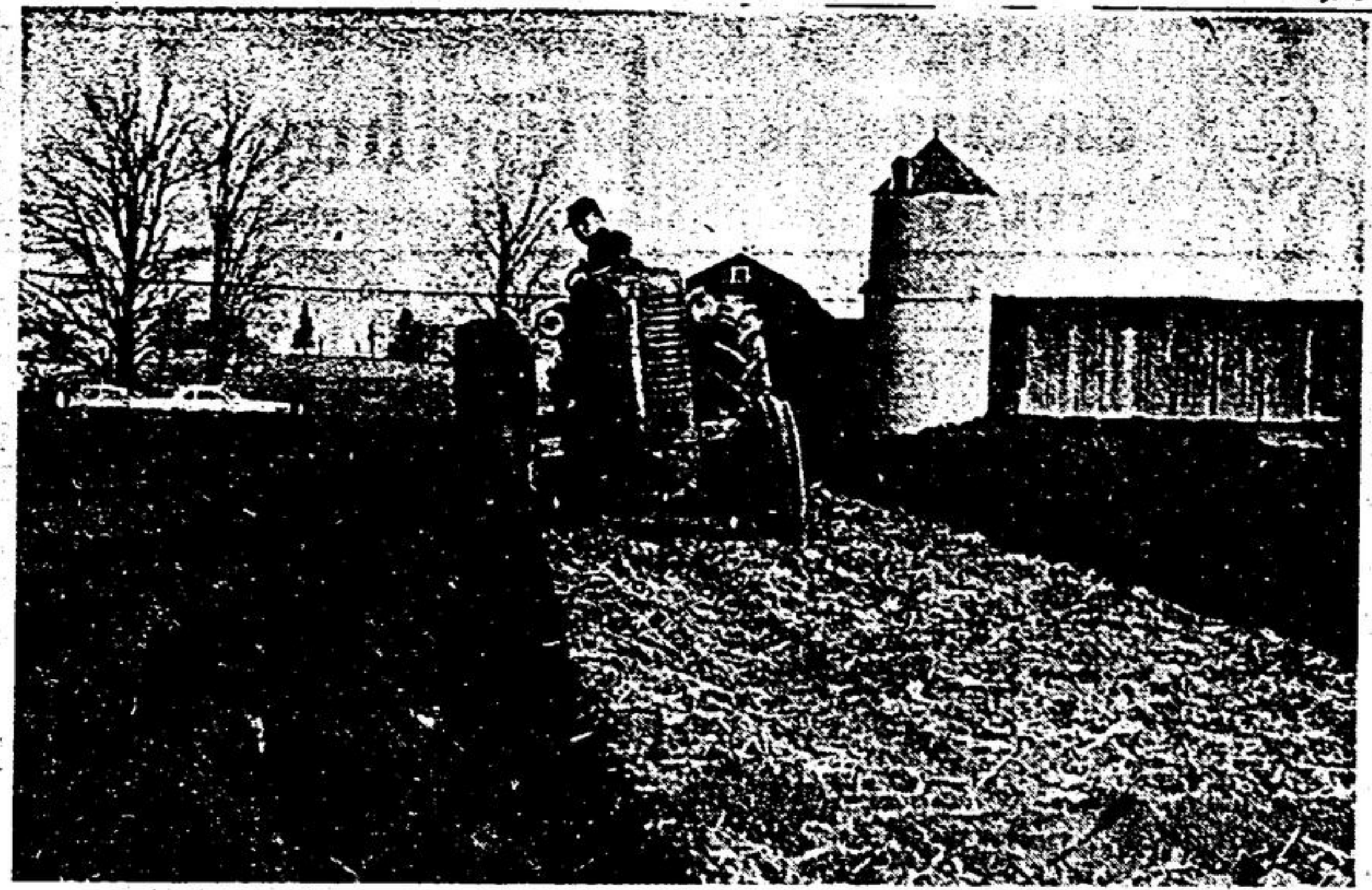


Barry Timbers, Mount Albert R.R.3, is keeping the family tradition alive at both district and International plowing matches. He topped his class on Saturday and was awarded the Bank of Nova Scotia prize valued at \$35. —Staff Photo.

Young  
Plowmen  
Set Record  
At  
East York  
Match



This ruler-straight furrow is a sample of Barry Timbers' plowmanship at the East York Match. His coach and father is Bob Timbers, himself a winner of many awards. The match was held on the Schell-Davidson farms, Markham Township. —Staff Photo.



Ted Smith, R.R.1 Blackwater, was the runner-up to Barry Timbers in classes 4 and 13. —Staff Photo.



In his first time in match competition, Henry Emery (right), Stouffville R.R.1, received the Guaranty Trust Co. trophy, presented here by Win Timbers. —Staff Photo.



Ivan DeGeer, Mount Albert R.R.3, won both the open and utility classes on Saturday. —Staff Photo.

## Smaller Number Of Farms Producing More In Ontario

"History is nothing if not applied; it is the tale of the past, told in the present for the guidance of the future. So let us look at what has happened to what may happen."

This quotation appears in a statistical study on farming trends in Ontario. The study is one of many taking place in the Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. It is these studies which will form the basis of the Ontario Conference on Agriculture held in Vineland.

The Conference will bring together those people having a major stake in the future of agriculture. Not the least of those attending will be representatives of those most vitally concerned, the farmer and the consumer.

**VANISHING RACE?**  
"Farm operators have possession and control over the most important of our natural resources — the tillable land that we must look to for our food supply. Their stewardship will determine much of our future ability to remain well nurtured and vigorous. It is, therefore, advisable to understand what manner of men have this control. Where did they come from? What was their background and experience? Are they people who represent a vanishing race or are they more than reproducing themselves?"

This is the foreword to a statistical study. It is the writing of a warm and friendly man, Dr. H. L. Patterson, Director of the Farm Economics and Food. Dr. Patterson concludes the foreword with the following: "Anyone who likes people will be able to read between the lines and see through the cold statistics the very human family down the road."

**FARMERS' SONS**  
The vast majority of male farm operators in Ontario were farmers' sons who had been raised on farms within their own local community. Similarly, the great majority of the wives of these farmers were themselves raised on farms. Ontario, therefore, can be considered to owe much of its agricultural prosperity to farm families. The sons and daughters of many of today's farmers are planning to stay in farming if the economics of farming merit continuing.

The quality of the Canadian farmer and a tribute to his skills and effort was the subject of remarks made by Everett Biggs, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food for Ontario, in a recent speech. "Farming is no longer a way of life for much of the population but a business of a skilled minority." He was referring to the fact that during the past five years about 2,000 Canadian farm workers have been leaving agriculture each month; that in 1965 there were less than half as many workers on Canadian farms as were there at the end of the war. "It is important to note," he remarked, "that this reduced manpower has resulted in a startling efficiency development in agriculture production. In the pre-war period one farm worker produced enough to feed ten people. In 1965 he produced enough to feed thirty-two people."

**FEWER FARMS**  
With the growth in urban areas, the reduction of farmlands and the demands of industry for skilled workers, it is evident that the training of our farmers must keep pace with other educational goals if farming is to continue to be Ontario's largest primary industry. In the future, Ontario will have fewer farms, but they will be larger and produce considerably more per acre. Today young people are being taught to apply science to the land, to develop new breeds of plants and animals. They are learning more efficient methods of marketing, storing, processing, transplanting, and merchandising. They are

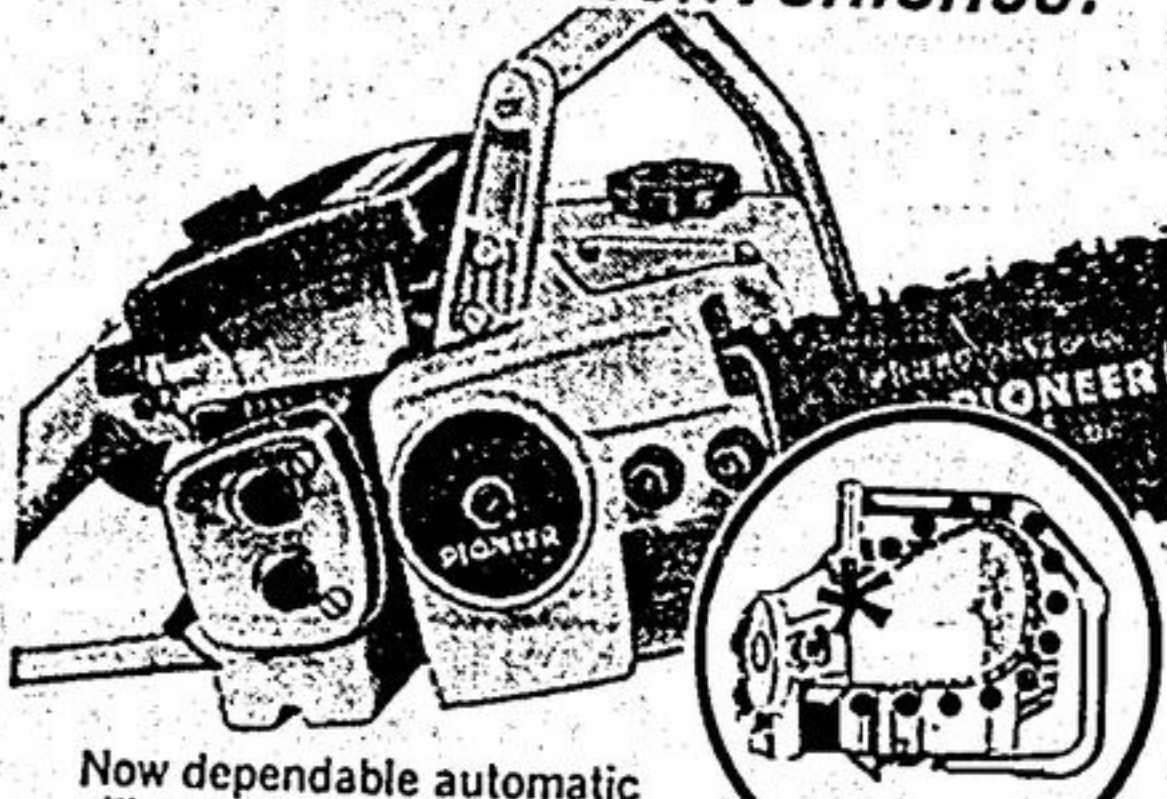
being taught also to be good businessmen, for this is the key to increasing a profitable return to the farmer for his labor. Today cooperatives and marketing boards are helping farmers to obtain orderly marketing and fair prices for their products. It is important that this be a continuing and expanding partnership. Our agricultural system must have the benefit of a thorough pricing and marketing policy.

**STOUFFVILLE** — The change to a Saturday date for the East York Plowing Match, increased the entries in the boys' class to a record 22 on the site of the Schell-Davidson farms, Ninth Line, Markham. Branch President, Lloyd Doner of Gormley, said that in Class 12, the entry list was so large that it had to be split into two divisions. "It speaks well for the future," said the President. The presentation banquet was held in the Veteran's Hall, Stouffville. Results were: Class 1 — Byrnell Wylie, Anthony Featherstone; Class 2 — Gerald Bell, Murray Grove, Jim Clark; Class 3 — Bill Tran, Bruce Pearce, Ken Ferguson, Barry Jones, Stephen Lewis, Gord Botham; Class 4 — Barry Tim-

bers, Ted Smith, Bob Tran, Bob Campsall, Gord Hoover, Earl Lewis, Jim McKean, Stan Kerswill, David Ferguson; Class 5 — Ron McGuckin, Jim Ferguson, Keith Hoover, Ron Botham, David Winn; Class 6 — Ross Kennedy, Don Dunkeld, Ken Brown; Class 8 — Ivan DeGeer; Class 9 — Henry Emery, Nick Aland, Herb Jarvis, Lloyd Grove; Class 10 — Don Dunkeld, Ross Kennedy, Ken Brown, Henry Emery; Class 11 — Ivan DeGeer, Nick Aland, Herb Jarvis, Lloyd Grove; Class 12 — Ken Ferguson; Bill Tran, Bruce Pearce, Stephen Lewis; Class 13 — Barry Timbers, Ted Smith, Bob Tran, Bob Campsall, David Ferguson, Keith Hoover. **SPECIAL AWARDS** Special awards were presented to — Byrnell Wylie (best plowed land); Bill Tran (best crown); Barry Timbers (best plowed land, age 12 to 17); Henry Emery (best plowed land in tractor class, resident of East York Branch); Lloyd Grove (best plowed land, 3 furrow mounted); Herb Jarvis (Esso Special); Keith Hoover (T. Eaton Co., Jr. Championship).

There were six entries in the horse team classes although only four teams were used. Nelson Ramer and Murray Grove plowed separate lands with the same horses while Byrnell Wylie and Jim Clark did the same. According to branch rules, this practice is not permitted but the regulation was dropped for Saturday's match.

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### FARMING REPORT

By AL WALL

York County Junior Farmers are busy these days on their Century Farm project. To celebrate Canada's Centennial, the Junior Farmers have been looking up all the farms that have been in the same family for the last hundred years. Ninety-six Century Farms have been found in York so far. The next step is to identify them with a special sign. Distribution of the signs will start this week, with personal delivery by a junior farmer. There may still be some that qualify. Anyone missed should contact Bill Pearson, R.R. 1, Agincourt or our office at Newmarket.

The annual Junior Farmers' Church Service was held last Sunday at Nobleton. Bruce MacLaggart, a member and recent Osgood Hall graduate, was the special speaker. Lola Reesor of Cedar Grove was soloist and other juniors participated. Junior Farmer Scholarships this year were won

by two members now in their second year at the University of Guelph, John McCallum of Woodbridge, in the Diploma course and Keith Simpson, also of Woodbridge, in the Veterinary course, were the winners. We are hoping that all farm owners will take on a Centennial Project of their own. There is a wide range of things that could be done in the area of farmstead improvement. One of the good ones will be some form of tree planting. A windbreak or a small plantation on a bit of waste land, planted in Centennial year, would be a dandy idea. Seedling trees are available at very low cost for farmers from the Department of Lands and Forests. It is important however, to order them now for planting next spring. By next spring, the supply is almost sure to be taken up. Order forms and details can be obtained at our office or from the Department of Lands and Forests at Maple.

## Farm Tribune

### Suffers Heart Attack

**MRS. C. BURKHOLDER BETHESDA** — The community joins with the Bolender family in hoping for a complete recovery for Mrs. Clare Bolender who was taken by ambulance to Uxbridge Hospital suffering a heart attack. Mrs. Stanley Flook and children, David, Cheryl and Linda have moved from Orangeville and are now living with the Bolender family.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Allin, Douglas, Glen and Larry, visited cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McNichol at their cottage at Kirkfield, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pugh, Helen and Marjorie Nicely and Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicely, Toronto.

The November meeting of the Bethesda U.C.W. will be held Nov. 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. Empringham.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. E. Clubine invite their friends to the Second Markham Baptist Church, from 2 to 5 p.m., Oct. 29 where they are holding a Golden Wedding reception for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton Clubine.

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