

# Champion Farm Page

## MPP Jim Snow speaks to local egg producers

By H. J. Stanley  
The highlight of the annual meeting of the Halton-Peel Egg Producers Association, held on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the Agricultural office, Milton, was a discussion on the proposed marketing plan for eggs in Ontario.

To explain some of the proposals in the new plan were Mr. Beaty, chairman, and Brian Ellsworth, secretary-manager,

of the Ontario Egg and Poultry Producers Marketing Board. This marketing plan is proposing quotas on the number of dozens of eggs marketed by each producer and will also attempt to fix a price on these eggs within the quota.

**Low prices**  
This marketing plan has been precipitated by the very low prices currently being received by egg producers. These

depressed prices are a result of over supply and poor pricing methods. It is being suggested that the quotas be set on production in a 12 month period during the past couple of years. This would tend to rule out those who want to rush out and build poultry buildings at the present time.

**Stable industry**  
James Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East, was a guest speaker. He pointed out that the milk industry is now a very stable part of agriculture as a result of its marketing plan. He felt, however, that a quota on the number of birds would be more desirable than on the number of dozens of eggs marketed.

Committeemen chosen to represent this area were: Mrs. E. J. Maxwell, Acton; Ken Ella, Hornby; Clifford Wrigglesworth, Hornby; Donald Lindsay, Georgetown; John Hamilton, Mississauga; and Art Miedma, Milton.

Mrs. E. J. Maxwell was returned as president, with Ken Ella as vice-president and Mrs. Ella as secretary-treasurer of the Halton-Peel egg producers for 1971.



GERALD CARTON of Halton Farm Safety Council was one of the delegates to the annual conference of the Ontario Farm Safety Council in Toronto last week. He is pictured second from right, discussing a model farm with E. Good and Mrs. A. Zeoller of New Hamburg and G. Temple of Selkirk. Alfred Ford and Sam Finnie were among the Halton delegates.—(Dept. of Agriculture Photo)

## Book helps identify variety of plants

By B. McNeill  
Growers of house plants will be pleased to learn that the publication "Your Guide for Growing House Plants and Caring for Gift Plants" is now available free of charge.

The bulletin gives very complete general information on the care of house plants and is an excellent handbook for the experienced grower as well as the novice. In addition to this, the book includes cultural practices

for over 80 varieties of plants and bulbs that are grown or forced indoors.

**Helps identify**  
Many lovers of house plants are often unable to identify the plants they are growing. However, this publication has many excellent photos of plants with the correct names which should help gardeners to identify the plants they are growing.

If you would like information on such subjects as soil, propagation, fertilization, insect and disease control, etc. at your fingertips, get a copy of this publication now. Copies are available at the Agricultural office in Milton.

## Ski night, pancakes for Jr. Farmers

A meeting at the home of Nancy and Barry Mahon in Campbellville followed an evening of skiing at Glen Eden Ski Area, for members of the Palermo Junior Farmers on Feb. 23.

After skiing the group returned to the Mahons' house for a pancake luncheon and to discuss upcoming events of the group. At the meeting members discussed the conference at the Inn on the Park in Toronto, where Janet Hunter and Barry Mahon will represent the group.

**Top bowlers**  
A broomball tournament will be held on March 13 and the group discussed results of the Feb. 21 bowling tournament where both the women's and men's teams from Halton County were victorious. As the result of Palermo Junior Farmers winning the Drama Festival, they will move on to the Zone Drama Festival to be held at Mayfield Secondary School on March 5.

Karen Campbell thanked Mrs. Mahon for opening her home to the club.

## Calendar is available

By E. Estabrooks  
The 1971 edition of the Fruit Spray Calendar for Home Gardens is now available. This publication contains recommendations as to spray materials and timing for most of the tree fruits including apples, pears, plums, cherries and peaches. Also included is suggestions on pest control for currants, gooseberries, strawberries and raspberries.

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## Junior Farmer drama festival

By Hugh Cook  
The Zone 3 Junior Farmer Drama Festival will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Mayfield Secondary School, R. R. 1, Mono Road.

There will be five countries competing for the best play in Zone three. The winning play will be selected from one of the following countries — Peel, Halton, Wellington, Ontario and Victoria. This play will go on to compete in the Provincial Junior Farmer Drama Festival to be

held in Guelph on Saturday, March 27.

Everyone is welcome to attend the festival. Halton County's play "Henry's Mail-Order Wife" put on by the Palermo Club will be the second play on the program.

**PELICANS AND POLLUTION**  
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THE ONTARIO PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION held its annual convention in Toronto, Feb. 22 and 23. Seated are, left to right, Roy Bennett, CKNX, Wingham; Miss Mary Dolson, Brampton, last year's Queen of the Furrow; and first vice-president Jack Taylor, Burlington. Standing, left to right, are Newt Ashton and Ellard Lang, both of Stratford.—(Ont. Dept. Agriculture Photo)

## Jack Taylor heads O.P.A. executive

By H. J. Stanley  
Jack Taylor of Burlington, secretary-treasurer of the Halton Plowmen's Association, was named as President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association at their annual convention held at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The activity of the Ontario Plowmen's Association is the International Plowing Match to be held Oct. 12-16 in Haldimand County.

A large delegation from the Halton Plowmen's Association attended the convention and thanked the O.P.A. for accepting Halton County for the 1974 International Plowing Match. Speaking on behalf of the Halton delegation was Bill Kelly, chairman of the publicity committee, and James Snow, M.P.P. for Halton East, along with Jack Taylor.

Others in the delegation, besides the officers and directors of the Halton Plowmen were: Tom Hill, representing Halton County Council; Miss Mary Dolson, Ontario Furrow Queen from Peel County; and Mrs. G. H.

Inrosides of Georgetown, Secretary of the Women's Section of the Ontario association of Agricultural Societies.

**Final selection**  
The O.P.A. will visit Halton in June to make the final selection of the site for the 1974 Match. This will be the first time that this match has been held in Halton, despite the fact that plowing matches have been held here since 1866.

Guest speaker at the noon banquet was Everett Biggs, Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. Mr. Biggs discussed the many services available to farm people in Ontario and the expanding role of the Department.

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## Council, trustees discuss ratios

Consideration should be given to the reduction of compulsion to attend school, a program council on teacher pupil ratio told the Halton County Board of Education at their regular meeting in Oakville Thursday.

**Minority report**  
A minority report was included in the main report. The three members of Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation took exception to the recommendation that set primary class sizes lower than those in older grades. Ron Goodish presented the minority report and noted his group would not concur with the recommendation that junior and intermediate classes be allowed to have more than 30 persons. The minority urged that teachers be in the classroom no more than 80 per cent of their time. Goodish also said if the committee continues its studies it should be in two panels, one for elementary and one for secondary.

The main report urged a ratio of one to 25 be adopted for grades kindergarten, one and two; one to 30 for grades three to five; one to 32 for grades six to eight.

The report urged that principals retain the power to shift sizes as they see fit. In some schools there are more than 40 students in a class such as typing. The class was established at the teacher's request in one instance and the experiment is proving to be fruitful.

**Challenge minority report**  
Trustee Bill Priestner challenged OSSTF representatives on one point concerning class sizes. Goodish furnished reports showing all small classes were more beneficial than larger ones. Priestner said their reports to the contrary that showed large classes were more productive in some cases. The committee recommended they be left intact and consider several points later.

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