

Norringtons honored

# Milton farmers world champions



NAMED WORLD CHAMPIONS in the rye competition at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. "Bus" Norrington of R. R. 6 Milton. They are pictured at their Appleby Line home with some of the ribbons and awards from previous Royals.

## Enrolment forms out for new corn program

By Henry J. Stanley  
Agricultural Rep.

Enrolment forms have been received for the 1977-78 Ontario Grain Corn Income Stabilization Program. These forms must be filled out and mailed before Jan. 16, 1978 to cover all grain corn sold from Sept. 1, 1977 to Aug. 31, 1978.

The objective of this program is to stabilize the income of grain corn producers in Ontario. The program will encourage a continuing steady supply of Ontario produced grain corn to support our corn based industries.

Any Ontario corn producer may apply. The Commission will increase the maximum amount on which payments can be made in cases where two or more partners can show that each supports a family unit and derives his or her principal income from farming. In addition, growers operating a partnership must each be able to show distinct and proportionate investment, management, labor and risk or profit sharing. A maximum of three partners will be eligible in any partnership.

This plan covers sales of dry shelled corn, calculated to 15.5 per cent moisture and 56 lbs. or metric equivalent in tonnes. High moisture corn and cob corn converted to dry equivalents are also covered. Sales of grain corn through the normal commercial systems, sales to elevators, feed mills, grain dealers and commercial end users such as starch companies, distilleries, feedlots and other livestock and poultry operations are eligible.

Sales of seed corn and corn silage are not eligible for support. Producers must provide proof of corn sale showing the names of the buyer and seller, date of sale, date of location of delivery, weight moisture content and price. All purchases of corn other feed will be converted to corn equivalents by the Commission and deducted from corn sales to give the net quality of corn eligible for stabilization payments for any person enrolled in the program.

Individual producers may claim stabilization payments on up to 39,000 bushels or 1,000 metric tonnes. The minimum quantity for enrolment is 400 bushels or 10 tonnes. The maximum on any unit regardless of the number of partners is 3,000 tonnes.

The program is voluntary and open to all corn producers whose ordinary residence is Ontario. There is an enrolment fee. For this year only, no fees are payable at time of enrolment. This year the fee will be calculated and deducted from any payment at time of payment. For example, if the payment is 12 cents per bushel (1 x .12) or eight cents net per bushel or \$4.72 minus (1 x \$4.72) or \$3.14 net per tonne. The plan requires that the producers provide \$1. in

Perseverance and hard work finally paid off for Milton farmers Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Norrington last week when they were named World Champions in the Rye competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Walter (Bus) and Marguerite Norrington of Crystal Mountain Farm on Appleby Line, R.R. 6 Milton, have been entering RWF seed and grain competitions for the past 17 years and a display of prize ribbons on the wall of their living room proves they have been consistent winners.

But this year the judges awarded them first and second prizes in the Rye competitions — hers was first and his entry was second — and Mrs. Norrington's sample went on to claim the world championship.

The honor brings her an extra \$100 in cash plus a trophy and silver tray. The awards will be presented today (Wednesday) at the Royal awards banquet.

For winning the regular Rye class, Mrs. Norrington also receives \$20 and Bus' second prize is worth \$17.

"We have good earth here," Mrs. Norrington said. Their farm atop the escarpment, adjacent to Rattlesnake Point Park, has always produced good crops and for many years it was covered with fruit orchards when it was owned by the Hartley family.

The Norringtons were operating an ice cream parlor in Milton when they decided to buy the farm in 1948. For many years they were dairy producers, with a herd of 75 Ayrshire cows. But in the late 1960s Halton Region Conservation Authority took half their farm for Rattlesnake Point Park and they were left with too little acreage to continue dairy farming, so they switched to grain crops.

By Mark J. Leahy  
Halton was a host for the 1977 Livestock Management Tour. This tour started on Sunday, Nov. 6 and toured the farms in the Durham, Ontario, York, Peel and Halton areas.

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The Livestock Judging Competition was held in Halton. Dairy classes were provided by Claude Pickett, Georgetown; beef classes from Pete McCarthy, Georgetown; swine classes by Allan Cook at his Eramosa farm and the sheep classes by Albert Hunter, Burlington.

Halton had two competitors in the competition. Paul Laidlaw, Norval placed 11th and Frank Robinson, Georgetown, placed 20th. Halton did not have the required number for a team.



FRANK ROBINSON of R.R. 3, Georgetown showed the champion calf in the Junior Jersey Show at the CNE — Spruce Avenue Master's Lou. He is pictured receiving the champion banner from Mary Joint, wife of the president of the Ontario Jersey Club.

## Artificial insemination

More than one million dairy cows were bred by artificial insemination in Canada in 1976.

This figure, released in the 1976 annual report on artificial insemination in Canada put out by Agriculture Canada's livestock division, represented about 50 per cent of the national dairy herd.

The number of beef cows bred artificially in 1976 declined for the second year in a row. About 220,000 beef cows were bred artificially last year as compared with almost 500,000 in 1974. (Full story on page 6.)

## Wins first field crops

By Mark Leahy  
Six 4-H members from Halton had entries in the 4-H field crop section at the Royal Winter Fair. In the hay section, placing first was Jamie Couper. Also competing was Bill Robinson.

In the oats class, Tom Wilson was fourth.

In the grain corn class, fifth was Glenn McClure and seventh, Marilyn McNabb. Also in this class was the entry of Frank Robinson.

—Organizers are looking for donations to help finance this year's Santa Claus parade in Milton, on Nov. 26. To date only half the budget of over \$4,000 has been covered.

In 1964, they said, their daughter Elizabeth won a 4-H grain championship at the Royal, and "she got us interested in the competitions."

Their entries have won many awards in corn, cob corn, wheat, oats, rye and barley classes over the years. Two years ago Bus won the reserve championship in Rye and last year his entries won first, second and third prizes in soft wheat, but they didn't claim the world championship.

They noted there were 1,600 grain samples judged at the Royal this year but weren't sure how many of those were in the Rye classes.

Their Rye samples were hand picked from the crop gleaned from the 12 acres they planted this year. Although both 10-pound samples came from the same fields, Marguerite's was judged slightly better than Bus's and he explained his

wife must have just a little bit more particular about her selection than he was!

The seeds are commercially cleaned, before they select the entries.

The Norringtons entered the Tetra Petkus variety of Rye.

Mrs. Norrington says she comes from a long line of farmers. She is originally from Belgium, and says her family were Flemish farmers who grew, weaved and sold flax for many generations.

She met Bus while he was overseas during the second world war and came to Canada as a war bride, 32 years ago.

The Norringtons are the second Halton family to claim a world championship at the Royal. William "Bill" Breckon of the Bronte area was World Wheat King in 1954 and a display at Ontario Agricultural Museum at Kelso commemorates the feat.

## Management tour judging held here

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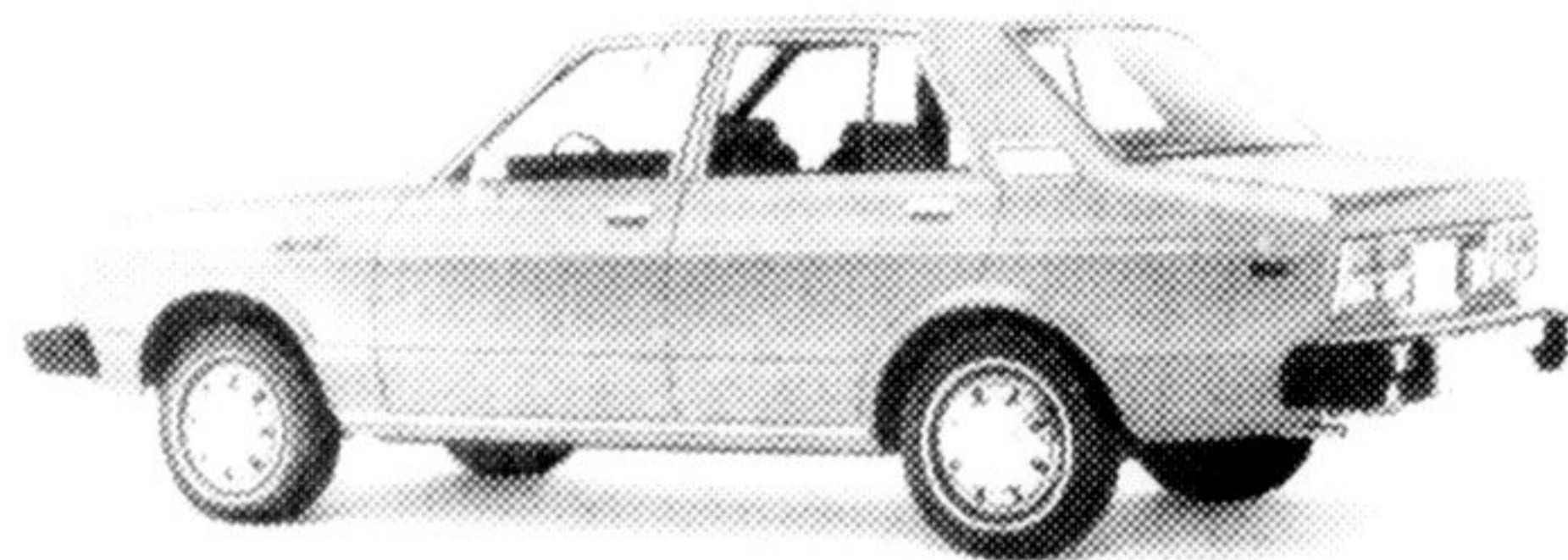
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