod (Halton only): Ken Howden, Milton R. R. 4; Dwight May, Hornby R. R. 2; Murray Harris, Milton R. R. 6.

Class 5, tractors in sod, open: Frank Duck, Mono Road R. R. 2; David Hunter, Hagersville R. R. 3; Bob Stark, Milton; John Wilson, Norval R. R. 1; Keith Leslie, Georgetown R. R. 4.

Class 6, tractors in sod, open: three or more furrows: Harold Ferguson, Rockwood R. R. 2.

Class 7, tractor plows in sod, three or more furrows: Harold Ferguson, Rockwood R. R. 2.

Class 8, the Ernest Irvine tractor utility class (Halton only): George Dixon, Georgetown R. R. 4; Arnold Howden, Milton R. R. 4; Keith Leslie, Georgetown R. R. 4; John Wilson, Norval R. R. 1; Bob Stark, Milton.

Class 9, tractor utility class, open: Bill Dixon, Doug Reid, Bill Hostrawser, J. H. Taylor, Howard Dunk, David Hunter, Frank Duck, Stan May, Harold Ferguson, Tom Howden, Brock Harris.

Class 10, best crown, Ken Howden; best finish, Murray Harris.

Class 11, best crown, David Hunter; best finish, Frank Duck.

Horse show: Stan May, Hornby R. R. 2; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Lloyd May, Milton R. R. 4.

Specials: Esso champions tractor plow, J. H. Taylor, reserve, Arnold Howden; Esso champions horse plow, Lloyd May, reserve, Stan May; Eaton's of Canada junior championship, Bob Stark, reserve, Keith Leslie; Bank of Nova Scotia special, Bob Stark; Milton Milling Co. special, Harold Ferguson; Geo. E. Elliott special, Murray Harris, Ken Howden.

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