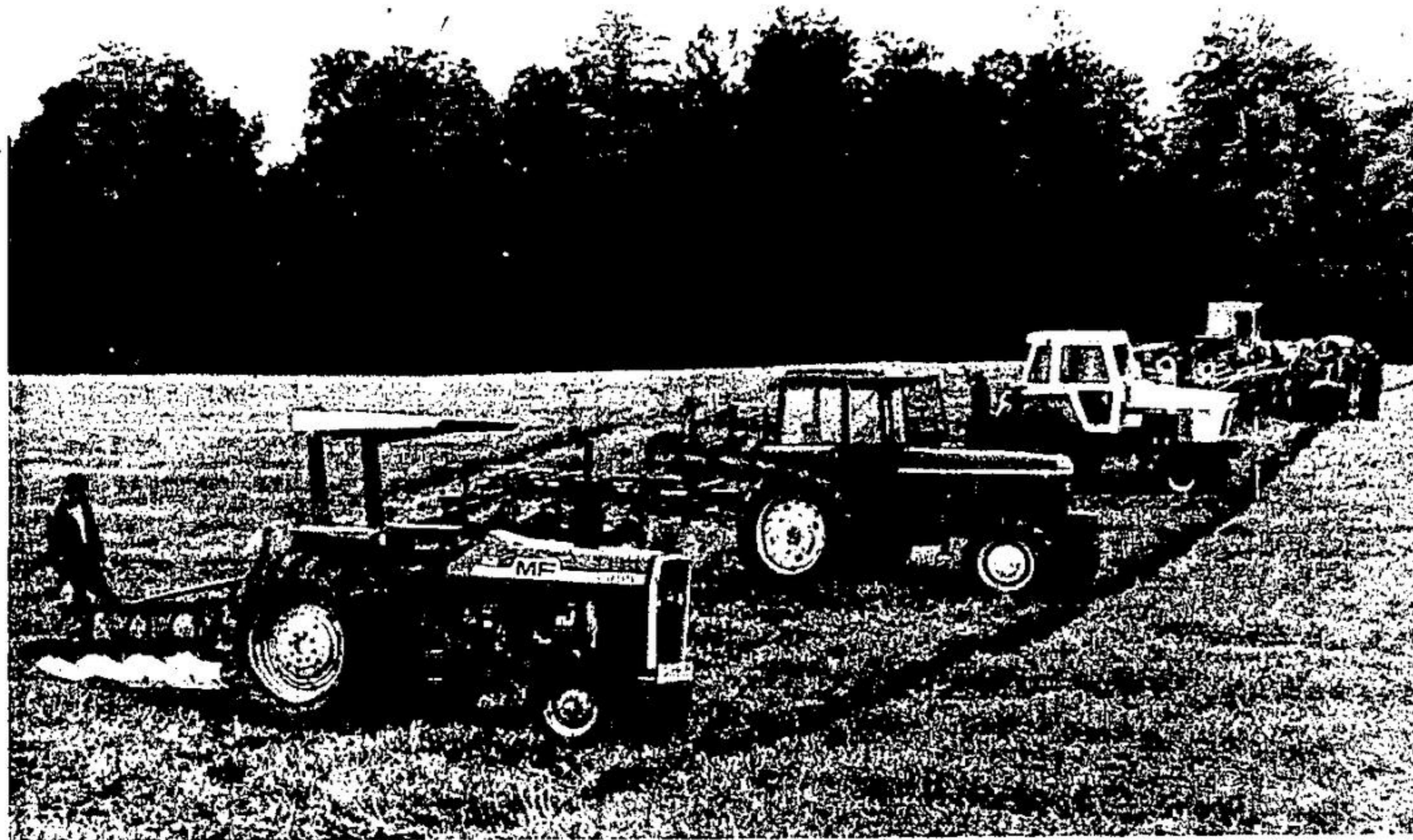


# Fun and frolic down on the farm

*The annual Halton Plowing Match and opening day at Chudleigh's attracted many over the weekend*



There was a good turn-out, particularly of young plowmen, at the Halton Plowing Match Saturday. The rain soon turned the plowed field on Bill Allison's farm into mud, but the enthusiasm was still there as the tractors lined up, waiting for the signal to begin. Some of the plowmen were more

fortunate than others in having tractors with cabs, so they were able to keep relatively dry and warm in spite of the chill rain and wind. Ironically enough, the Plowmen's Association, organizers of the plowing match, had moved this year's match forward to try and catch some good weather.



The trip to Chudleigh's orchards to pick apples is a ride in style on a tractor-drawn hay wagon. Would-be apple pickers are provided with instructions as to how to pick apples with minimum damage to the trees.



Eartha May, 17, of Hornby, is Halton's Queen of the Furrow for 1980, having won the honor of representing Halton at this year's International Plowing Match in Woodstock. Eartha won the title at last year's plowing match, where she competed for the first time ever. Because Halton's match was moved ahead this year, another Queen of the Furrow, Nancy McKinnon, was selected Saturday to compete in the 1981 International Plowing Match.



Spencer Wilson, one of the directors of the Halton Plowmen's Association, chose to hitch a ride on David Wilson's plow, instead of walking to the other end of the field. Had he chosen to walk, he might have found himself bogged down in the mud caused by the intermittent rain Saturday. The rain failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the competitors.

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David and Kerri took an apple break on a Chudleigh's wagon provided for loading up fresh fruit and vegetables. Dad provided the muscle power to haul the wagon, complete with passengers and freight.



Mona Milne and Barry Timleck were at the Halton Plowing Match Saturday representing the Georgetown Agricultural Society, organizers of Georgetown's Fall Fair. They had hot coffee, fresh corn and cold drinks to help keep plowmen and spectators from suffering the hunger pangs.



Stocking up the apples, squash and other vegetables is an ongoing job at Chudleigh's, where it seems everything gets snapped up as soon as it's put down at this time of year, when

people are buying fruit and vegetables to be preserved or frozen for the winter months.



Matthew seems to be getting the better of Jeffrey in this war of hay, which took place in the hayloft at the Chudleigh's Apple Farm Sunday. As well as the piles of hay, there are ramps and ladders and slides for the children to

climb up and slide down. Once the children have worked off their excess energy, there are apples in all varieties, from fresh to apple cider to apple pie, to stoke up the energy again.