

Match competition is 'proving ground' for International

NORTH YORK — There were 63 entries, including utility class, in the North York Plowing match on the farm of Mel Ley, near Keswick on Saturday. It was a shirt sleeve weather and competition was keen. The branch president is Leonard Wellman.

The awards banquet was held in Bellhaven hall and the plowmen were presented with their prizes at that time. The results follow:

Class 1: Byrnell Wylie, Oakwood; Gerald Bell, Woodville; Harley Timbers, Sunderland; Anthony Featherstone, Milliken.

Class 2: Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; Gordon Bradfield, Peterboro; Keith Robinson, Cookstown; Ken Brown, Richmond Hill.

Class 3: Graeme Little, Little Britain; Roy Craik, Mono Road; Bert Robertson, Acton; David Winn, Stouffville.

Class 4: Ivan DeGeer, Mt. Albert; Bob Tran, Claremont; Ron McGuckin, Mt. Albert; Amelia Testa, Stouffville.

Class 5: Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Lloyd Grove, Stouffville.

Class 6: Bob Campsall, Uxbridge; Ted Smith, Blackwater; Barry Jones, Uxbridge; John Hoskins, Blackwater; Brad Skomum, Pefferlaw; Dale Oldham, Mt. Albert; Lorne Kennedy, Little Britain; Bruce Pearse, Claremont.

Class 7: Bill Tran, Claremont; James Tran, Claremont; Don Timbers, Stouffville; Michael Grove, Stouffville; Phillip Wellman, Sutton; Gregg Ley, Keswick.

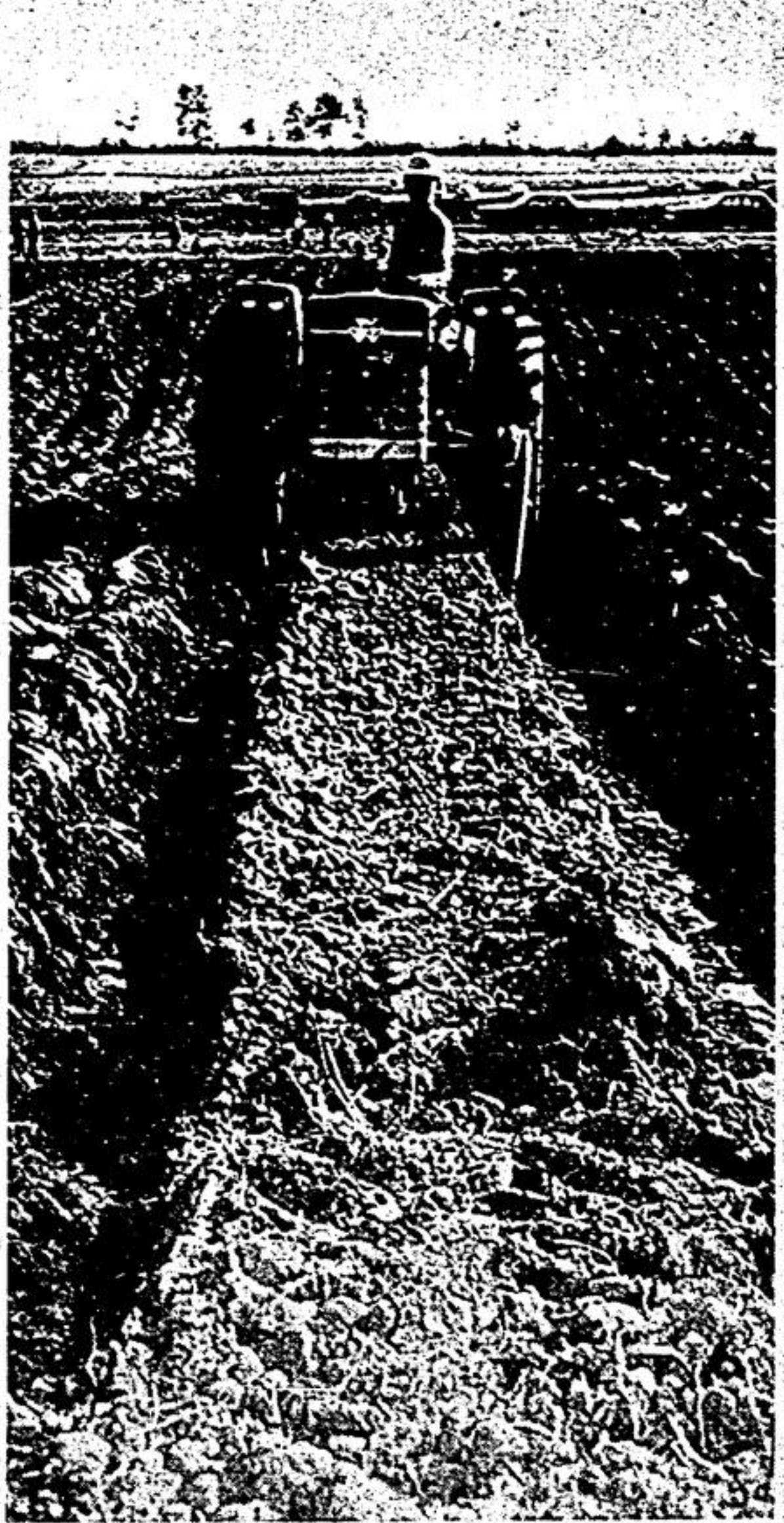


Plowing matches in North York and Ontario Counties allows entries prime practice time for the International. Fifteen year old Bruce Pearse, Claremont, R.R. 2 is a consistent winner in his class. —Staff Photo

Class 8: Keith Robinson, Cookstown; Gordon Bradfield, Peterboro; Ivan DeGeer, Mt. Albert; Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville; Bert Robinson, Acton; Roy Craik, Mono Road; Graeme Little, Little Britain; Ken Brown, Richmond Hill.



Seventeen year old Ted Smith of Blackwater scored the most points of any high school entry in the North Ontario match. He holds the C. W. Hodgson Shield. —Staff Photo



Dale Oldham, Mount Albert, R.R. 3, completes the final round on his land at the North York match near Keswick. —Staff Photo



The Tran family, Claremont, R.R. 2, have been consistent match winners through the years. Three generations are pictured here with Bob Tran on the tractor, his father, Joe (right) and his grandfather, David (left) looking on. —Staff Photo

Hill: Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; L.L.O y d Grove, Stouffville.
Class 9: Bob Tran, Claremont; Dale Oldham, Mt. Albert; Bill Tran, Claremont; Bruce Pearse, Claremont; Barry Jones, Uxbridge; Ted Smith, Blackwater; Robt. Campsall, Uxbridge; Ron McGuckin, Mt. Albert; John Hoskins, Blackwater; Lorne Kennedy, Little Britain.
Class 10: Howard Timbers, Aurora; Win Timbers, Stouffville; Robt. Baird, Greenbank; Bank of Nova Scotia

Special: Don Timbers, Stouffville.
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Special: Lloyd Grove, Stouffville
Best Finish in Tractor Class: Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville.
International Harvester Special: Herb Jarvis, Agincourt.
T. Eaton Company Junior Special: Don Timbers, Stouffville.
Esso Champion Special: David Winn, Stouffville.
Guarantee Trust Co. Special: Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville.

Best Crown (tractor): Gordon Bradfield, Peterboro.
Best Team and Equipment: Gerald Bell, Woodville; Harley Timbers, Sunderland; Anthony Featherstone, Milliken; Byrnell Wylie, Oakwood.
 The site of next year's match will be selected at a meeting of the directors. The president in 1969 is Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville.

A formula for top alfalfa crop

A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County, Newmarket.

My farm calls last week included one to the Maynard farms at Schomberg. Alfalfa of course, is the main crop there to supply the alfalfa mill. There are around 2000 acres in the Schomberg district devoted to alfalfa and most of it is cut three times.

Their program for growing is of interest. Naturally, good establishment is basic. I saw this year where they had compared taking the nurse crop off green, with letting it ripen. The difference was like day and night. Where the oats were taken off early, there was wonderful catch.

Where oats had been combined, the seedlings were a way behind, thin and very patchy.

They also have a big acreage seeded in early August. The plants are eight to ten inches high now, and I think in good shape for winter.

I saw some fields that were seeded in 1960. The stand was still good, three crops were taken this year, and the plants were coming back nicely.

This longevity, along with good yields (3 to 5 tons per year), have to be the result of Maynard's maintenance program. Phosphate and Potash levels are kept up with fertilizer put on in the fall.

It's difficult to do much

about weeds in alfalfa. Maynard's do some spraying, but their main weapon is the fact that many weeds just won't stand up to a healthy alfalfa crop.

Their worst weed seemed to be dandelions. It has a strong root and puts up a good fight. An application of 2-4D-B right about now might knock them off.

Maynard's yields may be partly due to there being no grass in the mixtures. We expect clear alfalfa to outyield any mixture. With a lot of hay going for haylage, and with natural pasturing becoming quickly outdated, clear alfalfa can be used to advantage on many dairy farms.

Roy Heaton has added still another pelt to his collection. He returned home from the north woods last week with a 400 pound black bear.

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