

District Plowmen Prepare For Fall Match Competition



A Centennial Farm In Pickering

GREENWOOD — One hundred and twenty-four years ago, in the spring of 1843, Robert Clark brought his family from Muddy York to Norwood, the earliest name of Greenwood. He had purchased a hundred acres nearly a mile east of the village from the McMurrays, who were the first resident-owners. They had cleared seven or eight acres and had built several log barns and a roomy cabin on a knoll south of the creek. Robert and his wife Isabella (Sadler) had emigrated from Wilton, Yorkshire, in 1826, when at 22, he had sold his modest shipping business and determined to try a new life in Upper Canada. During the seventeen years while living in York, Robert had prospered. He had built a wood and timber supply business with government contracts in Hogg's Hollow on Yonge Street north, had purchased a hundred acres on the Base Line south of Pickering and by the time he purchased the Greenwood farm he was blessed with a family of five children.

It was not for Robert to see his land cleared and his family mature, for eighteen months later in the winter of 1845 he died at the age of 41. His widow managed the timber clearing and farming operations of both properties until her sons William and James came of age.

James, the younger, then managed the Pickering property and William, the eldest of the children retained the Greenwood farm. It had been Robert's stated wish that his widow should have a comfortable brick home. He left clear instructions in his will concerning the location and building of this house, and so in the summer of 1864, when William was 28, the spacious brick home which you see above was built for his mother Isabella.

Three years later, in 1867, William married Sophia Graham of Kinsale. They set up household in the log cabin and there raised a family.

Sophia died in 1883, leaving William a widower with five children. By this time William had moved his household to the brick house. The furnishings of the original log cabin are retained by his grandsons today.

In 1914, William, upon his death willed the farm to his second eldest son, William Graham, who lived there until 1956. The property then passed to his two sons William Eric and Alan, who own the farm at present. William Eric's son David is the fifth generation to have resided on this land.

York North Match October 7

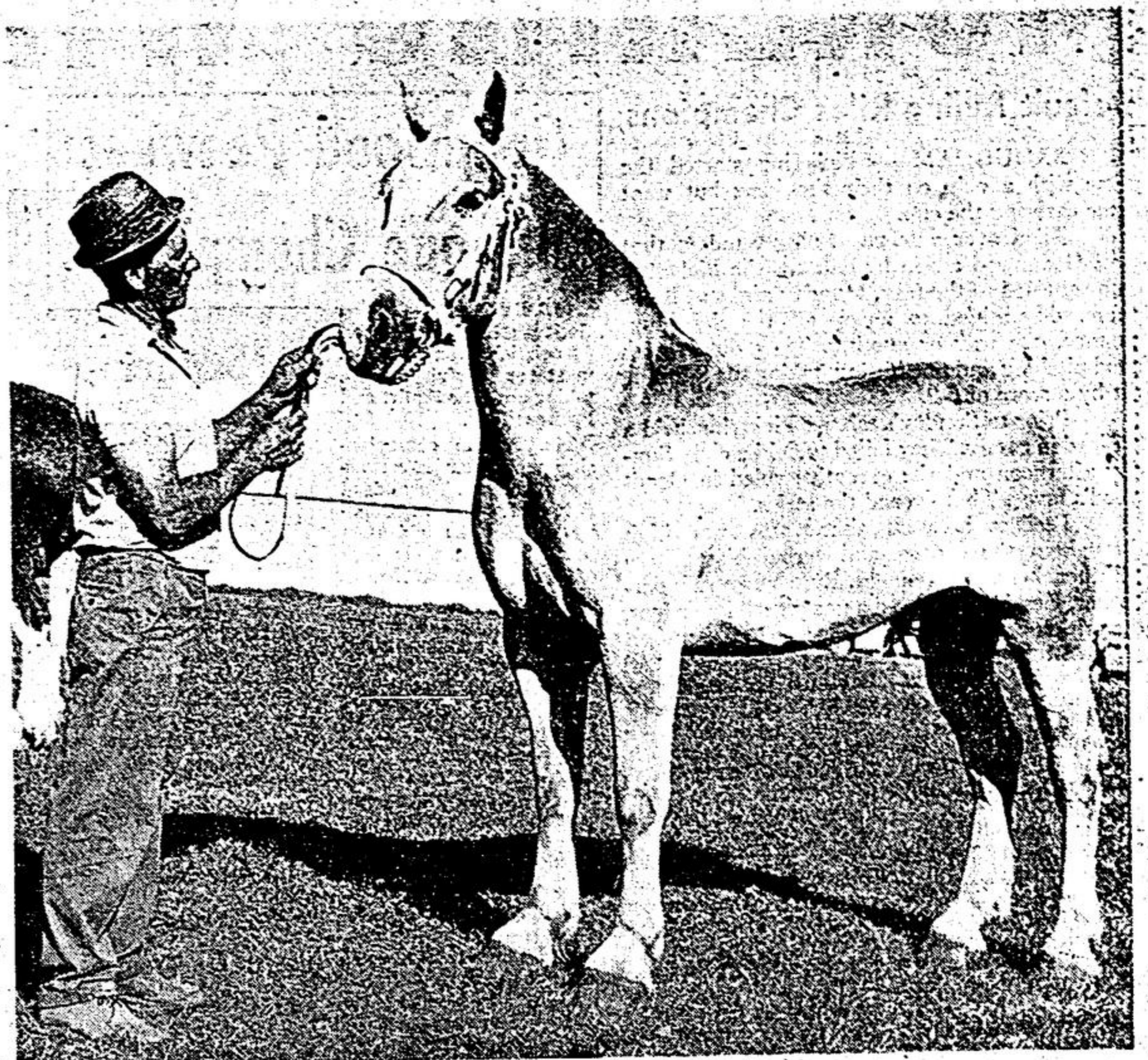
STOUFFVILLE — It's plowing match time again and nowhere in Ontario is the furrow fever more prevalent than right around Stouffville. In International competition, Stouffville district plowmen are always prominent among the prize winners. This year, the 'big match' will be held on the farm of Joseph Cochrane, three miles north of Thornton between Highways 400 and 27 in Simcoe County. The dates extend from October 11 to 14.

The first sod on the property has already been turned. William Stewart, Minister of Agriculture did it with a hand plow and a team of oxen. It marks the third time that the International has been held in the County of Simcoe. The chairman is Lloyd Pridham of New Lowell.

The majority of district matches will precede the International, giving many of the local entries some practice under similar conditions. The South Ontario Match will be held October 4 on the farm of W. F. Batty and Son, Brooklin. The following day, October 5, the North Ontario Match will take place on the property of Kaj Have of Udney.

The York North Match on October 7 will be held on the farm of Grant Wells lot 10, conc. 7, Whitechurch, near Lemonville. Mr. Wells is the President this year of the North York Plowmen's Association. The presentation banquet to follow will be held in the Stouffville Masonic Hall.

The East York Match is scheduled for October 21 on the property of Clark Little, Hwy. 48, north of Markham Village.



Beautiful Belgian Tops Its Class At Sunderland Fair

This beautiful Belgian horse, owned and handled by Murray Grove, Stouffville, R.R. 1, topped its class at the 106th Sunderland Fair. —Staff Photo

THE GARDEN GUIDE

Plant Daffodils In Clumps

By John Bradshaw, Garden Editor

John Masefield wrote this about daffodils. "Some short grassed fields the young spring fills with the never quiet joy of dancing daffodils." Daffodils are not a product of modern times. Even before the Christian era the narcissus (daffodils) was mentioned in the writings of Sophocles and Homer. Visitors to an exhibition of Greek art will notice that the Greeks used narcissus as a motif in many art forms.

What's the difference between a daffodil and a narcissus. Again, this is not a new question by any means. Over 300 years ago the English horticulturist John Parkinson wrote "many idle and ignorant gardeners do call some of the daffodils 'narcissus,' when as all that know any Latin realize that narcissus is the same thing."

The simple fact is that the daffodil is the common name for the entire family and narcissus is the botanical name.

The better bulb dealers now have their bulbs in stock and it will pay to visit one in the near future and make your selections. The supply of the choicer kinds always goes quickly and by October the selection is quite limited.

There's not too much hurry to get most of the spring flowering bulbs in the ground. However, daffodils need planting as soon as possible in September because they have a shorter dormancy period than tulips and the rest of the spring-flowering bulbs.

Reports from Holland earlier in the summer stated that the bulb crop and its quality was the best in years. Having seen the stocks of several of our leading dealers I can honestly say that the quality of this season's bulbs is the best I've ever seen.

One of the big mistakes that a great many home gardeners make with daffodils is to plant them singly. The only satisfactory way is to plant them in clumps of seven or more. You have to plant in fairly large-sized clumps in order to create the best effects in the foundation planting, mixed border, rock garden or naturalizing in the woods.

Be sure and plant a fair number of the several types of daffodils to provide cut flowers for the house and for drying in silica gel. Daffodils dried in the latter chemical are preserved in an almost fresh condition and make an exciting addition to any dried flower arrangement.

The preparation of the soil is not difficult and you don't need to go to any more trouble than you would if you were going to plant a petunia or a tomato. The soil in which you plant the daffodils should be one-third humus. Don't use manures for daffodils; peat moss is the preferred form of humus.

Planting depth of daffodils varies with the type of soil. In heavy soils set them six inches deep measured from the tip of the bulb. Plant five inches deep in light sandy soils. Space the bulbs six inches apart.

Daffodils need sunshine for at least part of the day, but you'll find the scarlet-cupped varieties and the pink ones will keep their color longer and better if partly in the shade.

Choice Varieties

At the time of the first Elizabeth there were 25 varieties of daffodils grown commercially. Today there are over 9,000 available. It's nice to have such a wide selection, but it can also be very confusing especially for the newcomer to gardening. The following varieties are choice, mainly inexpensive and will grow well in any Ontario garden:

Yellow Trumpet — Golden s...
 Yellow Trumpet - Golden Harvest, Rembrandt, Irish Luck, Hunter's Moon, Dutch Master, Unsurpassable.
 Bicolor Trumpet - Music Hall, President Lebrun, Spitzbergen.
 White Trumpet - Broughshane, Beersheba, Mount Hood, Cantatrice.
 Large Cup - Flower Record, Duke of Windsor, Red April, Kilworth, Caribber Carlton, Armada, Ice Follies.
 Pink Cup - Mrs. R. O. Backhouse, Pink Rim, Rosy Sunrise, Salmon Trout, Wild Rose.
 Small Cup - Edward Buxton, La Riente, Misty Moon, Kansas.
 Doubles - Golden Ducat, Irene Copeland, White Lion, Texas.
 Triandarus (Several flowers to a stem) - Horn of Plenty, Liberty Bells, Rippling Waters, Silver Chimes, Thalia.
 Cyclamineus - February Gold, Charity May, Jenny, March Sunshine, Peeping Tom, Little Witch.
 Bunch Flowers - Geranium, Cragford, Cheerfulness, Laurens Koster.
 Ruffled Daffodils - Canasta, Gold Collar, Baccarat, Chanterelle.
 Specles - Yellow Hoop Petticoat, Lintie, Rosy-Trumpet, W. P. Milner.

Animals For Science Brings Protest

PICKERING — A strong protest letter, signed by E. White, Pickering, against permitting animals to be sent to the university for experimental purposes, was received by Reeve C. W. Laycox.

Pickering Township council has taken no action about a letter recently received from Queen's University, suggesting that unclaimed dogs at the pound be sent them for experimentation. The letter claimed that animals were treated mercifully, and the knowledge derived was of benefit to humanity.

New Cattle Herd Arrives From France

By A. A. WALL, Ag. Rep., York County

York County got a new herd of beef cattle last week, in the time it took to unload it off tractor trailers. Sixty-eight Charolais cows and nine bulls, all from France settled in at Jack Nichols in King Township.

It's an impressive looking herd, particularly from the standpoint of size, and the uniform color really stands out.

The entire herd was bought in the calf stage, almost three years ago in France, and has been located at St. Pierre and the isolation station at Grosse Ile since that time.

It is owned by Mr. John Phipps of Talahassee, Florida, but will be cared for and managed for the next three years by Jack Nichol and John Kudelka of Glenville Farms.

Farm Accident Hazard

By A. A. WALL, Agricultural Representative

Farm safety is a topic which deserves more attention than it gets. Farming has more hazards than most other industries, but because accidents are not concentrated in any one place, they don't impress strongly.

However, just this past week, Roy Phillips in Vaughan lost two barns, over a hundred pigs, barn equipment and tractor, from a fire. A spark from his hammer mill ignited dust and it spread in a flash.

Bob Macklin in King got his foot caught in the auger on a combine and was seriously injured. At Agincourt, Alex Davidson's boy got his finger caught in a bale elevator.

These things are happening regularly. Many are unavoidable, but just knowing that farm work has lots of danger spots, and having a healthy respect for all kinds of farm equipment will prevent at least some of the misfortune.

Markham Fair is on this week. Our best livestock shows, in practically all breeds are at Markham and it's well worth a visit.

Mobile Grinding And Mixing Service

Molasses Blending
 PREMIXES, CONCENTRATES, COMPLETE FEEDS
 5 Mobile Mills to give you better service.

THORN MOBILE FEEDS LTD.
 UNIONVILLE 297-1644

CREST
 ☆ HARDWARE ☆ PAINT ☆ APPLIANCES ☆ FURNITURE

BIG DUCK CONTEST
 ENTER NOW
 PRIZES EACH WEEK
 for the biggest
DUCK or GOOSE
 weighed in at the store.
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED EVERY WEEK.
 5 Main West — Stouffville — 640-2771

Have Your Dog EXPLICITLY CLIPPED AND SHAMPOOED
 Specializing in all small breeds.
 CALL Mrs. M. Beaumont STOUFFVILLE 640-1413



GMC—the "Powered Up" trucks for '68!

Always the leader in styling and performance, GMC trucks offer a brand new, exciting power story for '68. A new 427-cu.-in. V8 of 260 hp is available on 960 series medium/heavy GMCs. In 950 and 960 series the 366-cu.-in. engine has been increased to 235 hp with a four-barrel carburetor. Standard V8 pickup power this year is a brand new 307-cu.-in. with 200 hp! Other light duty extra-cost options you can order are the 327 and 396 V8s. The 307 V8 is also available on Handi-Vans and on the all-new Value Vans. This is why GMCs are the "Powered Up" trucks for '68. And it's why you should get right down to your GMC dealer and find out all that's new for '68.

GMC TRUCKS
 What a difference a name makes

See your authorized GMC Truck dealer.

CHAS. COOPER LTD.
 CLAREMONT — PHONE 649-2114

PATRICK MOTORS LTD.
 STOUFFVILLE — PHONE 640-3450