

Select Furrow Queen

Plowing Match poorly attended

By Dave Pink



DRAWING THE PLOW, a team of sturdy Belgian draught horses give a glimpse into days past. Driven by owner Cecil Wells of Paris, the team finished first of the two teams competing in the Jointer Plows in Sod division of the Halton Plowing Match.

The former W. E. Breckon farm, behind the Lely Farm Machinery plant in Burlington was the site of this year's Halton County Plowing Match. Farmers from across Ontario were invited to plow the same land that had made Bill Breckon world wheat king in 1957. The event was sparsely attended.

Plowing competitions were divided into nine categories with an additional competition for horseshoe pitchers.

Cecil Wells, driving a team of Belgian horses and Stan May, driving Percherons, were the only entries in the jointer plow competitions. Wells, from Paris, won the \$30 first place prize money with \$20 going to May, of Hornby, York County, and Alf Brunton from Simcoe County praised both men on a fine show.

Two entries

There were only two entries in the Tractors in Sod - Open Split competition with Keith Robinson, Cooksville, winning \$30 for first place. Georgetown's Keith Leslie took \$20 home.

Oakville's Harley Pickering won his first of two top finishes in the Open Mounted Plows - Two or More Furrows Open Split winning \$30 and edging out Norval's John Wilson. They were the only entries.

Four boys between 12 and 18 vied for the Open Mounted Plows contest for Halton residents only. Wayne May of Hornby won top prize, an \$18 silver waiter and \$20 cash. Milton's Barry Ellmere won second place \$25 with youngest plowman Danny Goulah of Oakville earning third for \$20 and fourth place Paul Breckon, Georgetown, earning \$15.

Silver tray

Bruce Hostraiser, Belwood, recorded a first place finish among four entrants in the Tractors in Sod competition with Bert Perriman, Ayr, finishing second and his brother Les, third with Burlington's Murray Breckon finishing fourth. Prizes were a \$20 silver tray and \$20 cash for the winner and \$25, \$20 and \$15 respectively.

Tractors in Sod with Three or More Furrows (14 inch plows) was won by Howard Dunk of Guelph, who won a \$20 silver tray and \$20 cash by beating out his son Bruce. Bruce won \$25 for his second place show with Norm Love racking up \$20 for a third place finish.

Tractor Utility Class was won by Harley Pickering, the big winner from Oakville. He earned \$20, beating out Burlington's Murray Breckon, John Wilson of Norval and Dwight May of Hornby who won \$16, \$14 and \$12 respectively.

Tractor Utility Class - Open Split was captured by Doug Reid, winning \$20 for his efforts. Keith Robinson won \$16, placing second with Milton's Bryan Marshall earning \$14. Norval's Spencer

Wilson won \$12 for a fourth place finish while Norm and Bert Perriman earned \$10 and \$8.

Special contest

The Burlington Special Centennial Prize was for active participants in the 1948 competition who returned to plow in 1973. Burlington's Jack Taylor won over Norval's Spencer Wilson, Stan May from Hornby and Hornby's Jack Marchment.

Horseshoe pitchers Dave Robertson and Bert Davidson, both of Acton, were tops in their field with Georgetowners T. J. Brownridge and George Brownridge landing in second spot. Bernard Schwager and Al Brownridge of Mississauga and Georgetown were third with fourth place going to Milton area residents John Wetherston and Andrew Frank. Horseshoes was the most keenly contested event at the match.

Cancelled

A special plowing event for business and professional people was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Following the match, plowmen and their families moved on to St. Paul's United Church in Milton for a banquet prepared by the church women.

Entertainment for the event was supplied by fiddlers Andy Frank, Ron Harris, Dorothy O'Rourke, pianist Elsie Frank, banjo player Dorothy Wilson and bass tuba player Bob Laking. Professional elocutionist Howard Wilson entertained the audience with three recitations of popular poems. With Halton president Bill Rayner chairing, head table speakers were Ontario Plowmen's Association President Clifford Yule and Edward Starr, secretary manager of the 1974 International Plowing Match to be held in the Georgetown area next September. Other speakers were judges Timbers and Brunton with a few words spoken by Ontario Furrow Queen Sheila Armstrong. She hails from Sebringville in Perth County.

Select Queen

Highlight of the banquet was the selection of the new Halton County Furrow Queen to succeed Norval's Heather Hyatt, 1972-73 title holder.

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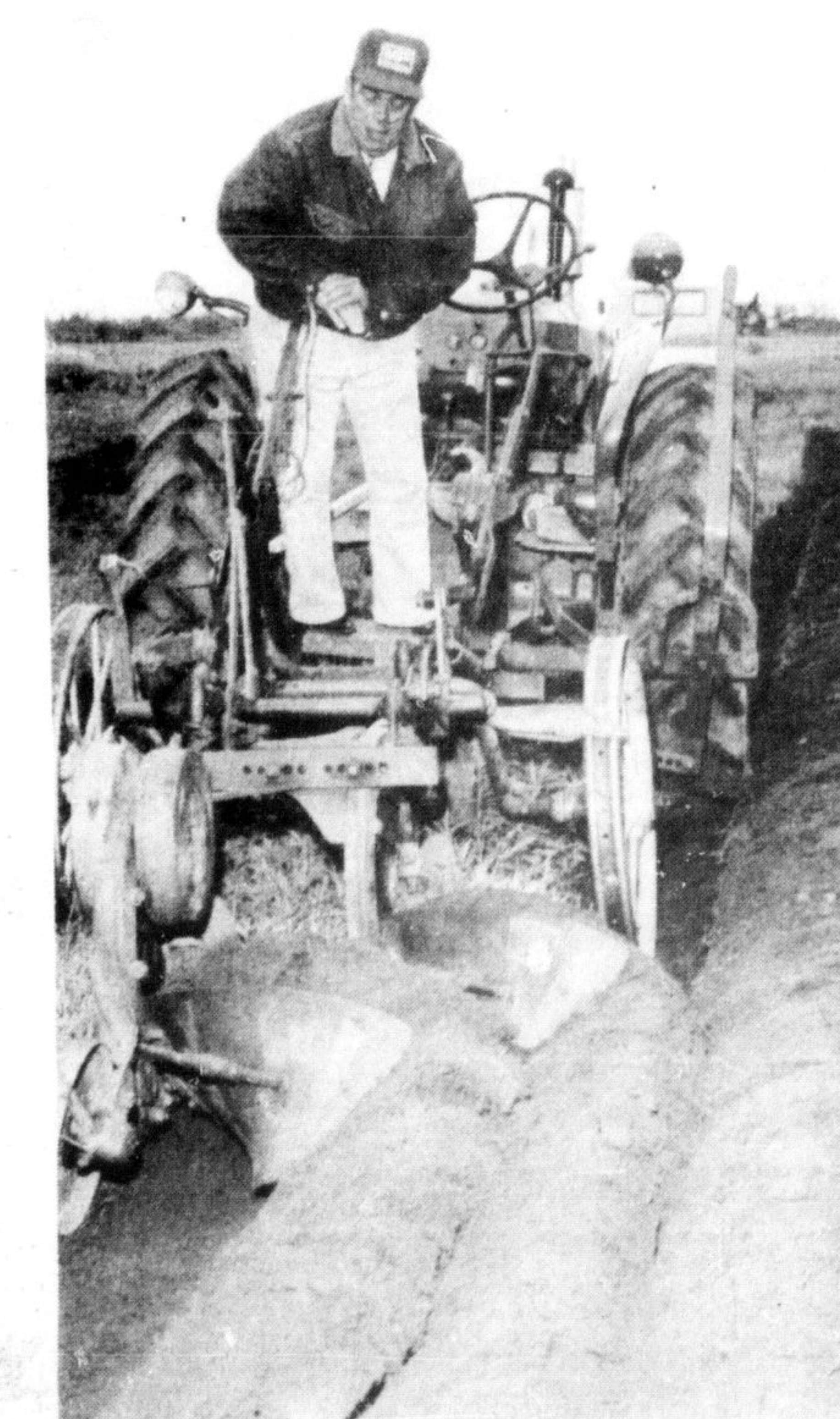
WINNERS at the Halton Plowing Match were Harley Pickering who took top honors in the Open Mounted Plows and the Utility Class; Wayne May, who won Open Mounted Plows for boys 12 to 18; Bruce Hostraiser who won the Tractor in Sod Open; and Howard Dunk who placed first in the Three or More Furrows competition.



TOSSING TO VICTORY, Acton's Dave Robertson and his partner Bert Davidson, also from Acton, won handily over their closest competition in the horseshoe pitching contest at the Halton Plowing Match in Burlington Saturday.



YOUNGEST PLOWMAN Danny Goulah of Oakville won a trophy at the Halton Plowing Match for being 12 years old and entering the competitions. Jack Taylor, winner of the Burlington Centennial class, offers the young plowman encouragement.



NOT SO OLDTIMER Jack Marchment competed in the Burlington Centennial Plowmen's Competition Saturday as he had in a similar match in 1948. He was up against the same competition comprised of men who had plowed in the '48 Halton match.



STAN MAY of Hornby was another contender in the special Burlington Centennial plowing event for men who had plowed in the 1948 competition. There were four entries in the competition. (Photos by D. Pink)

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