

## Local Men Take Plowing Honours In Their Classes



Mr. Grant Wells of Stouffville (left) was one of the most successful local participants at the International Plowing Match held near Brooklin last week. Grant was the winner

of three individual championships, including the Esso championship in the tractor class; the Esso award for the best plowed land at the match and the arc-welding championship.



John Pugh, 21, (right) also of Stouffville, handles his two-furrow tractor plow with the accuracy of a scientist to win his class on the opening day of the match. John gained

his skill as a plowman by working on his father's farm. He is the son of Mr. Harry Pugh, 6th concession of Whitechurch Twp.

## Local Boy Wins Three Championships at International Match

Grant Wells of Whitechurch Township performed an exceptional feat last week when he walked off with no less than three championships at the International Plowing Match at Brooklin.

Grant plowed his way to top place over 17 other contestants on Thursday to win the Esso Championship in the tractor class. This championship carries with it a gold medal and the Esso trip to another province which Grant will take next spring or fall in the company of Karl Watson, 37, a carpenter, from Forest who won the Esso championship class for horses. Mr. Wilkins of Simcoe will accompany the winners and act as

manager. Grant also was fortunate in having the Esso land he plowed considered the best plowed land of the entire match. For this honour he received the General Motors Products of Canada Ltd. Trophy, a beautiful silver tea service.

Grant is not only a champion at plowing but he is also a champion at welding. He won the Arc-Welding championship which was awarded to the person doing the best work in arc welding in the four days of competition. He obtained 141 points out of a possible 150 for the prize work and receives a bonus cheque and a welding course at Lincoln Electric Co. of Canada Ltd., Leaside.

## Sgt. Clayton Speaks at Gormley Home & School

The Gormley Home & School Association, (S.S. No. 7, Markham) presented a most varied and interesting program for its Oct. 15th meeting. A warm welcome was extended to the many new and old members present. Like many "Little Red School-houses" in Markham Township, S.S. No. 7 is once again beginning to bulge at the seams. This, coupled with its location at the foot of Heise Hill on the Don Mills Road, is the cause of much anxiety to the parents, who are aware of the many dangers faced by their children daily on a 50 mile zone highway.

Thus the subject of the programme was very aptly taken—Safety Rules and Regulations. Three very excellent films were shown by Sergeant Clayton of the Markham Township Police, assisted by Mr. Colvin, principal of Powell Road School. The films—"Chain Reaction," "You and Your Bicycle" and "The Talking Car," while of great amusement to the children, nevertheless presented a very forceful warning to "Stop, Look and Listen." Sgt. Clayton spoke on the new speed laws now gradually coming into force. The fact not often realized, that the Police do not make the Traffic laws, but they must enforce them. Not all drivers use good judgment, and it is often the "local resident" who is the worst offender, not the visitor passing through.

The area from Steeles Avenue north on the Don Mills Road to Gormley is one of the most dangerous in Ontario, as here the driver often feels he is "now in the country and so opens up." People can work changes if they get together on what is needed in their own area, and go through the proper channels. Mr. Sand, Principal Supervisor of Area 1, Markham & Vaughan, then spoke on the needless toll of life on the highways. It has now become as though people were in competition, trying to see if they could "better" the Traffic Accident toll of the previous weekend. He warned the parents of their responsibility in practising safety while driving, as well as talking safety to their children. He directed an amusing but Safety Conscious talk to the children, as well as teaching them a new version of the "Little Jack Horner" rhyme.

Another highlight of the evening was the formal presentation of a piano to the Junior Room. Miss Sheila Henderson, Senior Student, pleased all with her dainty and intricate fingering of a light and airy "Solo Piece."

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Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Button have been enjoying a vacation cruise to South American waters.

## Local Teams Rate High At International Match

Heber Down's fine Clydesdale team won top honours in the horse show on the first day of the International Plowing Match.

Twelve teams of horses, right from the task of plowing their lands in the horse classes, were lined up for the judges. Some of them were teams loaned by local farmers, as was the case with Mr. Down's team, while others were brought to the match by plowmen from the neighboring district. Well-matched teams drew the admiration of the crowd as they stood in the judging ring.

The winners in the first class of the horse show were as follows: 1. Heber Down, Brooklin; 2. B. Wylie, Oakwood; 3. Ed. Timbers, Claremont; 4. William Holder, Manilla; 5. H. Thaxter, Uxbridge; 6. William Alsop, Uxbridge; 7. I. Bell, Kirkfield; 8. H. R. Jarvis, Agincourt; 9. V. Jarvis, Agincourt; 10. R. Smith, Mount Albert; 11. W. Hill, Uxbridge; A. Featherstone, Milliken.

## Canadians Make Good Showing at Shillingford

While they failed to capture top honours in last week's World Ploughing Match held at Shillingford, about fifty miles outside of London, they created considerable interest and showed good form among the 26 competitors. The two Canadian representatives were Bob Timbers of Stouffville and Ed Demman of Portage La Prairie, Man. Bob Timbers won the Canadian Championship in 1953, and represented the Dominion at the first World Match held at Cobourg. His team-mate Jim Eccles went on to win the World Championship. In 1954 he qualified for the World Match in Ireland and again in 1955, Bob was Canadian champ giving him the right to compete at England this year.

Winner of this year's World Match was High Bail, Irish representative, 15 years experience. He won the International title in 1953, competed in the 2nd World Match at Killarney winning the World Crown and competed in the 3rd World Match in Sweden again taking top honours. He has won outright 22 cups for competitive ploughing.

There were 13 countries represented in this affair last week with 26 ploughmen. Your writer travelled from London to Shillingford for the match to see how the big show is conducted away from home. While not on as large a scale as our local International, the ploughing match is quite extensive and spread over a very large area. Britains are still

In a class for horse teams judged while plowing, with the awards going to the best plowing teams, the winners were as follows: 1. I. Bell, Kirkfield; 2. B. Wylie, Oakwood; 3. H. R. Jarvis, Agincourt; 4. G. Bell, Woodville; 5. R. K. Smith, Gormley; 6. R. H. Miller, Sunderland; 7. S. Ball, Uxbridge; 8. G. Bennett, Goodwood; 9. A. Featherstone, Milliken; 10. M. Jarvis, Blackwater.

Another competition which attracted attention was a competition in farm welding, open to residents of Ontario and the neighboring counties. In the two classes held yesterday, the following were the winners:

Oxy-Acetylene Welding: 1. Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; 2. Everson Norton, Locust Hill. Arc Welding: 1. Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; 2. Grant Wells, Stouffville; 3. J. E. Hamer, Myrtle; 4. Everson Norton, Locust Hill.

## NEW INDUSTRIAL PLANT FOR MARKHAM

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier of Markham Township announced last week that a million dollar industrial plant will shortly be built in Markham Township. The Menner Co. Ltd., manufacturers of a nationally advertised line of cosmetics, toiletries and baby supplies, have purchased a 62-acre site in the Stephens subdivision in Richvale. The property fronts on Yonge Street and runs back to the railway line.

The new plant will be completely automatic and cover between 60,000 and 80,000 square feet. It is expected the plant will be in operation within the next two years. Township officials have estimated municipal taxes alone on the plant will amount to \$7,000 annually. The firm's main American operation is located at Morristown, New Jersey.

## GORMLEY MAN RECEIVES AWARD

Mr. Earl Wideman, operator of a garage on the Don Mills Road, one mile south of Gormley, has been presented an award in the amount of \$100.00 by the Dominion Automobile Association, London, Ont. Mr. Wideman was credited by Chief Constable Clarence Wideman of the Markham Township Police Force with being instrumental in securing the apprehension and conviction of a hit-and-run driver following an accident, south of Buttonville, on July 16th. Mr. Wideman was operating a tow truck at an accident when a car driven by Edward Judge, 21, of Toronto crashed into his vehicle, then glanced off another damaged car on the highway shoulder. Wideman gave chase in his own auto and assisted in apprehending the escapee. The accident was investigated by P. G. Evan Kelly.

## Markham Twp. Council To Crack-down on Sub-Standard Housing

Markham Township Council last Monday night ordered a crack-down on sub-standard housing in the township. Reeve Alfred LeMasurier told council that the need for such action had been brought forcibly to his attention by the recent tragic fire in Vaughan Township which resulted in the death of two teenagers. The Reeve said that the fire which had occurred in a "converted chicken coop" had caused strong public opinion, judging from newspaper and radio reports and he added that he felt that it was the responsibility of municipalities to bear down on this type of dwelling.

"We don't want this to happen in Markham Township," stated Mr. LeMasurier emphatically to members of the council and the Building Inspector, Fred Fudge, who had been requested to attend. In reply to the Reeve's question as to what was being done to combat sub-standard dwellings, Mr. Fudge said that some forty buildings had been condemned in the township and had since been rectified in the Lot 40 area. He said that a drive to rectify contraventions of the building bylaws had been very successful, adding that the number of converted dwellings had been considerably reduced. "Duncan Road and Carville Rd. are possibly the most difficult areas to control," he said.

Councillor Donald Deacon remarked that the fact that residents knew a stringent check was to be made, would make them more aware of the problems and encourage them to

## OVER \$1,000 DAMAGES IN AUTO COLLISION

A two-car collision at the corner of Main and Edward Streets, west end of Stouffville, resulted in damages to two cars in excess of \$1,000. The accident occurred on Saturday morning. An eastbound car, driven by Miss Roely Doldersum, 17, of R.R.2 Aurora, collided with a parked auto owned by Mr. Morgan Hill of R.R.3 Claremont. Miss Doldersum, according to Police Chief Wm. Diamond, was attempting to make a left hand turn up Edward Street when she lost control of her vehicle and crashed into the Hill car which was parked. Damage to the Hill auto amounted to more than \$650.00. The girl's car, owned by her father, was damaged in excess of \$500.00. She has been charged with operating a vehicle without a license. Miss Doldersum required first aid treatment.

## TOWN TAX PICTURE VERY BRIGHT

Close to 80 per cent of the town's tax roll has been returned, according to Collector K. R. Davis and Clerk Garfield Brown. To date \$92,000 has been paid. The total tax roll is slightly in excess of \$123,000. The first installment of taxes was due by Sept. 1st with the last installment to be paid by Dec. 1st. Clerk Brown pointed out that many residents had paid the full amount prior to Sept. 1st.

## Final Days of Press Tour Prove Most Interesting

The final days of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Press Tour overseas were some of the most interesting of the entire trip. We travelled to Paris from Nice by train and spent four days in the French capital viewing the many wonders of France, the Eiffel Tower, Arch de Triomphe, walking the Champs-Elysees, and seeing Napoleon's tomb. There are no less than 32 bridges over the Seine River, one of the most famous streams in Europe. Notre Dame Cathedral and the site of the Guillotine beheadings are other well-known historical points of interest.

Paris was the first city where horse meat was officially advertised for human consumption. A butcher selling horse meat has his shop identified by a horse-head sign in front of his store. There is practically no war damage in Paris as Hitler took over the French capital as an open city early in the war. However, there are marks on one night 142 metal statues were removed from their stone pedestals throughout the city and shipped off to feed Hitler's munition factories. Today, special placards on each denuded stone base tell the story. War regulations were struck for the civilian population and here and there those who disobeyed were shot on the spot. Wherever such an occurrence took place the French have marked the spot with a small flower holder fastened to the wall of the building in the street opposite.

Traffic, as in London and Rome, is little short of terrific, and horn-honking is forbidden. The French are very excitable and used to create bedlam with their horn-honking. Everything down to hotel dining room menus follow a fixed pattern and you could create utter confusion among the waiters if you ordered tomato soup when onion was what appeared on the menu.

The Follies Bergere and Lido, the two big Paris night clubs, were also on our agenda. The programs were very good but fail to outline American night spots. Our group was received by City of Paris officials at the city's reception house. We failed to meet the Chief of State, as the Liberian President was arriving at the same time and the Horse Guards and hundreds of Police were busy at the City Hall. The French Tourist Department favoured us with a reception and evening boat trip on the Seine.

Paris, like Rome, does not have what we think to be the most sanitary conditions, and still provides open sidewalk toilets as both cities have done for years.

Our group was particularly

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## Apple Day

This Saturday will be Apple Day in Stouffville conducted by the local Cubs and Boy Scouts. This is an annual event conducted by the scouts and their major fund-raising project. Scout work is recognized the world over as one of the finest. Help your local boys by buying an apple from them this Saturday.

## Beekeeper Downs Large Bear

Mr. Edwin Byer, local apiarist, is pictured above with a large 325 pound bear which he shot during the early hours of Saturday morning. 8 miles north-east of Queensboro, near Madoe, Ont. Although the local beekeeper has bagged a total of seven bears in the past three years, this is by far the largest animal to fall victim to his 12 gauge shot gun. Mr. Byer and his brother, Walter, visited the yard dur-

ing the weekend and noticed that some intruder had inflicted considerable damage to the hives. In order to rid themselves of the invader, he barricaded himself inside a wall of cases and waited for the bear to return. After nearly seven hours of silent watch, his patience was rewarded—the bear came back.

When the huge bruin came within a few feet of the barricade and began to devour the



honey, Mr. Byer switched on a nearby floodlight which lit up the entire area. The bear quickly attempted to escape but four shots brought him down. He was loaded into a small truck and brought home to the Byer apiary on the 8th concession of Markham. His huge black form attracted many Sunday sightseers to the Byer residence.

—Jim Thomas