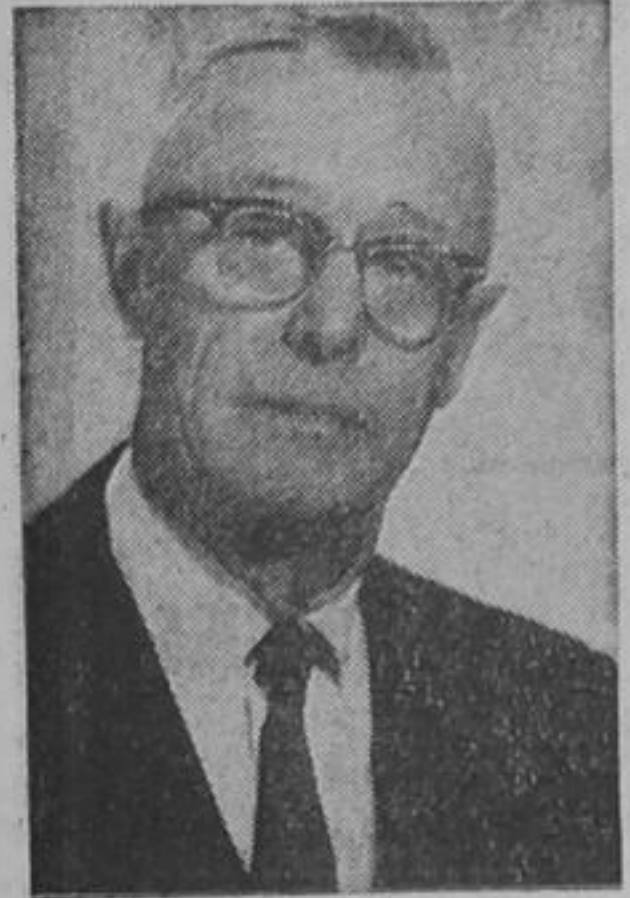


# Attended First Ploughing Match In 1913

(By Mrs. Loren Guild)  
"The original idea in sponsoring ploughing matches," said William Clark, former warden of York County and veteran ploughing enthusiast, "was educational; to promote good cultivation of the land and to train young farmers to do a better job."



WILLIAM CLARK

That is still the basic idea. Mr. Clark is a resident of Markham Township. The provincial match held recently at Owen Sound was a record breaker in several ways: record crowds, record entries and record weather. Matches have been held in pouring rain with the field becoming a mud pudding. They have been held when the land was hard and dry and sprinklers were used to settle the dust. This year enough rain had fallen to leave the land just right, the weather was Canadian autumn at its best and everyone was happy. Norman Brown was host to the ploughing match this year, as was his father in 1933, on their farm about five miles south west of Owen Sound. Mr. Clark remarked on one difference: In 1933 there were 100 horse ploughs and 20 tractors. In 1962 this was reversed. Mr. Clark was one of the judges for the wardens', mayors' reeves' contests and

for the girls' contest. These groups had entertainment appeal. The girls, in addition to ploughing had to make a speech and answer a quiz. Elisabeth Barker of Headford who was York's entry did a good job but lost out on the quiz. The first matches were held at the site of the present Sunnybrook Hospital in 1913 and 1914 and Mr. Clark has second prize trophies from each contest. From the local York County contests the provincial, Dominion and International matches developed. In 1947 Mr. Clark managed the first team of boys to go to Britain to compete in the World Ploughing Match. The trip was financed by the Imperial Oil Company and their instructions were to learn all they could and to promote good will for Canada. Mr. Clark remarked, "I believe more goodwill is promoted through the interchange and association of people than by all the commissioners the

government can send." In 1947 the British people were living through the austerity program and still fresh in Mr. Clark's memory is the kindness and hospitality of all whom they met. One egg a month was the allotment per person. On the morning when they left Cumberland, where they had been ploughing, they each had an egg for breakfast thanks to a nearby farmer. He recalled a touching incident in Glasgow when they stopped to talk to four young boys just out of school. The Canadians had run out of chocolate bars but a member of the team had a package of gum which he gave to one of the lads. The boy immediately shared it with his companions in real team spirit and before they left the hotel Mr. Clark received a note of thanks from him. Reminiscing on comparisons Mr. Clark said that his grandfather had used a Scotch high-cut 6 to 7 inch plough that furrowed a high

cone and left a deep seam. At that time a common feed crop was peas which were hand broadcast and covered by the harrow. This was the full equipment for getting in a crop. Ploughs are in a transition stage he explained. The trailer tractor plough appeared, cutting seven to 10 inch bottoms. This was followed by a two furrow, then three and four furrow and now we have the mounted hydraulically controlled ploughs, fast becoming generally used. They are convenient and it is felt they have an easier draught. Mr. Clark grew up on his grandfather's farm and in a political atmosphere. Lyman Kennedy was reeve of Scarborough and it was natural for Bill Clark to enter municipal politics, which he thoroughly enjoyed through thirty years in office in Markham Township. One of his earliest memories is of his grandfather, while reeve, presenting gold watches to four local men returned from the Boer

War. Outstanding memories of his career, which saw him serve as councillor, deputy-reeve, reeve and finally warden of the County of York in 1960, are of the depression period and the Metro takeover. When the twelve southern municipalities were absorbed in Metropolitan Toronto in 1953, 92% of the county assessment went with them. York was left with 8% of the original assessment, fourteen municipalities, fifty thousand people and approximately fifty million in assessment. Mr. Clark is concerned about the lack of co-operation between the various municipalities. As an example of wasteful overlapping he mentioned the number of police forces in the county. With a unified county force substantial savings could result to the taxpayers. Mr. Clark feels that there is a disappointing lack of interest in municipal affairs. He deplored the small num-

ber of people who bother to attend council meetings. "If people would take the trouble to understand local politics there would be fewer problems in administration. It's the duty of the public to police the government." Mr. Clark has a real love for the land and for farming. He is disturbed by the trend away from the small family farm and feels certain there is a good living on the farm if properly managed. Overhead costs must be watched. He feels farmers could save through machine pools. "These big machines are costly and they are often only used once a year." Another remedy is specialized farming and he feels that a hundred acre farm under intensive cultivation should provide a good living. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are enjoying their retirement in their home on No. 7 Highway at Buttonville. They feel very fortunate that three of their children live close by.

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TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM,  
H. C. T. CRISP,  
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297-1900 285-1103

NOTE: Copies of the Voters' List are supplied to Post Offices in the Municipality.

## Report Sharp Increase In Hepatitis Disease

Incidence of infectious hepatitis in York County has increased about three times over last year's figure, according to Dr. R. M. King, medical officer of health for York County. There were 47 reported cases of hepatitis during the first ten months of 1961, compared with 110 during the same period this year. Highest incidence of the disease is in the Keswick, Thornhill and Richmond Hill areas, Dr. King says. Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver usually associated with jaundice by laymen, Dr. King explains. The disease can be prolonged although the fatality rate is fairly low. He said severity of the disease increases with the age of the victim. It often goes unnoticed in children, so that statistics on it are not accurate. Hepatitis is communicable al-

though medical experts have not determined how it spreads. Dr. King claims the disease could spread through improper sanitation. Dr. King suggests householders should be sure their water tested, to make sure it is not polluted. Greater attention to cleanliness and to disposal of human waste will also help combat the disease. First symptoms of hepatitis are upset stomach, fever and a general feeling of being run down. Later there is a darkening of the urine and a yellowing of the skin associated with jaundice. People having these symptoms should call their doctors at once, since early diagnosis will cut down on the length of treatment. General treatment involves control of the victim's diet, limiting the workload imposed on the liver.

## Apprehend Attacker

Richmond Hill Police have arrested a 13-year old boy in connection with assaults on three girls. Police say two assaults took place during August and one during November. Chief R. P. Robbins revealed arrest of the youth after a round-the-clock hunt. He declined to reveal names or any other information.

## Edwin Ness

Resident of Willowdale, Edwin H. Ness passed away on November 10 from a heart attack. Mr. Ness was in his 76th year. Born on Leslie St. north of Dollar he was the son of the late William and Annie Ness. His father came to Canada from Hull, Yorkshire, England and arrived at his uncle's, the late John Ness on Dufferin St. then known as Pine View. He married Annie Grainger of Carrville, then known as Greenfield. He moved to a farm at Dollar, where Edwin and Howard were born. His mother died in 1903. Then he moved to Bayview at Newtonbrook, where he farmed for many years. He married Alma Smith in 1938, and she passed away in June 1939. After he moved to Thornhill, then to Peach Orchard, Whitechurch. Later he sold the farm and moved to Langstaff, where he built a home, and then to Willowdale. He is survived by a brother Howard. The services were conducted at the Jarrett Funeral Home on November 13 with interment at Thornhill Cemetery.

## Delay Decision On Installation

Markham Township Council Monday night delayed decision on an application from E. J. Williams, a township resident, for installation of fuel oil storage tanks on property in the Langstaff area. Mr. Williams contended that fuel oil storage is in a legitimate use of land in the area, according to the township's official plan. When Councillor Al Summer moved that the application be turned down, Mr. Williams asked, "How can you refuse? The zoning permits it." Mr. Summer's motion did not get a second. Deputy-reeve Lawson Mumberson suggested residents of the area be polled before council takes any action. Council decided to discuss the matter in committee.

## Slippery Roads Blamed For Two Minor Mishaps

Slippery conditions on Markham Township roads Saturday evening led to two minor accidents. At 7:30 Saturday, Gary Galt of Queen St. E., Toronto, lost control of his car on Don Mills Road, a mile south of Gormley, police report. The English sports car left the road and went into the ditch, hit a telephone pole and his wife Sheila were treated by Dr. Socol. Damage was between \$500 and \$600, according to police. Police say charges will be laid. Two Scarborough people were treated for minor injuries by Dr. Harvey Socol, Richmond Hill, after an accident at 9:25 on Eighteenth Avenue, west of Leslie Street. Police say a car driven by John Gallagher, Telford Drive, Scarborough, sideswiped a second car driven by Vincent Weedon, R.R. 2, Gormley, Gallagher and MARKHAM: Plans for a subdivision including 222 lots in Markham Village, south of Highway 7 have been announced.

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**LANGSTAFF and THORNLEA NEWS**  
Correspondent  
Mrs. B. Lepkey  
Phone Avenue 5-3489

Lyell Stewart is continuing to make good progress in the Branson Hospital, and so is Mrs. Edna Charles, who wishes to express her sincere thanks to all her neighbours and friends for the many cards and messages of cheer that she has received since she has been sick.

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## Release Portion Of County Plan

Major W. F. A. Preston of the York County Emergency Measures Organization announced release of the first 170 pages of the county's 300 page EMO plan Monday. Major Preston began work on the plan in August, after the province's official plan had been released. Officials of all 14 of the county's municipalities will receive copies of the plan. It will have to get approval from the 1963 council. An outline of the plan will be published later this year. Most of the other 130 pages of the plan will consist of plans by the local municipalities.

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