

Films, displays, entertainment in Halton tent at plow match

Films, educational displays and entertainment were Halton County's contribution to the big 1969 International Plowing Match held near Paris last week. The Halton tent was a beehive of activity from Wednesday to Saturday as thousands of match

visitors toured the tent and sat in for the Halton film showings. This year's display was arranged by Major H. J. Newman, director of Halton County Museum. He was appointed to be overall co-ordinator of the display by

the county's special display committee headed up by Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris of Milton.

Visitors found an attractive exterior display inviting them to stop at the tent. It featured glowing gas lights, trees and shrubs, and a sign bearing the Halton theme: "116 years of progress—1853 to 1969."

Inside, teenagers greeted visitors and handed out folders on Halton County, packs of county matches and colored postcards of the Kelso Conservation Area. The central exhibit was a display of articles from the Halton Museum, emphasizing recreation in Canada's early days and depicting a pioneer kitchen around Thanksgiving time in 1840. The kitchen was complete with a table, bakeboard, chair, milk skimmer, and lard tins. Recreational articles included a bike brought to Georgetown from England in 1842, wooden skates, lacrosse sticks used to win a championship in Georgetown in 1898, croquet sticks and some Indian war clubs.

Around the exterior of the tent were pictorial displays depicting Halton as a fine place for business and commerce, homes and industry, farming and education. The theme here was "Halton, the County Keyed for Business."

Halton EMO had a display of an emergency welfare kit, and United Gas displayed their "Centrac" customer inquiry system. Various equestrian and pony clubs staffed a booth near the front entrance, where greeting cards, pens, key chains, crests and glasses were sold to support Canada's equestrian team. Jim Day, a resident of Halton, is a member of the team. Also in the limelight were Otto and Maria Jelinek of Bronte, who won the world figure skating championship in Prague in 1962. A portion of the display featured their pictures, and in the film trailer a five minute film of their performance at Prague was one of four films shown.

There was also a display on Mohawk Raceway and a Jockey Club film on the training of race horses was shown.

Main film in the separate trailer turned into a film theatre was Halton's award-winning film, "The Man and the Boy." The 26-minute film, shot entirely in Halton to promote the county as an ideal place to live, work, educate and entertain your family, brought many good

comments. It has been accorded prizes in three film festivals. Also on the program was a conservation film, "Valleys and Peoples."

One of the displays in Halton's tent was a plowing trophy 52 years old. Oscar Lertch, presently weed inspector of Georgetown, had won it when he was 17 at the 1917 plowing match held at Oak Park Farm near Paris. Mr. Lertch held the undefeated championship in his class for 29 matches.

Saturday afternoon Halton again was in the limelight when the popular Lorne Scots Pipe Band from Halton led the noon parade through the international's tented city. That afternoon young riders and their horses from the Allan Cutts

Stables, Oakville performed their musical ride with Milton piper Elmer Blacklock accompanying them.

On Thursday afternoon Halton County Council sponsored a tour and reception for the press at the Halton tent. Several members of County Council were on hand for the affair, but the press made a poor showing—one reporter showed up, representing two of the county's newspapers.

Major Newman, his assistant Mrs. Erla Brittain, several teenagers who work part time at the museum as guides, and members of the county's industrial and agricultural committees acted as hosts and guides for the four-day event at Paris.



CANADA'S EQUESTRIAN TEAM got a lot of support last week at the International Plowing Match held near Paris. Various pony clubs manned a booth in the Halton County tent, selling souvenirs with proceeds going to aid the Canadian team. Mrs. Robert Barber of Guelph and Mrs. Frank Denouden and Daughter Kim of Galt are shown in the booth.—(Staff Photo)



AN EARLY KITCHEN from a pioneer home of the 1840's was displayed in the Halton County Museum section of Halton's tent at the International Plowing Match. Mrs. Erla Brittain of the Museum staff demonstrates a pioneer women's tools.—(Staff Photo)

CNIB board to meet Oct. 28

The annual meeting of the Halton County Advisory Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind will be held next Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Caravan Restaurant in the Milton Shopping Plaza at 6:30 p.m., with the supervisor of field

services for the CNIB as guest speaker. Cost for the dinner-meeting is \$3.15 per person and features Wesley Stanley as guest speaker. Mr. Stanley has served with the

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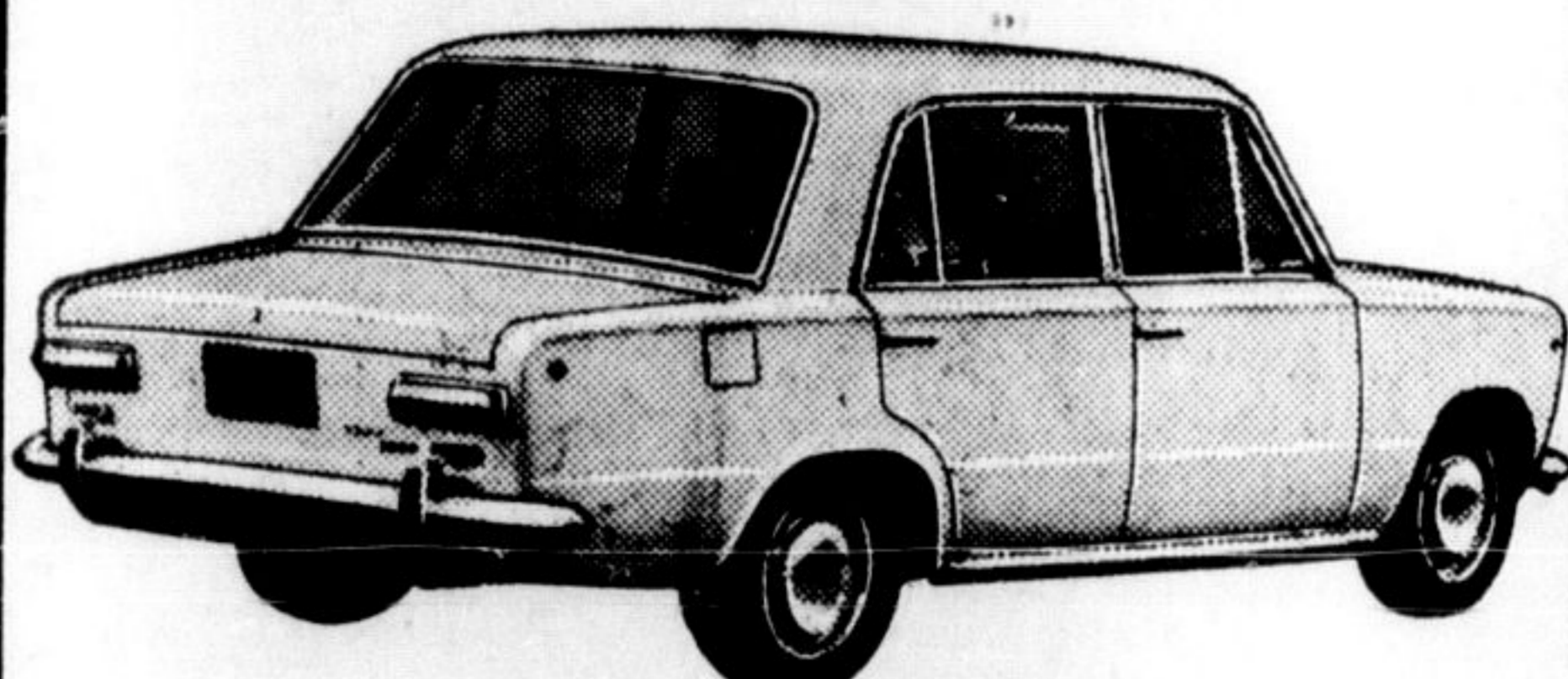


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