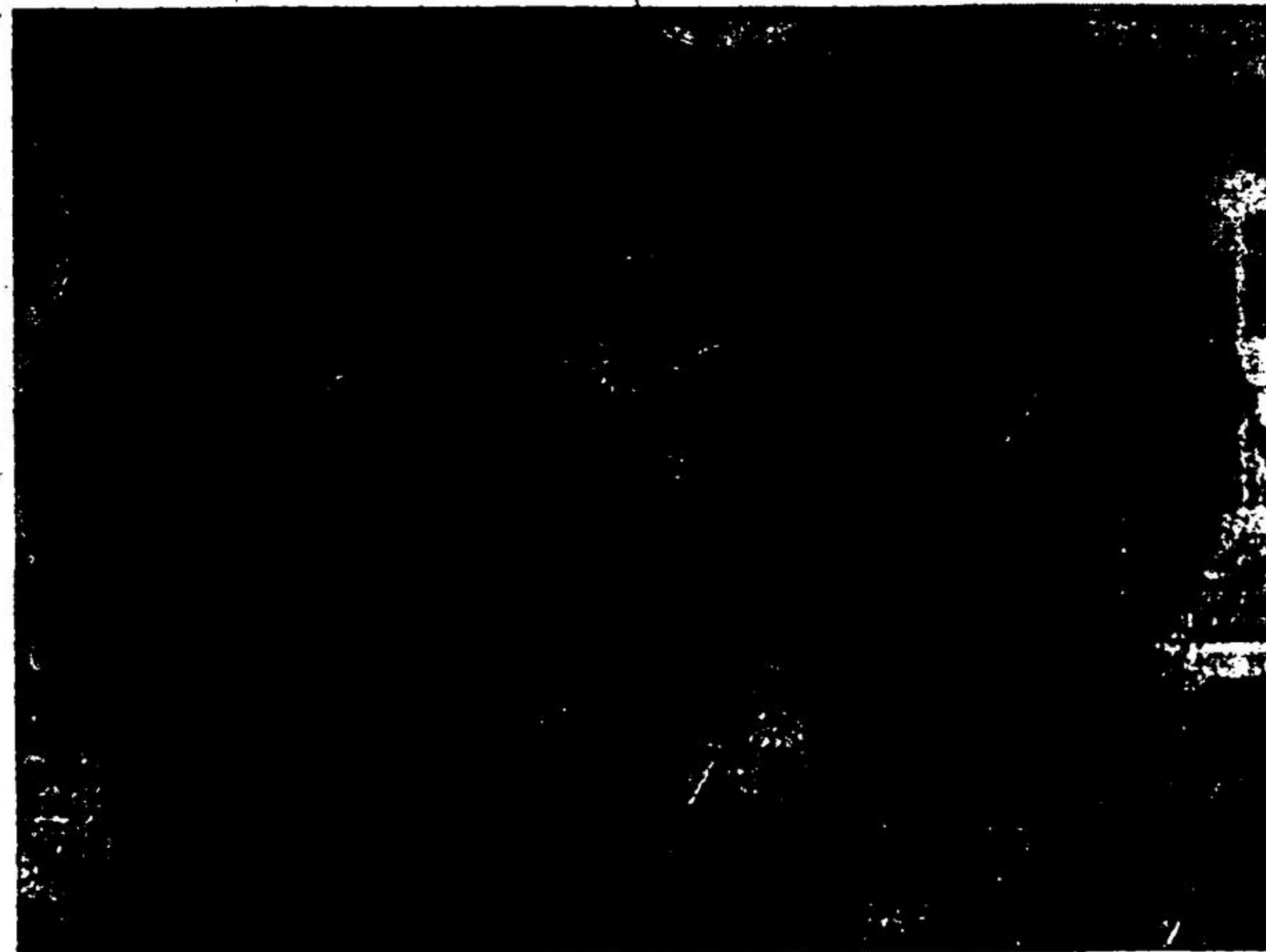


Like Pioneer Days

BUCK AND BRIGHT LAST OF VANISHING OX-POWER TEAMS



A Georgetown district farmer has turned the clock back to pioneer days on his homestead farm at Ballinacree.

Like his father before him, Richard Shortill drives a pair of oxen, a year old Buck and Bright, identical except for the kinky curls on Bright's noble brow.

As a semi-retirement hobby, Mr. Shortill began training his old fashioned beasts of burden while they were calves. He broke them in gradually. "It was slow work but I took my time."

Wearing the heavy wooden yokes of their pioneer predecessors, Buck and Bright now are sufficiently trained to draw an authentic ox cart, haul the waulter, or trundle a stone boat. They could also plow if the tractor were to develop mechanical paralysis. The ox cart,

repainted a fire engine red, is a favourite conveyance of the Shortill grandchildren and other kids in the village.

Leisure Class

Since mechanized farm equipment has pre-empted most heavy hauling chores, Bright and Buck actually belong to the new leisure class of farm animals. Patient and good natured, they earn their bread and board by performing odd jobs produced by Mr. Shortill to keep his oxen in trim and training.

Mr. Shortill explained, "This is more of a hobby than anything my father kept a yoke these fellows are wearing. I always wanted to take a crack at breaking in a pair. So with more time on my hands, I went after these two when I heard there were calves for sale."

Mrs. Shortill, a retired rural teacher, shares her husband's

enthusiasm for their massive cud-chewing pets. "Buck and Bright are very gentle. Even small children are safe around them."

Compatible Bovines

The big, brown yoke-wearers are accepted by the other animals on the Shortill farm, a herd of young steers fated to end up in the oven and frying pan. Oxen and beef cattle pasture together on friendly terms, probably comparing wistful notes on their different roles in agriculture. Could be the cattle teenagers would like to trade places with Buck and Bright. Recently, when Mr. Shortill called the oxen by name, the whole herd trotted after him to the barn.

Besides Buck and Bright, the Shortills have one other working animal, an old mare, 10, now drawing the equine equivalent

of old age security in return for a lifetime of faithful service. "I don't really know why we keep her," Mrs. Shortill said. "She's almost blind and not able to do much work. But we are fond of her and she has earned a rest."

Mr. Shortill recalled that the old horse had proved useful on cold winter mornings, while his wife was still teaching and had to drive several miles to Blue Mountain School. "When everything else froze up and would not start, the mare would. She often came in handy for starting the car."

Although Mrs. Shortill retired as a teacher three years ago, the family auto will likely still require tugs in zero weather. This could be a winter chore for Buck and Bright, who look quite capable of hauling a whole fleet of mechanical monsters.

OXEN BUCK AND BRIGHT AT WORK ON SHORTILL FARM

MAIL BAG

Scores Two Councillors For Pro-Delrex Rumours

10 Shelley St., Nov. 2nd, 1964

Dear Mr. Editor:

It has come to my attention that two members of this council are spreading the word around town, that I am in favour of land release, and also that I am now pro-Delrex. I would like to, through your publication, set the record straight for any ratepayer who believes this ridiculous rumour.

Early in the summer of this year, there were two meetings with the developer to discuss our mutual problems. At these meetings, the Mayor was the chairman. However, for reasons of his own, he stopped calling these meetings and the writer was requested by council to take up where the mayor had left off, and continue the discussion under my Towns Planning Committee.

The meetings that I have called with council members and the developer were not too fruitful, in so much as they wanted Council to release all residential lots in Georgetown with little or no discussion on the problem of the Industrial lands. However, Council requested that I carry on with these meetings in an effort to work something out, that would be of benefit to the town. This is exactly what the Committee and I have been doing.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I would like to make this statement . . .

I am just as much opposed to further land release without the proper industrial development in the east end, as I have always been. I am also just as opposed to Delrex developments and its suggestions as I've always been. My stand is and always will be that unless a satisfactory industrial development is completed in the east end, any further meeting with Delrex are useless and unnecessary.

The only excuse that I can offer, is that I have always felt that there is some good in everybody. But I suppose that there are exceptions in some cases.

Yours very truly,
Councillor James L. Young

COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEFS

County Council accepted with regret the resignation of P. W. Oliver as Director of Halton's Emergency Measures Organization Police Services. Mr. Oliver stated that pressure of work in the Oakville Police Dept. necessitated his resignation.

Council approved a capital grant of \$1,855 be paid to Bruce Lyn School for Retarded Children. The addition is 1103 square feet, with the grant at \$1.50 per sq. ft., this makes up the \$1,655.

A statement of the final cost of the County Administration Building and Court House showed the total cost to be \$1,009,215.42.

Since surrounding counties will not be holding an "Open Deer" season this year, neither will Halton County.

Would Double Size of County's Brant Hospital

In a brief submitted to Halton County Council last week, a 272 bed addition to the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital was proposed by W. R. Carter, Vice Chairman of the Hospital Board. This would enlarge the capacity of the hospital from 228 beds to 500 beds.

In showing the need for the addition, Mr. Warner stated that the average rate of occupancy is 87%. However, this meant that in some wards the rate was between 95% and 100% plus. He claimed that the waiting list at its lowest represented 118% of total capacity and at its highest, 160%.

The total cost of the addition would be \$3,440,000 with the County's share, under the present grant system of \$4,000 per bed, being \$1,088,000. The brief asked for reconsideration of the grant, with the hope of restoring it to its former \$8,000 per bed. The restoration of the \$8,000 grant would mean an additional \$544,000 for the County to pay.

The Federal government contributes \$2,000 per bed, and the provincial government \$3,200 per bed.

According to the brief there are at present, 673 hospital beds in the County, 324 at Oakville - Trafalgar, 228 at Joseph Brant, 51 at Milton, and 70 at Georgetown.

In answer to a question regarding a public campaign for funds, Vice Chairman Carter, replied, "I feel that the day of public subscription to hospitals is fading fast. It is unfair," he continued, "after all, the public pay through their taxes at all levels of government."

Reeve John Elliott of Georgetown pointed out that the hospital grant had been reduced from \$8,000 per bed to \$4,000 per bed because of the County debt.

The matter was turned over to the Finance Committee for consideration.

SPOYS RARE WHITE OWL ON NEIGHBOUR'S ROOF

Looking for all the world like a touring cigar commercial, a large pure-white owl drew a lot of stares when he dropped into town Friday morning. And he just stared right back.

The bird, rare in these parts, picked the roof of town engineer William Carr, at 102 Rexway Drive, for his perch.

Mrs. Robert Fellows, 104 Rexway Drive, notified the Herald of the distinguished looking visitor from the north.

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John Wilson Esso Champ At Halton Plowing Match

John E. Wilson of Norval was named Grand Champion Ploughman at Halton County Ploughing Match held at the farm of J. H. Taylor in Burlington on Saturday.

Mr. Wilson received the ESSO Champions Tractor Special trophy following his victory.

Dwight May of Hornby won the Bank of Nova Scotia special trophy for the best ploughed ridge by tractors in sod, and Janet Taylor of Burlington won the George E. Elliott special trophy as the youngest Halton County contestant.

Carol Thompson of Burlington was chosen Queen of the Furrow for 1964 from among three other entrants.

Other winners were Lloyd May, Hornby, Joiner Ploughs in Sod; Donald Dunkeld, Claremont, tractors in sod; John Wilson, Norval, Open mounted plough; Janice Taylor, Burlington, tractor mounted plough (under 15 years of age); Don Cutler, Brampton, tractors in sod (under 21); Dwight May, Hornby, Ernest Irvine tractor utility class; Ivan Taylor, Galt, tractor utility class while a team from Beamsville won the Horseshoe Pitching Competition.

Following the competition, a banquet was held at the Masonic Hall in Milton. Over 175 guests attended and heard a talk by Jack Martin, of Imperial Oil Limited.

Fifty-seven contestants from Esquameau, Oakville, Burlington, and Nassagaways townships entered the contests.

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