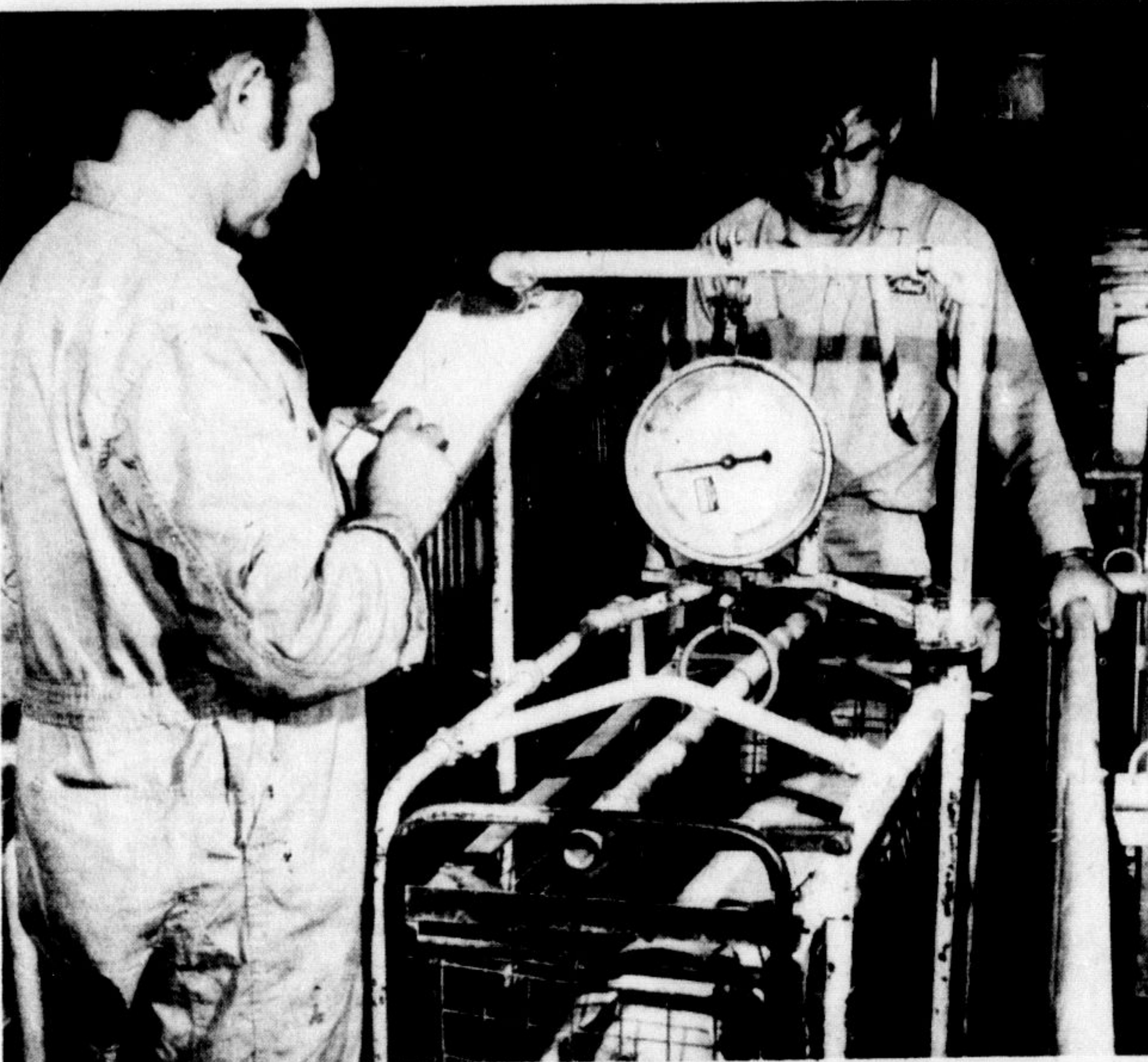


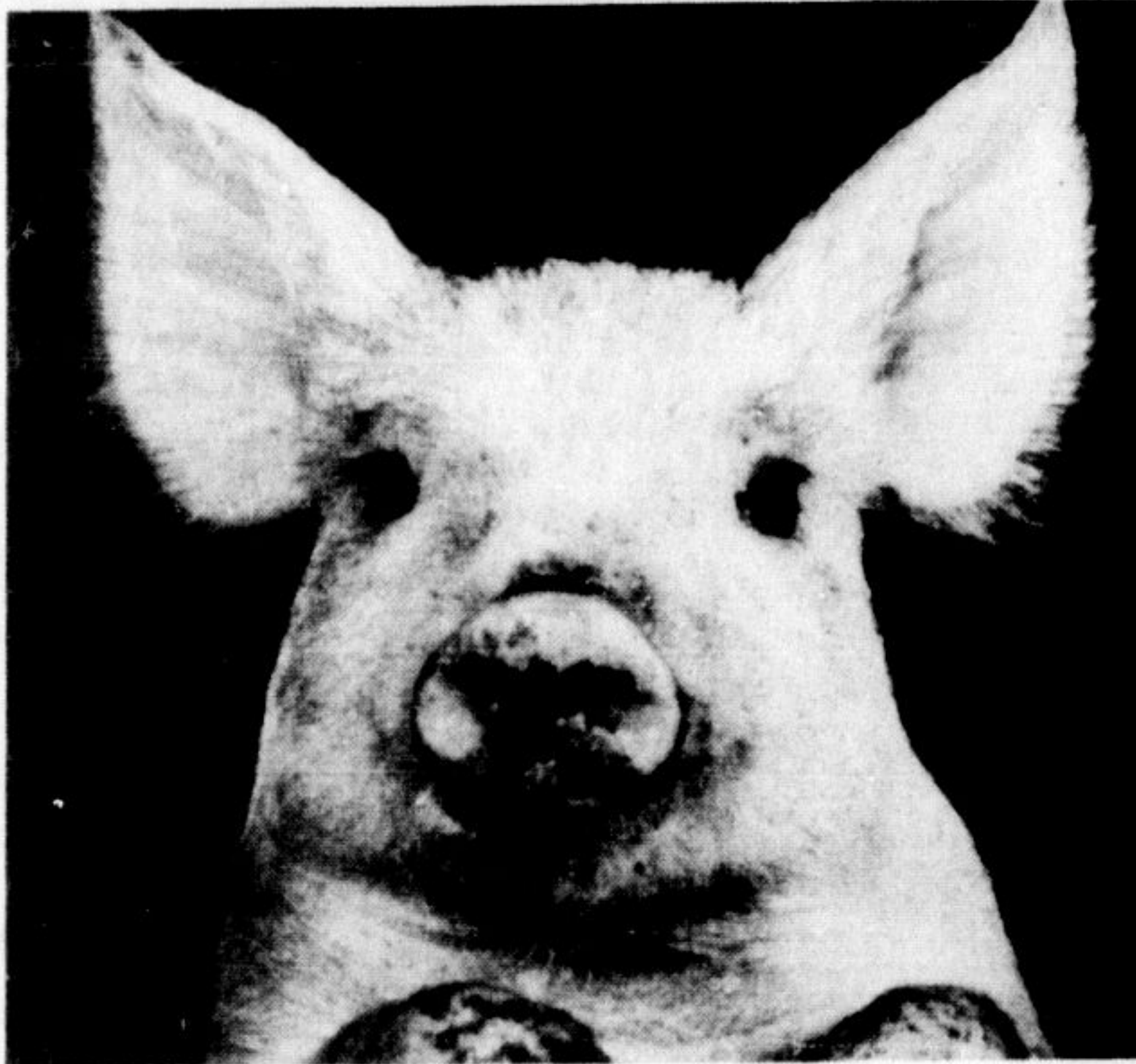
# Weeds, drainage, safety, rain discussed at Soil-Crop annual

**Champion**

## Forecasts for farm



THIS WEANER PIG is doing his best to be chosen for the Ontario Swine Performance Testing program. The program, conducted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, allows purebred breeders and commercial hog producers to select their superior pigs for breeding purposes. In 1976, a total of 15,626 boars and gilts were performance tested in Ontario. During the test period, pigs are weighed as shown, evaluated on rate of gain and tested for backfat thickness. The swine testing program is designed to improve the quality of Ontario hogs which are enjoying a growing international reputation. (Photos by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food)



By Henry J. Stanley  
Agricultural Representative  
Some 75 Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association members met at Hillcrest United Church on Thursday, Jan. 12 for their annual meeting. George Gardhouse of Mono Road, President of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association, thanked Halton members for supporting him over the past 14 years as our Zone Director. He is now ending his term as our representative.

Richard Sovereign of Milton was nominated to be the new representative from Halton, Peel and York. Don Sherwood, Milton was also nominated as our delegate with Bob Merry, Milton as alternate delegate to the Ontario annual meeting on Feb. 1 and 2 at the Cara Inn, Airport Road, Toronto.

Doug McLaren, Weeds and Seeds Specialist, Guelph, told of the many new weeds which are being found in crops in this area — new varieties of lamb's-quarters that are completely resistant to Atrazine, and Velvetleaf which can grow up to 10 feet tall in a

corn field and is also resistant to Atrazine, etc.  
Jim Myslik, Engineering Specialist, discussed some of the problems that are occurring with plastic drainage tile — problems with rodents eating holes through it, tile collapsing with improper infilling of the dirt, and damage caused by machinery in wet seasons such as the past fall.

Following lunch, Mrs. Walter Norrington was presented with a certificate by John Nurse in recognition for winning the World Rye Championship.

Norman Biggar, Oakville, representative of the Halton Farm Safety Association, stressed the importance of safety in entering silos at filling time. Several deaths have occurred in the past year due to gases.

Galen Driver, our new Director of the Soils and Crops Branch — Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, discussed the importance of stabilization as it affects crops in Ontario. He feels that these stabilization plans will give the cash crop producer much more stability

than in the past with fewer fluctuations in the return per acre.

Gerhard Treviranus, Georgetown, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Director from Halton, encouraged everyone to support the corn marketing plan as proposed by the Federation.

Dr. Jack Fetcheson from the Soils Department, University of Guelph, discussed tillage problems following our extremely wet fall. He stressed the importance of a plow, the need for crop rotation to build up soil aggregates, the importance of manure to help in building up good physical conditions in soils and the need to not overwork land in order to cut down the erosion due to wind and water.

Two resolutions were sent to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association Annual Meeting — the first supporting complete resource recovery of garbage for Regions; the second requesting the Ontario Government to pass legislation to assist with the availability of parts for farm equipment.

All farmers were cordially invited to the annual meeting of the West Central Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association on Jan. 31 at the Cara Inn, Airport Rd., Toronto which features discussions on soil structure and tillage.

The new officers and directors of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association for 1978 are as follows: Past President, Frank Anthony, Limehouse; President, Richard Sovereign, Milton; Vice-President, Norman Biggar, Oakville; Secretary-Treasurer, Henry Stanley, O.M.A.F., Milton; Safety Council rep., Harry Brander, Norval; and delegates to the West Central Regional Soil and Crop Improvement Association, Frank Anthony,

Limehouse and John Nurse, Georgetown.

Directors are Keith Aitken, Bill Alexander, Murray Dawson, Arnold Fish, Doug Gardhouse, Kaj Hansen, Art Lawson, Bob Merry, Dennis McClure, and Earl Wilson.

Farmers who want to plan for the future should first put their plans on paper.

Cannam, a government-operated automated records service, offers farmers cash flow forecasts for up to five years in the future. The fore-

casts, using farm records and taking into account such variables as prices, can show the farmer how much money he needs to carry out his plans.

Forecasts are also useful to document bank loan applications.

## 1978 plowing match Oct. 21 in Burlington

The 1978 Halton Plowing Match is scheduled for October 21 in the Burlington area. A committee of George Readhead, Cameron Marshall and Ross Segsworth are to locate a site for this annual event.

Directors of Halton Plowmen's Association were very pleased with the 1977 match held in Halton Hills, especially with the attendance of the Halton 4-H Tractor Club at their match.

Officers and directors chosen were as follows: Past President, John Breckon, Burlington; President, Dwight May, Hornby; First Vice-President, Lloyd Pickering, Oakville; Second Vice-President, Murray Breckon, Burlington; secretary-treasurer, Jack Taylor, Burlington; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, George

Swann, Milton; O.P.A. Director, Dwight May; and Halton Furrow Queen, Nancy McKinnon, Milton.

Directors are — Halton Hills, John A. Breckon, Dwight May, John Wilson, Clifford Wrigglesworth; Oakville, Harold Biggar, Jack Marchment, Harley Pickering, Lloyd Pickering, Burlington, John M. Breckon, Murray Breckon, Ed Segsworth; Milton, Sherwood Hume, Claude Inglis, Bryan Marshall, William Rayner, Andy Shea, Lloyd Stokes, George Swann.

Associate directors are Keith Merry, John Middlebrook, John Reid, Carl Sinclair; Honorary directors, J. C. Cunningham, Roy Currie, J. C. Marshall, Frank Peacock, George Readhead, Ross Segsworth, Henry Stanley, Spencer Wilson.

## Guest editorial

# Farmers exploited

By Peter Hannam, President Ont. Fed. of Agriculture

It's time for Canadians to wake up. They have been doing all kinds of bellyaching about their wages not rising fast enough, or the high cost of luxury goods. But they soon may be doing their bellyaching on an empty stomach.

One thing that Canadians have not realized is that agriculture is in big trouble. It's in big trouble because farmers have been exploited.

Hard words, but true. For years now, the farmer has been subsidizing the consumer — not the other way around, as the critics of agriculture claim.

Let's look at the facts. According to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report, Canadians spend less of their income on food than any other people in the world.

What this means is that Canadians have a high standard of living because food is so cheap. As a result, they have more money left over for color television sets, a second car or vacations. Cheap food makes it all possible.

But what has the farmer received in return? The answer is little.

Again, let's look at the facts. Farm incomes fell 19 percent last year, 13 percent the year before and this year there is expected to be a further drop of 6 percent. When you also add in the fact that our dollar now buys less, farmers have seen their real income drop by nearly 40 percent since 1975.

No other group of Canadians has seen their incomes drop so drastically. If they had, it would have been front page news. We would have heard all kinds of

cries for justice and government assistance.

But what happened when farmers' incomes fell forty percent. Again, the answer is very little. At the same time our news broadcasts and newspapers were screaming about increased food prices, the facts about declining farm prices received little attention.

They will come to regret it.

Farmers are getting angry and discouraged. Many are considering leaving farming. Worse, some have already been forced out.

Canadians may well be killing the goose that laid the golden egg. If we lose our farmers, who is going to provide Canadians with the lowest priced supply of food in the world? Are they going to rely on imports? We did that with oil, and look what happened.

No, Canadians can't continue to have a high standard of living unless we have a healthy agriculture. And we can't have a healthy agriculture unless farmers have markets and get a fair price for what they produce. If this is going to happen, then Canadians are going to have to change their attitudes. They are going to have to realize that if there is a problem with food prices, the problem is that farmers get too little of the retail price they pay.

Most important, governments are going to have to change their attitudes. They are going to have to stop the dumping of foreign produce here, in exchange for selling industrial goods abroad. They are going to have to give us reasonable tariff protection and stop other countries from building tariff walls against our products.

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