

Dave Clarry, Station Street, Markham, gives a sneak preview of the home-grown spuds he'll enter in The Tribune's "Big Potato Contest" at the Markham Fair. He wouldn't say how much his biggest specimen weighed, but hinted it was about five pounds. Ed Schroeter

Lab impresses mayor

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff came away impressed with what he observed. Apart from the beauty of the building, that he described as "wonderful," he praised the management for its desire to establish a good corporate image in the community. He said the executive had expressed a sincere interest in the Town and wished to become an integral part of it. "It's a prestige industry," he said, "with a name that's known around the world."

Editor's Mail

Ratepayer appalled

Dear Sir:

Being a ratepayer in Ward 1, Uxbridge Township, and also being concerned about a proposed gravel pit in our backyard, we were members of a delegation of ratepayers who attended an emergency meeting of council on

Sept. 25, 1978. The issue discussed was a draft agreement between the Township and John B. Regan. We were appalled to see the complete disregard for ratepayers feelings shown by some members of council. These men obviously feel they have complete control and do not need to be concerned with the wishes of the people who elected them to office.

What secret power does John B. Regan hold over these men, that they feel they must rush headlong into yet another gravel pit? All we, and the members of council who support us are asking is that council hold up and take a good look at what the gravel industry has presently done for the Township and try to get some control over present operations. One councillor justified the agreement and its rush as being "a first". It will be the first time council has any control over an aggregate operation! Why in heaven's name would you re-zone 400 more acres, when you have no control over the present 3000 acres already zoned?

We have always believed in the democratic system of government, but after attending this council meeting, we see that the voice of the people falls on deaf ears. Our hope is that after the coming election, these same men will find that they have no voice!

Yours truly,
MR. & MRS. JOE HEROLD,
HH Stables, R.R. 4
Uxbridge,
Pt. Lot 12, Conc. 6.

Man accused of beating stepmother

YORK REGION — "The facts are so revolting as to almost make one ill," commented Judge Edward Houston, adding, "for a grown man to beat up on his stepmother the way the accused did, mystifies the imagination".

His remarks followed evidence of assault by 49 year old Hugh David McKinnon against his stepmother, an 86 year old woman at whose house he lived.

McKinnon pleaded not guilty to the charge. The accused admitted telling the elderly lady he hated her but denied the assault.

Her injuries were so serious, she had to be fed

intravenously for a time following admittance to York County Hospital at Newmarket.

McKinnon admitted drinking at a tavern for about eight hours before the alleged attack, but denied he was drunk.

He remembered drinking a cup of coffee after arriving home, then going to the bathroom. There, he collapsed, he said, and was in great pain when he came around again.

"I believe I was drugged," he said.

Judge Houston rebuked the accused, saying he didn't believe he couldn't recall the assault.

McKinnon, it was learned, had a record of previous offenses that included assault causing bodily harm; indecent assault on a female and contributing to juvenile delinquency. Before passing sentence, Judge Houston requested the man be placed in the Ontario Hospital at Penetanguishine for a 60-day mental assessment.

Forest Pugh

84th birthday

By Jennie Johnson
GLEN MAJOR — The community extends congratulations to Forest Pugh on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

Glen Major Church Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Thurs., Sept. 28 at 2 p.m., in the Club House. Helen Johnson's group will be in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and Mrs. Edgar Johnson visited with Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will be spending the winter in Arizona.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Cline were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilson of Bocaraton, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fiss were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Disney, Lindsay.

There was a good attendance for the Pine Grove Church Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the home of Mrs. John Hill of Uxbridge. Mrs. Hill described the many articles on display from the Holy Land.

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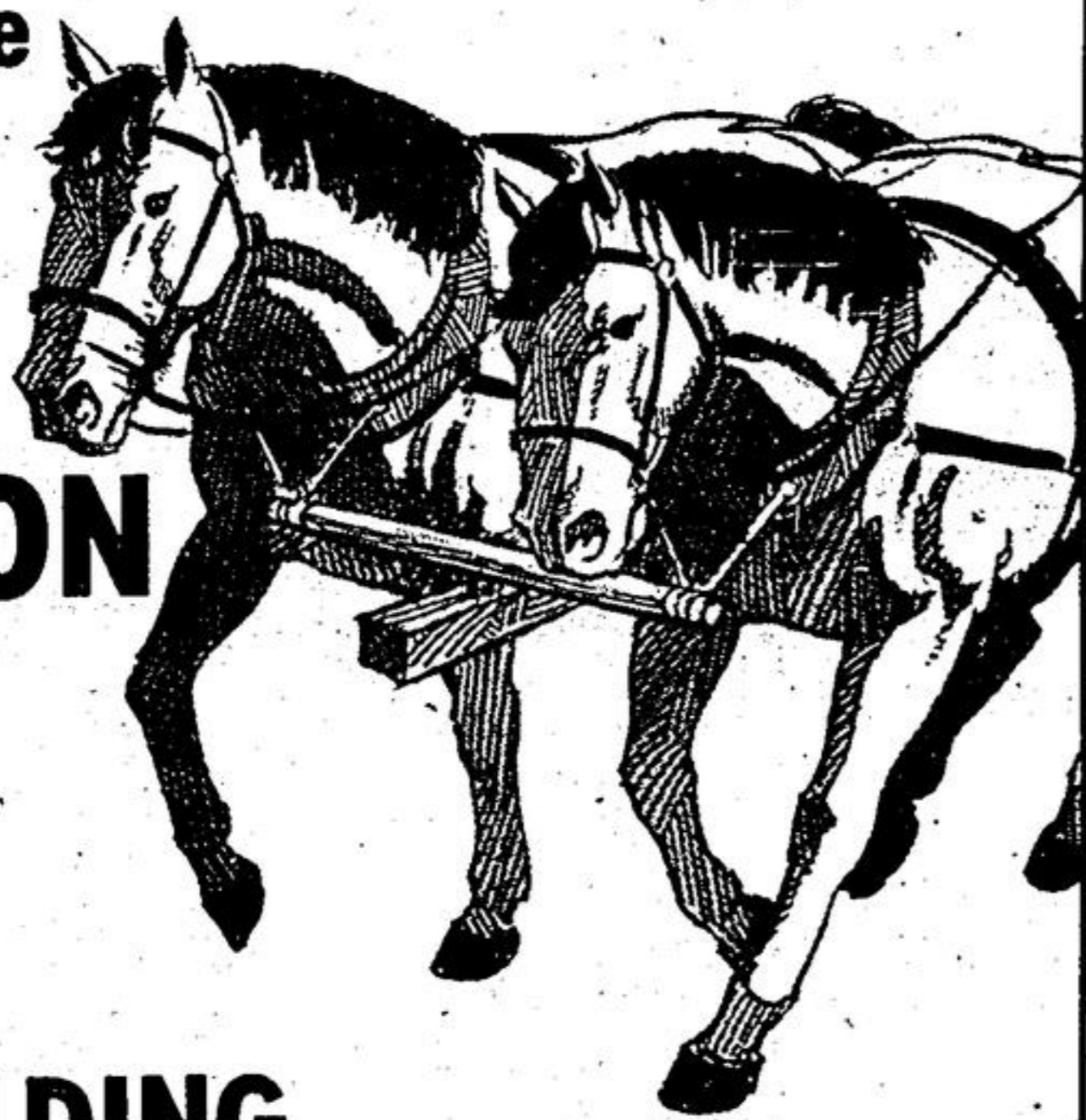
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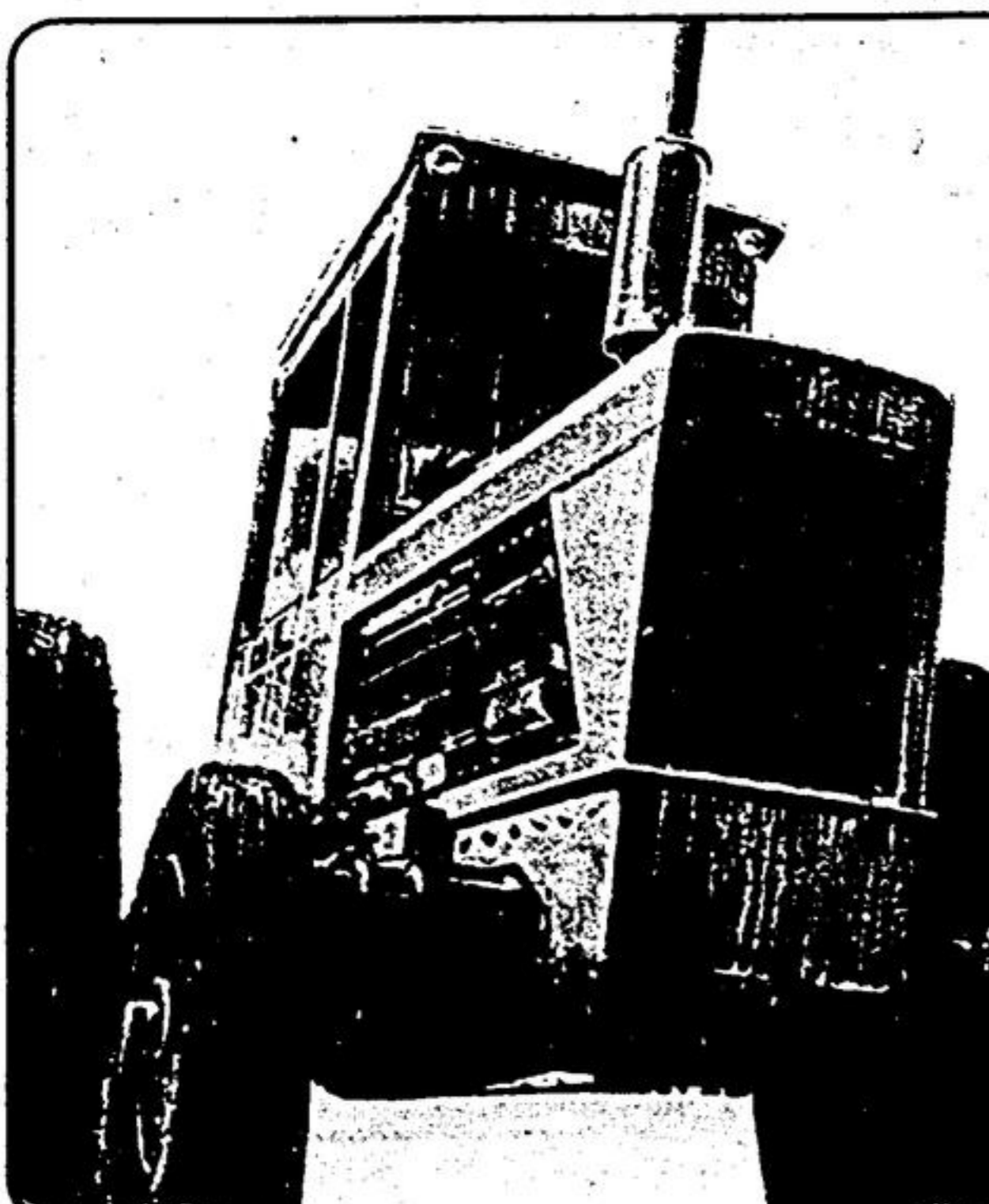


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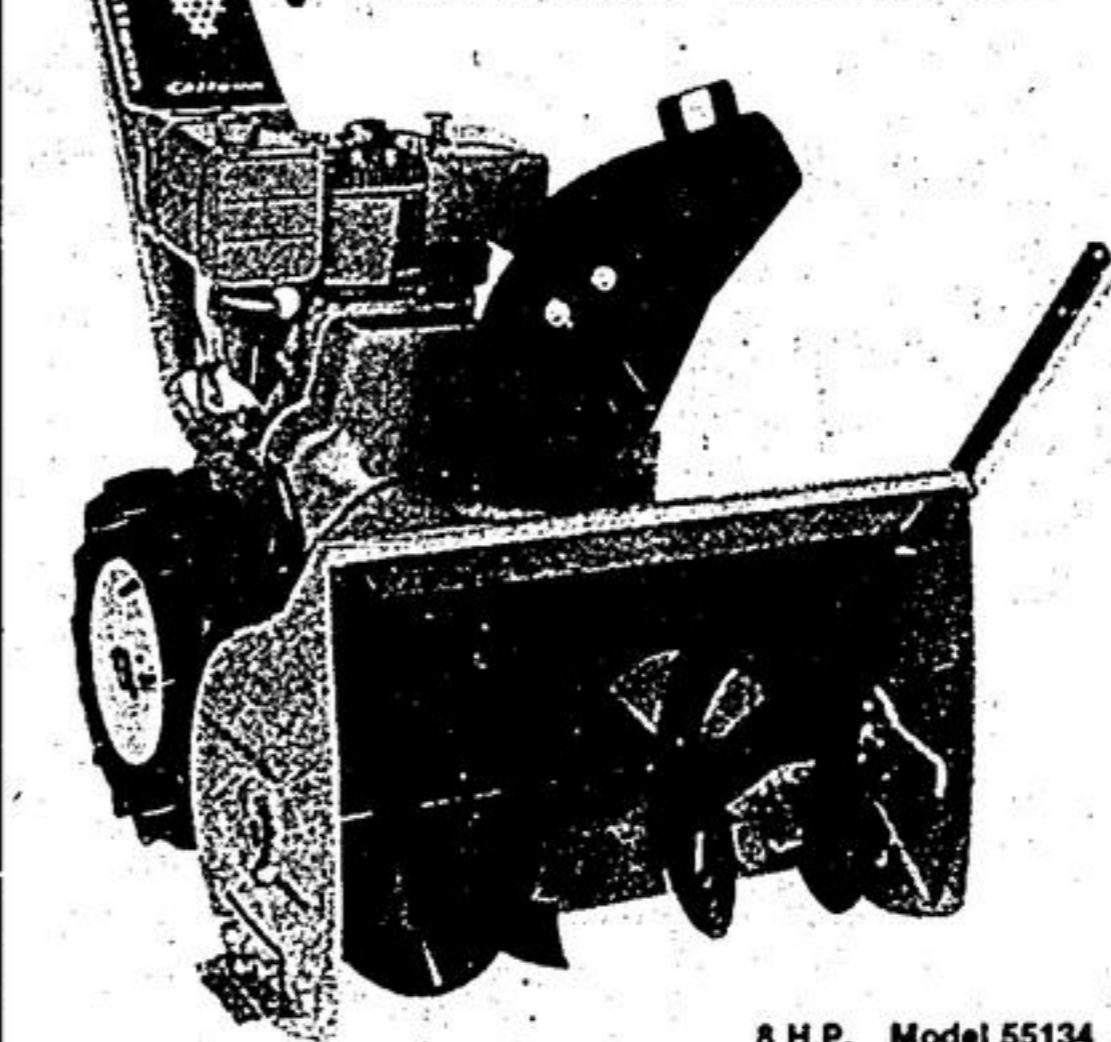
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