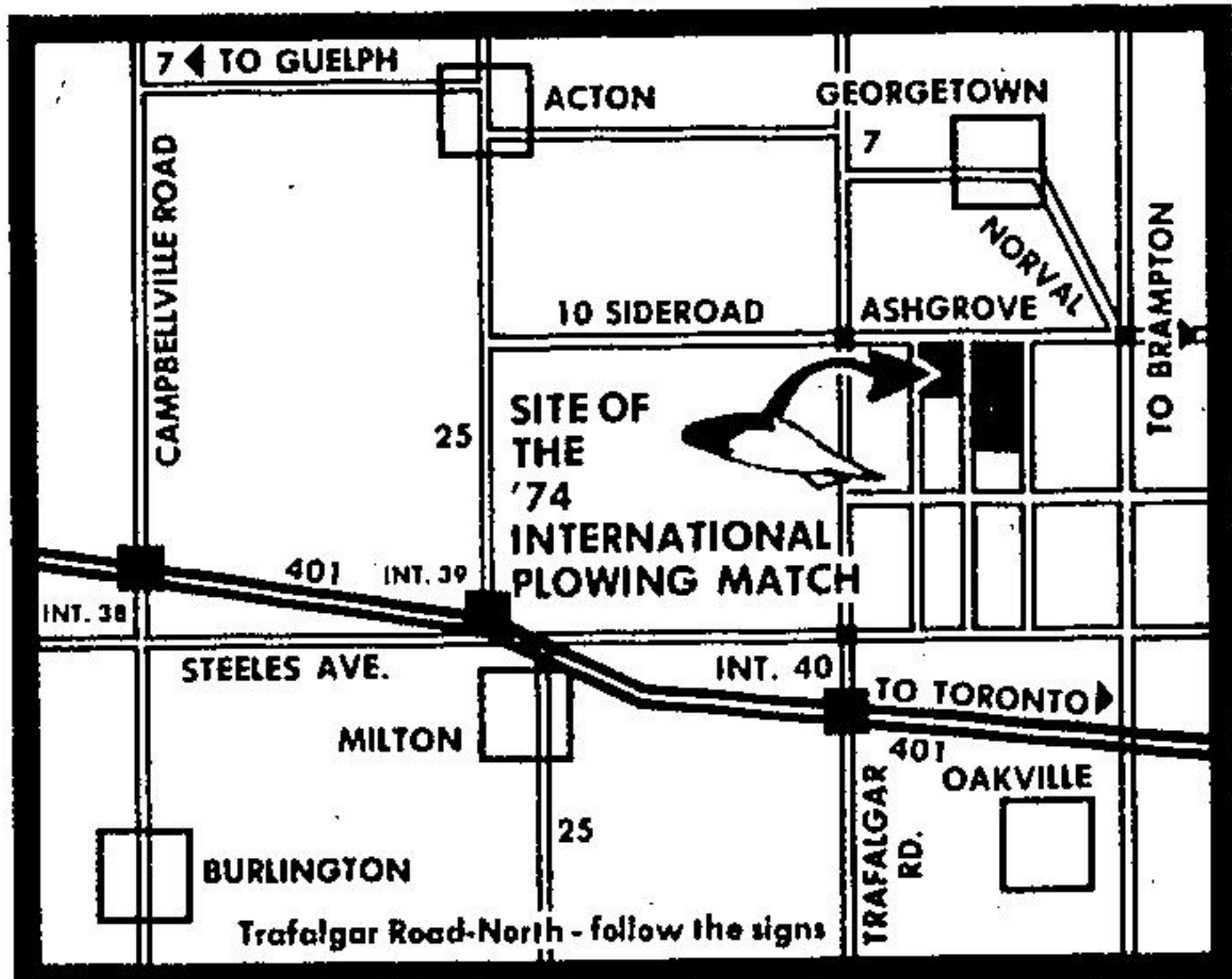


International Match - A First For Georgetown District

HOW TO GET THERE



Reid Farm Is Taken Over By Entire Portable City

Some mighty strange crops are sprouting on Reidson Farms this fall. Hydro poles, telephone booths, portable lavatories, lamp posts and street signs.

In fact an entire portable city has sprung up almost overnight on the Craig Reid and neighboring farms, the site of the 1974 International Plowing Match, one mile south of Georgetown. Over 600 acres of land will be used for plowing parking, exhibits, food booths and a heliport.

Mr. Reid and his neighbors were notified in 1970 that their properties had been selected as the choice location for the 1974 event. For the past four years, the fifteen farmers have been preparing their land for the big event. The tented city area, about 85 acres on Mr. Reid's farm had to be seeded with clover and grass and hay to make it dust free for the half a million visitors expected to walk through it.

In the meantime, it has been necessary to rent part of another farm to grow enough corn and grain to keep his cattle going this winter.

Reidson Farm was selected as number one choice for several reasons. It was a central, convenient and attractive sight. Hydro was available close by, thereby cutting down the expense of installing the facility.

Two bush areas surrounding the property will be in full color by the 24th adding to the attractiveness of the site.

And, the location was such that the neighboring farms could be used for parking, and plowing demonstrations, without obstructing the natural flow of traffic in the area.

"I feel an honored man to have been chosen," commented Mr. Reid, "but I feel too much prominence has been placed on myself and my wife. I think it is very important that the other farmers who have given their land should receive some of the credit."

Earl Wilson, Sandy Barnes, Harold Early, Chester Early, Bruce Nixon, W. J. Russell, Joe Kingdon, W. G. Wright, George Bird, Ralph Cunningham, John Bird, Gerald Treveiranus, Graydon Chester and Joe Schertzl have donated land for plowing and parking purposes.

"It has been a wonderful experience to work with these people and to see the community spirit that has gone into this whole effort," he added.

Despite the interference with his normal routine, Mr. Reid says he will plow up about 75 per cent of the land this fall after the festivities are over, ready for planting. And don't be surprised, Mr. Reid, if some of that community spirit shows up to help.

Excerpt From The Past

Taken from the Canadian Champion, December 6, 1866.

The Nelson Plowing Match took place on November 29 on the farm of Jacob Cline Middle Road. There were 12 plows started, but if the weather had been fine, there would have been as many more. There were seven men and five boys and they all made splendid

work. The following were awarded prizes:

Men - 1st Jacob Peart, 2nd, J. Alton, 3rd, T. Alton, 4th G. McKerlie, 5th W. Pettitt, 6th A. Cline.

Boys - 1st Marchal McKerlie, 2nd W. Blanchard, 3rd J. Shepherd, 4th A. Alton, 5th T. Crawford. The plow made by W. Stephenson was greatly admired.

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