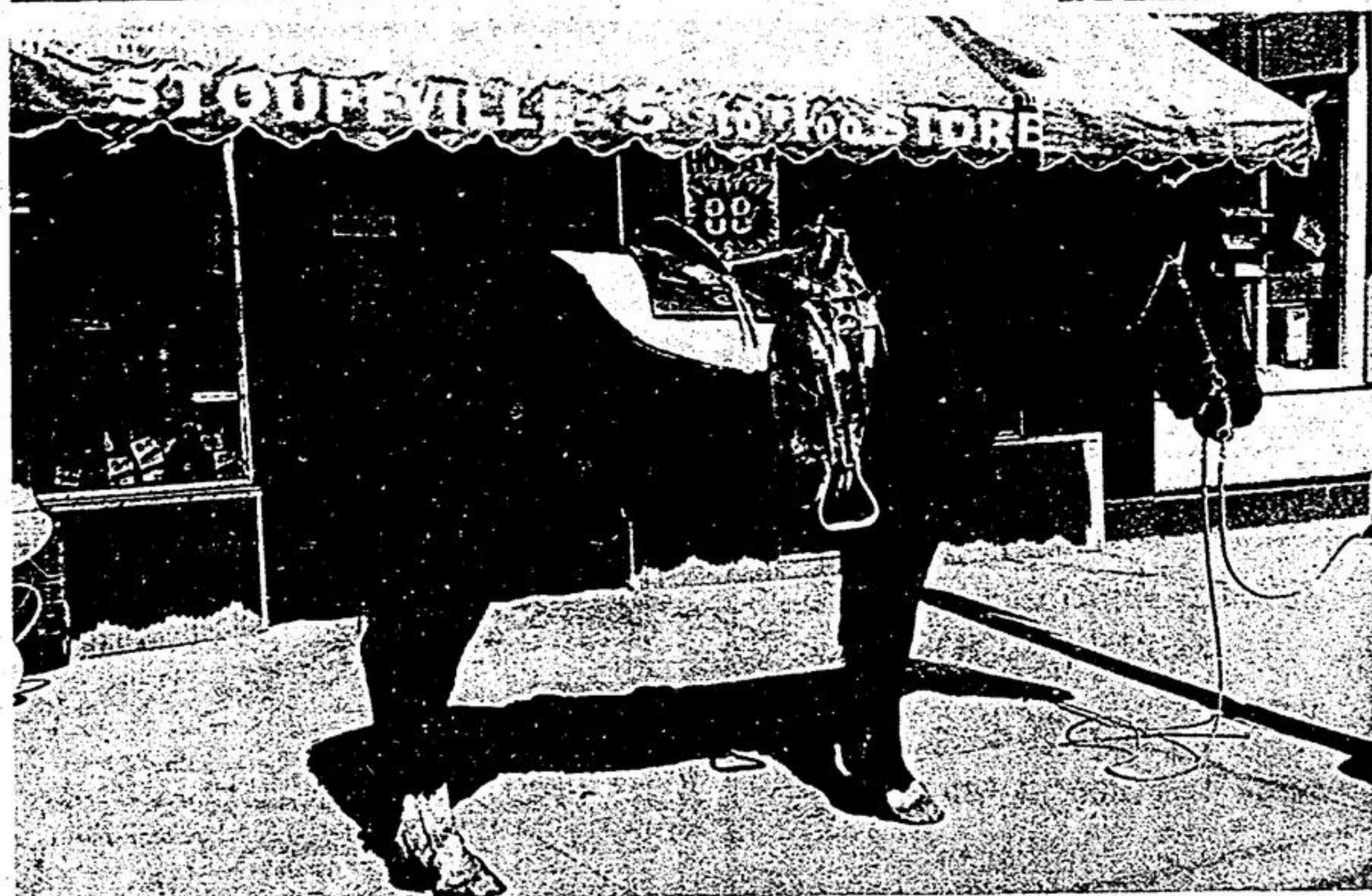


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Area Remains Open
GORMLEY — Although several conservation areas, including Greenwood are now closed due to the spring breakup, Bruce's Mill will be open to mid-April for the maple syrup festival to which the public is invited.



The Village of Stouffville, no one-horse Town

The Village of Stouffville can never lay claim to the reputation of being a 'one-horse' town. The truth is, it's the most equestrian-conscious community in York County. This four-footed 'pedestrian' was caught by The Tribune camera outside a store on Main Street. —Staff Photo

Heber Down of Brooklin

Grand champion at County seed fair show

UXBRIDGE — Heber Down, well-known Brooklin area farmer, has been named for the grand championship award at the annual Ontario County Seed Fair and Hay Show held at Uxbridge, March 20.

Mr. Down's entries of wheat, oats, barley and corn received the highest number of points. There were 43 exhibitors and 107 exhibits.

The grand championship prize is donated by Milton Parkin of Kinsale.

Individual class championships were awarded as follows: Hay championship — Clifford Ross, Beaverton; Fall Wheat championship — Heber Down, Brooklin; Oat championship — Heber Down, Brooklin; Barley championship — Robert Smith, Port Perry; Potato championship — Albert Hockley, Claremont, R.H. 1; Ear Corn championship — Bob Hunter, Brooklin, R.R. 1.

Ken Fallis of the Soils and Crops Branch, Toronto, was the official judge.

The Seed Fair is sponsored each year by the Ontario County Soil and Crop Improvement Association in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture. The President is Bill Batty.

Results of judging follow:

Fall Wheat — Heber Down, Brooklin; Les Smith, Port Perry.

Oats, Late — Bill Batty, Brooklin; Donald Dunkeld, Claremont.

Oats, Any Other Variety — Heber Down, Brooklin; Lloyd Smith, Port Perry.

Barley, 6 Rowed, Any Variety — Russell Morrison, Beaverton.

Barley, 2 Rowed, Any Variety — Donald Dunkeld, Claremont; Leslie Smith, Port Perry; Heber Down, Brooklin.

Ear Corn, Any Variety — Bob Hunter, Brooklin; Donald Alves, Brooklin; Frank Brooks, Mount Albert.

Shelled Corn, Any Variety — Frank Brooks, Mount Albert.

Potatoes, Foundation, Early — Albert Hockley, Claremont.

Potatoes, Foundation, Late — Albert Hockley, Claremont; Ivan Norton, Goodwood; Frank Hendry, Claremont.

Potatoes, Table Stock — Ivan Norton, Goodwood; Albert Hockley, Claremont.

Silage, Corn — Heber Down, Brooklin; Frank Brooks, Mount Albert.

Haylage — Fred Balling, Seagrave.

1st Cut Hay, 75% or more grass — Keith St. John, Uxbridge; Cliff Ross, Beaverton.

1st Cut Hay, 75% or more legume — Cliff Ross, Beaverton; Donald Dunkeld, Claremont.

1st Cut Hay, mixed — Cliff Ross, Beaverton; Keith St. John, Uxbridge.

2nd Cut Hay — Ivan Norton, Goodwood; Leslie Smith, Port Perry.

Junior, Section

Oats, any variety, named — Donovan Smith, Port Perry; Earl Phoenix, Greenbank.

Oats, Rodney — Douglas Dunkeld, Claremont.

Barley, any variety, named — Robert Smith, Port Perry; Douglas Dunkeld, Claremont.

Potatoes, late or early — Marion Norton, Goodwood; Linda Johnson, Uxbridge.

Ear Corn — Douglas Dunkeld, Claremont.

Shelled Corn — Douglas Dunkeld, Claremont.

1st Cut Hay — Douglas

Glen Major crossing signals inadequate

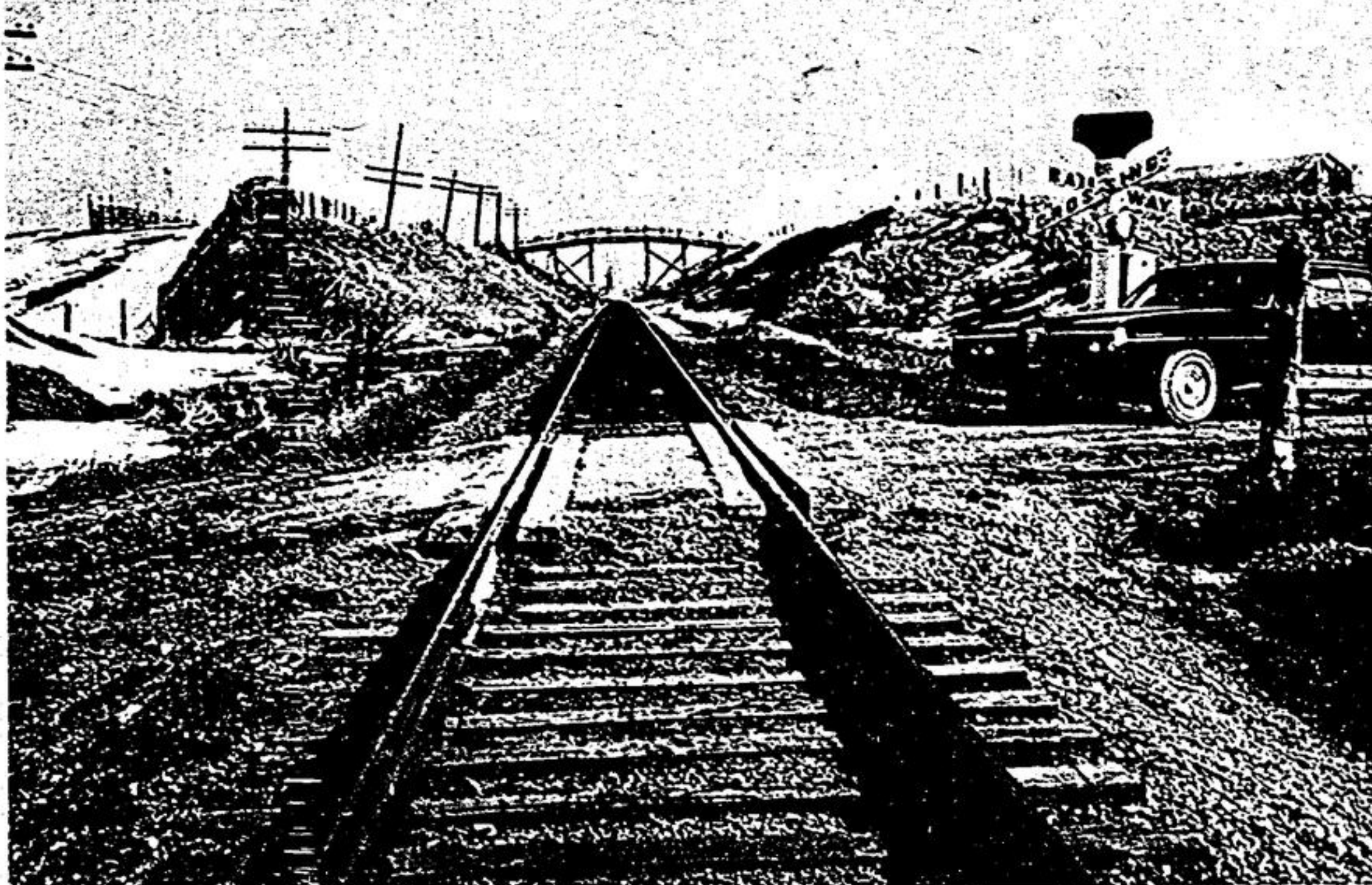
Editor's mail

Dear Sir:
 I am writing in regard to the accident of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lishman at the Glen Major railroad crossing on March 10 as reported in your issue of March 13.

After a very close miss at this crossing some years ago I wrote the C.P.R. about the inadequacy of the signals. Their reply was that the type of signal was approved by the Transport Board in 1913 (I repeat, 1913!) and the Board had not seen fit to recommend any changes.

Since my very narrow escape from serious or fatal accident I have had many opportunities to observe this signal and can vouch for the fact that it is very erratic in its behaviour. But even if it did always function perfectly it is, because of the nature of the approaches, virtually useless.

We are all thankful that the Lishman accident was not more serious than it was and might easily have been. I am writing to you, Sir, not only because I do not know Mr. and Mrs. Lishman or their address but in the hope that others in the community will join me in deploring this antiquated and dangerous situation and will take what



The level crossing at Glen Major in Uxbridge Twp. where a Pickering driver and his wife came close to death in a recent train-car crash. —Staff Photo

steps they can to press for its correction.

George D. Gibson,
 305 Davenport Rd.,
 Toronto.

tra protein in Alfalfa hay is worth a lot for dairy cattle. For spring grains, Garry is still hard to beat in oat varieties, with Kelsey a second choice, and Stormont a good one if you are fed up with trying to combine lodged grain.

Only seven samples at seed show

A. A. Wall,

YORK CTY. — A number of different items could be reported from the Seed Fair at Victoria Square, but I'll select just two for this time.

The first is that there were only seven samples of seed in the whole show. It's obvious that people could care less about showing seed these days.

I'm not very worried about this change. A great deal of the seed that is

used now, goes through the seed trade, and the standards are generally good.

To be honest though, the real reason for having a seed fair, is that it's a good excuse to have a good meeting on crop production, and our meeting was good. Jack Hagarty, Ralph Winfield and Frank Marritt all had up-to-date information on weed control, corn planting and pushing crops to their highest yields.

The second point from the fair, concerns me a little more than the first. That is, that in the hay classes, there were no entries at all in the class for first cut Alfalfa.

This illustrates the point that not much clear Alfalfa is grown in York County.

We have more acres of hay and pasture than anything else, and Alfalfa is away head of any other plants, forage or legume. Still, our forage seedings nearly always have some timothy or brome, and sometimes even red clover to take up space that could have been better used, by a better plant, Alfalfa.

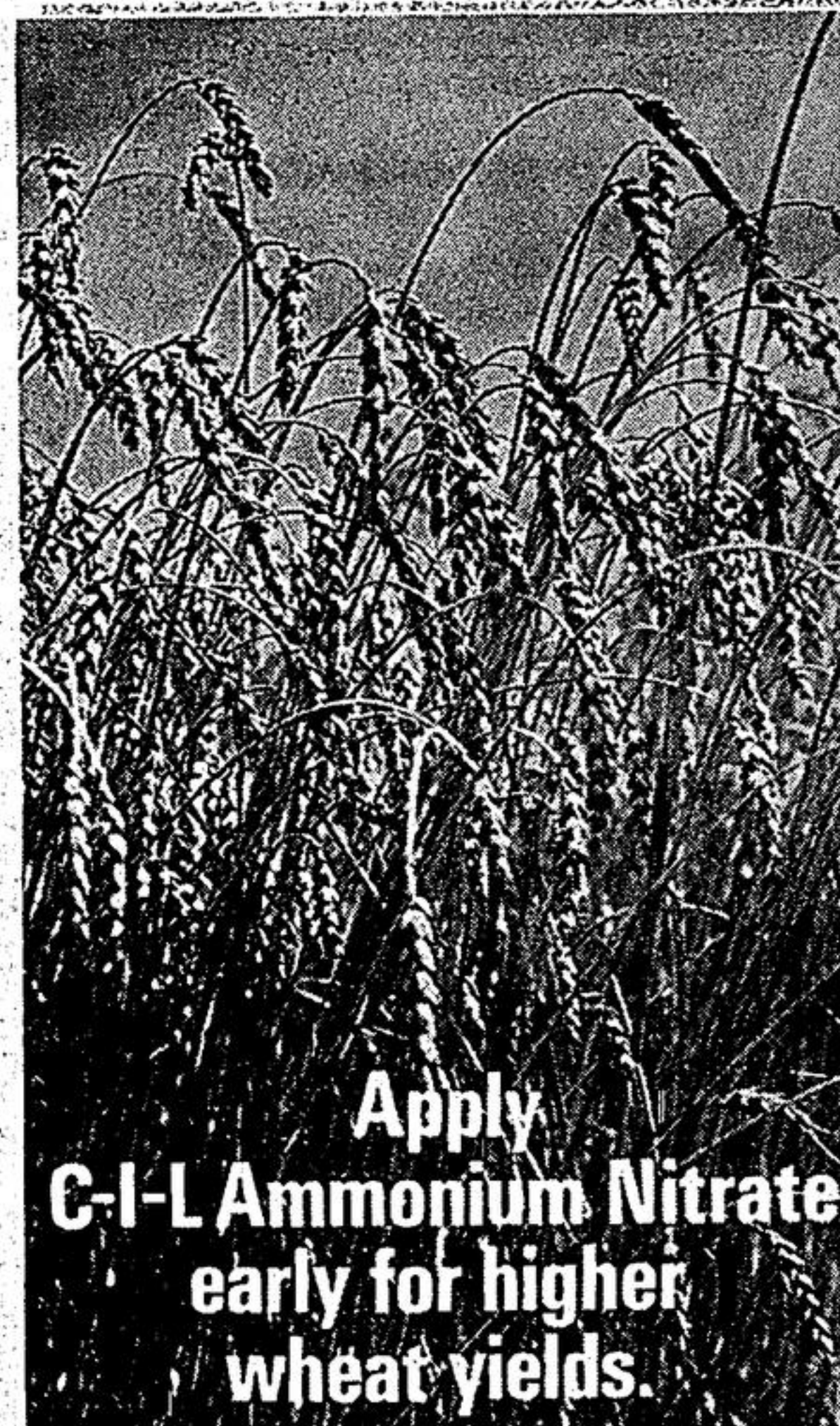
I'd suggest clear Alfalfa for seedings this spring. Fields that can be cut early or stored in the silo, should get the Saranac variety, and on wet fields, the new variety Iroquois might last better than Vernal. The ex-

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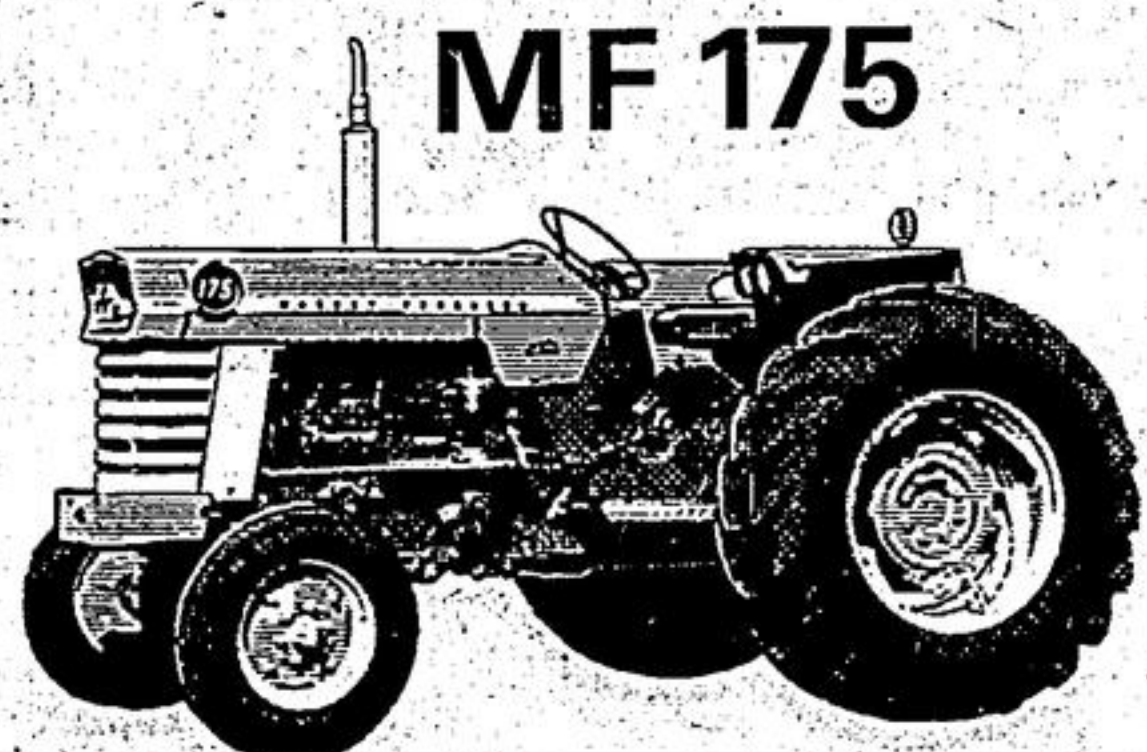


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