



### Riding high, down on the farm!

The way he eats just about anything it won't be long now before one month old, 23 pound "Billie", (an Alpine

crossbreed goat on Wyebridge's Cedarvale farms) will be more than pretty Stephanie Sharp, eight, can handle.

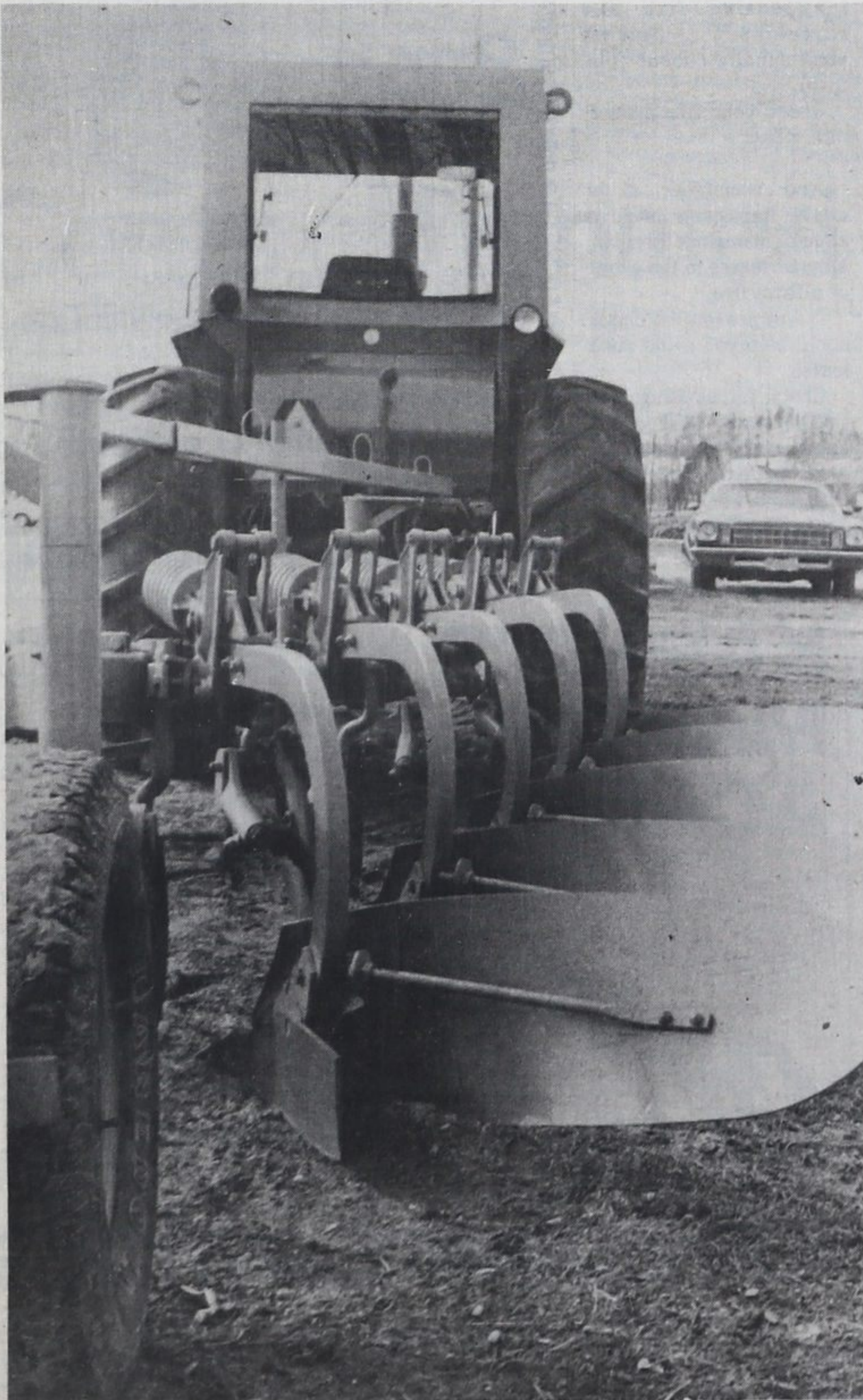
### Potatoes top the list for 1985 crop budgets

According to Simcoe County crop budget statistics for 1985, potatoes are produced at a significantly higher cost per acre than most other field crops.

The production of processing potatoes is estimated to cost \$1,340/acre; fresh market potatoes

\$1,199/acre; while the next most expensive crop, grain corn, is listed at \$355.80/acre.

Other crops listed from most to least expensive, were white beans, alfalfa hay, soybeans, winter wheat, canola, and barley.



All systems to go to work the land

## Haverland will sing

Plans have been set for the 21st World Charolais Federation to be held in Calgary July 9 to 12. A fun-filled four days of entertaining

social events awaits all those who attend, organizers say.

The kick-off to the

Federation is a wine and cheese party on July 9, featuring the finest wines and cheeses from France. A display of Western arts and crafts will also be featured.

The following evening everyone will get a chance to "kick up their heels" at a Western

barbeque, held on a beautiful ranch in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. While feasting on the finest barbequed beef, participants will be entertained by Indian dancers, square dancers, trick roping, and a surprise act that will make everyone "sit-up" and take notice. The feature entertainment of the evening will be the 1985 Canadian Country and Western Female Vocalist of the Year, Kelita Haverland.

Kelita is no stranger to charolais as her father, Ivan Ohler, was the fifth president of the Canadian Charolais Association, and her stepfather, Mike Haverland, has been a strong supporter of charolais for many years. The evening will conclude with dancing to some of the finest country and western music.

A special ladies program is planned for Thursday, starting with a tour of Heritage Park, followed by a fashion show and luncheon in the Shawnee Slopes Golf and Country Club.

Registration for the four days is \$100 if received prior to May 1, or \$125 after May 1, and includes a breakfast and luncheon on Thursday, a lunch during the show on Friday, and a red-eye brunch before the sale on Saturday, in addition to the events listed above. On exhibit during the Federation will be some of the finest charolais cattle in North America, with 50 of the best animals offered for sale on Saturday.

The Charolais Federation is being held during the world famous Calgary Stampede and everyone will have a chance to see some of the excitement that happens at The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Calgary Exhibition.

The interest in Canadian Charolais cattle is high in many countries, and Canadian Charolais breeders see hosting this "world class event" as an excellent opportunity to display their cattle to the world.

## Wye Marsh open this weekend

Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre will celebrate its first birthday as an independent organization on April 5 and 6, with a special open house weekend.

Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis, a long-time supporter of the Wye Marsh, will be on hand Saturday at 2 p.m. to cut the birthday cake and join in the fun. The weekend's activities - all free of charge - will include spring wildlife walks at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., a series of new nature films shown every half hour, a bird nest box building project (bring your own hammer) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. both days, a Kiddi Korner for the younger set, a display/sale by local photographer Dave Hawke, and nature displays on tracks and scats, small mammals, birds and other wildlife in the exhibit hall. One of the highlights will be the opening of a month-long special photography display entitled Arctic Oasis, on loan from the National Museum in Ottawa.

The free weekend is one way the Centre can say Thank You to all its friends who came to the rescue with financial and moral support when government funding was cut last year. The Wye Marsh has many new friends to thank and to get acquainted with as well; over 200 local families have joined the Friends of Wye Marsh in the past month during a county-wide membership campaign. The Friends are a non-profit group which runs the popular tourist attraction and learning centre just east of Midland.

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### Goman is Marsh Friends president

Nadine Goman is the new president of the 14 member board of directors of the Friends of Wye Marsh. Julianna Matyas is the vice-president, John Lucas treasurer, and Bob Whittam secretary. The non-profit group's first president, Mike Hines, is the first past-president.

Walter Kluck, Tim Worts, and Robert Hartog are three new board members. To date the fund raising campaign for the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre has gathered 100 new members and "quite a few pledges." Whittam who is also the Centre's executive director, said.

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