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## Ohio Theory of Plowing Wouldn't Work in This District Says Fred Timbers

### Farmers of York County Stick to Plow, but Disc Cultivation Works Well on "Leitchcroft Farm," Markham Township

Ever since the first piece of land was broken and pioneers settled on Crown-deeded property in York County well over a century ago, the plow has been regarded as the farmer's most important agricultural tool, and it will continue to be an essential instrument despite "revolutionary" theories advanced to abandon it.

At least that is the opinion of the majority of farmers throughout the rich grain growing district, who are confident modern disking methods of soil tilling will never supersede the orthodox plowing system of cultivation.

Theory of Edward H. Faulkner, of Ohio, who advocates the abandonment of the plow and the introduction of a disk tilling system to save unnecessary extra hours of farm work and provide bigger and better crops, would not work out entirely satisfactorily in York County, local farmers point out. His theory however, is not altogether unfamiliar in the county, for scores of farmers have been using the disking method of tilling on their grain fields for years. But they still use the plow as well.

My opinion is that it won't work in the immediate district around here," said Mr. Fred Timbers who was the champion plowman in Canada and the U.S.A. only a half dozen years ago. "It might be practical in light land," he continued.

We understand that the view of Lloyd Turner, D. J. Tran, Win. Timbers, and many other prominent farmers with championship records, is much the same as that expressed by Fred Timbers. It may be practical on light soils they say, but as for the nature of land any of the men mentioned here work, the disk alone would not do.

It is the belief of the U.S. agricultural authority that deep plowing buries green manuring crops too far down to be of use to the shallow root systems of most plants. This decaying organic matter is highly absorbent and draws moisture from the soil above it and eventually the moisture and the entire mass of plant food with it, drains away in the subsoil, starving the crops above it. By disking into the top soil a very liberal mass of green rye, the organic "absorbent mat" is left where roots can benefit from it.

This plan, Mr. Faulkner claims would halt erosion, replenish the land with organic matter, enrich the land already producing crops and produce greater yields to the given acre.

According to W.M. Cockburn, county agricultural representative, a variation of soil conditions exist in the district which would tend to "knock holes in Mr. Faulkner's theory."

"The theory could undoubtedly be applied with success on land of a sandy-loam nature," declared Mr. Cockburn, "but I am confident, it would not work out with satisfaction on land that contains an abundance of gravel. Such a plan could be operated in many of the southern states and the western provinces of Canada, but ground conditions in Ontario are too extreme."

### Is Labor-Saver

He said that scores of farmers throughout Markham, Whitchurch, Vaughan and King townships have used the disking method on their land for several years and have found it to be a real labor-saver. "It's hard to determine, however, how this method would tend to increase crops," he added.

"The only way to compare the Faulkner method with the orthodox way would be to take one field, divide it and experiment using both systems," said Mr. Cockburn. "It would (Continued on Page Five)

Mrs. George Reeve who died in Toronto on Monday in her 56th year, will be buried in St. Phillip's cemetery, Unionville, this Thursday afternoon. Her maiden name was Agnes Irene Beckett, and there survives her besides her husband, two daughters and two sons.

## John Phillips Was Seriously Injured by Motor Car

Although feared to be fatally injured when struck by a motor car on Saturday afternoon on the townline west of Stouffville, John Phillips of this place, was said to be still holding his own on Wednesday. He is in Western Hospital, suffering serious scalp and body wounds.

Mr. Phillips, father of Ken. Phillips manager of the local Dominion Stores, was out for a walk and had reached a point opposite Win. Timbers farm. At the gateway he had just been talking to Bob Timbers, and only moments after they parted Phillips was struck by a car said to be driven by Gilbert Ramsey. Timbers told police the car barely missed him, as it bore down on Phillips.

Later a charge was laid by Constable Ben Gayman who took Ramsey into custody, and who was later allowed out on \$2500 bail. Ramsey was not insured, we understand.

The injured man sustained a possible concussion, a scalp wound necessitating 20 stitches, a broken leg and other body wounds. He was struck from behind since both he and the car were coming into town. Mr. Phillips is 65 years of age and had been in delicate health.

## GRANDPARENTS PROUD OF BABY QUARTETTE

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson who reside in their comfortable new cottage which they built on Main street east a few years ago, may justly feel that their family is making some remarkable history that is intensely interesting. Within the past year Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have become grandparents to four new baby boys, one each being born to their two daughters and their two sons in this period. Their two sons are Roy and Grenville Wilson, and their two daughters are Mrs. V. Pennamen, and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds. Mrs. Reynolds gave birth to a son at the Brierbush only last week to complete the quartette of babies that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are grandparents to.

### TO BE AIR-GUNNER

Gordon Gostick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gostick of (Claremont, has enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and will train as a wireless air-gunner. Gordon who is just 18, was born near Claremont and attended school there and in Stouffville. He had been employed in Toronto for the past year.

### TAKES QUEBEC BRIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gilbert announce the marriage of their eldest son, Cpl. Harold Stanley Gilbert of the R.C.A.F. to Miss Jennie Fitzpatrick, of Gaspe Harbour, Quebec. The marriage took place last Thursday evening, at the United Church parsonage, Stouffville. The bride was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Doris Gilbert, and the groom by his brother, Ross Gilbert. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fitzpatrick of Gaspe Harbour, Gaspe, Quebec. The couple left on Monday morning for Gaspe, where Corporal Gilbert is waiting for further instructions.

## New Resident Passes Suddenly

Rushed from his home in the east end of Stouffville last Thursday to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Harry E. Chapman died there the following day, and was buried at Prospect cemetery on Monday afternoon in the veterans' plot. Deceased is survived by his wife, and was in his 57th year. He was a Great War Veteran.

Only a few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Chapman located in Stouffville having just bought the Anthony Dixon house and lot directly east of Wm. Griffiths' house in the north east section of the village. They came from Toronto and were looking forward to enjoying a few years in comfort here. Mr. Chapman lost his one hand as a result of his war activities, and was enjoying a pension. Although they came here as entire strangers, and had not time to get acquainted, the widow has the sympathy of everybody in her loss.

## Local Hunters Find Big Deer With Horns Securely Locked, Battled to the Death



Here is a close-up of heads of the pair of battling bucks which had just ended their last fight to the death when these hunters came upon them in the wilds of northern Haliburton. Their horns were so securely locked they could not be separated and were brought home still tangled in this fashion. Left to right are Myron Anderson, Harry Ratcliff, John Smits, three "hefty" hunters.

— Photo by W. R. Sanders

## Native of Ringwood Geo. Silvester Dead

Native of Ringwood, George E. Silvester died last week in the Toronto General Hospital where he was taken from his home in Timmins only a short time before his death. He was 72 years of age. For many years he was with the International Nickel Co. in Toronto and Copper Cliff, but for the past 15 years lived a retired life at Timmins. Born at Ringwood, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Silvester, prominent store keepers there 70 years ago, George Silvester attended the local school, Markham high school, and graduated with honors in mining and civil engineering from the University of Toronto at the age of 19. He was a member of the Ontario Engineering Association and several mining organizations, as well as the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association.

### OPEN NIGHT THURSDAY

To-night (Thursday) the Stouffville High School is holding "open house" for the parents and general public to visit the school. Proceedings commence at 7.45 sharp with class demonstrations, shop and home economics projects, etc. Light lunch will be served.

Mrs. Jonas Lewis, east of town, spent a few days in Sunderland, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cooper.

Surviving are a daughter Mrs. Kelly, Timmins, and a son, George Ernest Silvester of Toronto, also his sister Mrs. A. S. Leaney of Stouffville and one brother Fred Silvester, now living at Uxbridge. His wife died three years ago. Interment was made at Prospect Cemetery.

## To Choose Councillors and School Trustees Friday Night

### Reeve Weldon Will Stand for Re-election It Is Expected.

The yearly nomination meeting in Stouffville will be held on the statutory date which falls this Friday evening, Nov. 26. Nominations will be received at Ratcliff's Hall between the hours of 7.30 and 8.30 o'clock for Reeve and Four Councillors, also for Three Public School Trustees.

Reeve Weldon will be up for re-election, while Councillors Hugh Boyd, Walter Brillinger and A. V. Nolan are said to be not keen enough to stay in office to contest the seat. Councillor Wm. Ratcliff will not seek re-election at all owing to his indifferent health. He has been unable to attend council for a month or two, and retires on this account.

There will have to be at least one new member, and if more are anxious to secure a seat on the council, they may be able to do so without meeting opposition.

The three members of the school board whose terms of office have expired are Dr. H. B. Freese, Lloyd Turner and J. W. McMullen. The first mentioned would like to retire, but since he is regarded as an invaluable member, efforts will be made to keep Dr. Freese on the board, even if only as a consultant. Last year he gave up the chairmanship in favor of I. A. Aldred, and now wishes to relinquish his seat entirely.

Trustees Lloyd Turner and J. W. McMullen, each representing the Whitchurch and Markham portions of the union section, will remain for re-election.

For Councillors the names of Hugh Bannerman and Ross Brown have been mentioned, but things are very quiet, with interest decidedly lacking. There are some important issues for the council to handle in the not distant future and men with initiative and foresight are needed. We hear of no opposition to Reeve Weldon who is a hard worker for Stouffville.

## Coupon Value for Maple Syrup Up

Beginning next March 2, the value of "D" coupons for purchase of maple syrup will be increased from 12 to 20 ounces. That the last "D" coupon in the present ration books will become valid on that date instead of March 30 as originally scheduled.

The move was taken to permit customers to buy maple syrup in larger quantities when the season opens. Eight coupons under the new ration allotment will buy one gallon of syrup.

"Any coupon holder who saves these coupons (all "D" coupons) from Dec. 1 until March 2 will be able to buy at least a gallon of maple syrup in one purchase when the season opens," said the board. "A family of two would be able to buy two gallons, with two "D" coupons to spare, and so forth."

The board also announced arrangements would be made to facilitate mail-order business in the maple syrup industry. It has long been the practice for many Westerners to purchase maple syrup from eastern producers and dealers by mail. A system for handling the necessary coupons will be announced later.

Harold Good, R.C.N.V.R. made a hasty trip up from an Atlantic sea port to spend a few hours in town visiting his father at the Brierbush.

Mrs. Fred Cowie of Claremont is in a critical condition, a report from the Brierbush Hospital on Wednesday stated.

Mrs. James Mowat has gone to Lindsay where she will remain at the home of her son, M. S. Mowat, for some time which will hasten her back to good health again old friends will confidently hope.

## Few Clubs able to Bring Back Their Quota of Deer—20 Below Zero at South River Says Chas. Atkinson—12 Below at Zebra Siding

No story book on wild animals would be complete without a yarn of a famous battle between two buck deer where the chargers got their horns locked, never to be set free and where the victor died with the vanquished. Well, Dr. S. S. Ball and a party of other Stouffville men, Jack Smits, Harry Ratcliff, Myron Anderson and Tommy Kerr (son-in-law of Wm. Simpson,) came upon the remains of two such bucks while hunting in northern Haliburton. The professional man of the party said the big animals had died only a day before, and evidence about indicated a terrific battle had been fought.

The horns of the two contestants were so securely locked that the hunters could not release them, and had to cut the heads off to bring home the evidence. It appeared that the pair must have come together with a terrific thud, and fought for hours. Finally, the larger deer over 200, flopped its advisory over a big log with such force its back was broken. The pair rolled into a stream of water close at hand, and the other deer was dragged under and drowned.

It was the first trip deer hunting for Mr. Smits of the Stouffville Machine and Tool Works, and in addition to being an eye witness to what we have described he shot a deer. The party brought home two other deer in addition to the heads of the bucks which will be mounted.

Dr. Ball remained in the woods for a second week and aided by Col. Harold Bruels they brought down a big 200 pound buck and a large doe, which looked like top ranking success for even professional hunters. Jim Bowes, their cook, is willing to put the good shooting down to his cooking.

Generally speaking the hunting was good this year, but the luck was very poor. According to Morley Symes there were deer tracks everywhere in the Hawk Lake region, but this keen eyed hunter only saw one deer. He shot it and the deer went headlong into the bushes, got up, blinked, and ran into the lake a mile away, but was not recovered. There are a lot of good marksmen around Goodwood, but only two deer were shot by hunters from that place. The two Walters did the trick, Walter Byran and Walter Todd.

"Red" Forsyth hunting with a party from Uxbridge including his brother Arthur, dropped a dandy 175 pound buck. Four in the party brought home two deer.

Nels. Byer, Bob Snowball, Jack Pennock, and Elgin Wagg hunting with the Markham club at Foot's Bay in the Parry Sound district met with poor success. Elgin shot a fawn, Jack shot a fox, but nobody hit a deer. Tracks of a bear were all around the cabin one morning, but old bruin was away before anyone knew he was about. This is the poorest hunting this party encountered in several years.

The Sutton hunt club to which Frank Baker, Chris. and Sam Armstrong were attached brought home eight deer. This was away below their quota and the first time in 30 years that the boys of this club did not bring back their number. The boys said the thermometer dropped to 12 below zero.

The hunters who tramped the coldest country were the Whitchurch group with which Chas. Atkinson, Reg. Stouffer, Wm. Greenbury, Wm. Armstrong and W. Pipher from town were attached. Don Ratcliff said it was 20 below around the camp at a place called Rye on the south river. Like the others they had a lot of fun, but didn't bring back their deer quota.

### PROMINENT SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Chas. Endicott, one of the most outstanding missionary leaders in the United Church, will be the speaker in the United Church next Sunday morning, marking a service of missionary endeavour. This distinguished guest possesses a great understanding of the resources of our great North-west, and the responsibility of the church in its development. Members and friends are urged to hear Dr. Endicott, Sunday morning in Stouffville.