

Eric Timbers

Teen plowboy beats the best

STOUFFVILLE — An International Plowing Match, like any professional competition, has its share of surprises. And this year's edition was no exception.

However, the most surprised participant of all was 18 year old Eric Timbers, Stouffville, RR 4. He along with Keith Leslie of Georgetown, will represent Ontario in the Canadian near Montreal next September.

Eric had no idea he was even in line for the award until his name was called out at the banquet in Chatham, Friday night.

"I just sat there dumbfounded," he told The Tribune, "I still can't believe it."

Under the old rules, a plowboy Eric's age was ineligible to compete in the Canadian classic. That's since been changed, making him the youngest entry ever to reach this level. He's the son of Carl and Marion Timbers, Sixth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Regardless of what happens next fall, the '79 International is one Eric will never forget. In his class (Under 21), he scored three 1sts and one third, with the

financial return, including a \$2,500 scholarship, totalling close to \$3,500. He also received an engraved silver tray and a set of luggage.

Seventeen year old Ken Wells, also of RR 4, Stouffville,

was equally successful with two 1sts; one 2nd and a third. Ken qualifies for a \$2,500 scholarship plus an additional \$1,000 in prize money. At the awards' dinner, he received a set of luggage plus a carved piece of Indian pottery.

As York Region's team representatives, Eric and Ken far outdistanced all rivals.

Other plowmen from the area who did well included Kevin Wells, Stouffville, four seconds; Floyd Forsyth, Stouffville, two seconds, one third, one fourth; Don Dunkeld, Zephyr, one first, one second, one fourth, one fifth; Greg Timbers, Sandford, two firsts; Ken Ferguson, Stouffville, one second; Brian Degeer, Mt. Albert, one third, one fourth; Herb Jarvis, Agincourt, two firsts, two seconds; Anthony Featherstone, Milliken, two seconds, one third, one fourth; Kevin Grose, Mt. Albert, one second; Ellis Britton, Claremont, a fifth, a seventh, an eighth and a tenth; Eugene Timbers, Beaverton, three firsts, one second; Bob Richards, Stouffville, one fifth and Barry Timbers, Beaverton, a sixth, an eighth and an eleventh.

Dies in field

Although last week's International Plowing Match near Chatham was considered a success, it was tinged with sadness due to the sudden death of a participant.

Shelby Williams of Caledonia, collapsed and died of an apparent heart attack in the field. He had stepped down from his tractor and was adjusting his plow when stricken.

Floyd Forsyth of Stouffville and Don Dunkeld of Zephyr were two of the first to reach his side. All efforts to revive him failed.

Out of respect, two minutes of silence were observed at the awards' banquet, Friday night. Shelby Williams was buried that afternoon.

Markham Fair-record breaker

MARKHAM — This area has never experienced anything like it — a Fair without equal at a site second to none.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand people. That's the attendance figure arrived at by Fred Crawford, a member of the Gates and Admission Committee and 1st vice-president of the Board. He admits to being conservative.

Every day established new records with an estimated 50,000 checking through the turnstiles, Saturday. On the weekend alone, 14,000 cars were accommodated. The parking lot was filled to capacity.

The operation within the grounds was extremely well organized, Mr. Crawford said. The big headache was getting folks there, with lineups stretching south for several miles along McCowan Road and Hwy. 48. "That was the frustrating part, knowing people wanted to get here but couldn't," he said. The problem, he noted, would be looked into

carefully in the months ahead. He suggested too that some kind of inter-site transportation service would likely be initiated to take patrons to and from their cars. The distance, he said, was too far, particularly for the elderly.

Gate receipts, he predicts, will be up by over \$45,000.

Fair president, Mac Cosburn expressed satisfaction

with all aspects of the show. While the shirt-sleeve weather during all four days, created dense fog at nights, all events went ahead as planned. Mr. Cosburn said he was sorry the official opening had to be delayed two hours, but this couldn't be helped. The Hon. Eugene Whelan, former federal minister of agriculture, was "fogged-in" at Windsor.

Who pays?

Car-dayliner in collision

CLAREMONT — When a train and car collide, who pays the damages, the railroad or the motorist?

In most cases, few drivers survive to worry. However, Mrs. Bob Lewis of RR 3, Claremont, is one of the lucky ones.

Her 1975 Chrysler was in collision with a Toronto-to-Stouffville dayliner at an unprotected level crossing on 18th Avenue, Markham, west of the 9th Concession.

And while only her nerves were frayed, her opinion of the C.N.R. was lowered somewhat when she received a bill to cover exterior repairs to the train.

"It couldn't have been more than a scratch," said husband Bob. He's suggested wife Marg go out to Stouffville with an aerosol can some evening and "touch the engine up."

As for the Lewis's own automobile, repairs could be close to one thousand dollars, he feels. Since no figure was set out on the C.N. account, Bob intends to fix his own car first and worry about the other later.

Thumbs down by teachers

YORK REGION — By a vote of 610 to 597, York County's elementary public school teachers have rejected the latest agreement, despite the fact a memorandum was signed by the negotiating teams back in July and ratified by the Board in August.

Even though the negative majority was only thirteen votes, trustee Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville admits surprise at the outcome. He now fears that different teachers

voted against it for different reasons, making settlement difficult.

The result, he expects, will be discussed at an in-camera meeting of the Board, Monday night.

The Town trustee is hopeful terms of the contract will be made public, now that the vote has been taken. Previously, it had been agreed all details should be secret until the teachers were given a chance to either approve or reject it.



Meet the champ — ten month old Amy Nicole Warr and her mother, Mrs. Tony Warr of 11 Reginald Crescent, Markham. Amy was named the winner of Markham Fair's Baby Contest, Saturday.

and received a host of lovely gifts. She was crowned by this year's Queen of Markham Fair, Marilyn Iott.

Pretty girl

Baby champ

'Now or never' - Mom

MARKHAM — "It was now or never," commented Joan Warr at the conclusion of the Markham Fair Baby Contest, Saturday. Pretty ten month old Amy Nicole had just been crowned Grand Champion in a competition that took almost two hours to complete. The proud father along with the couple's two other children, Richard, 9 and Lisa, 6, were on hand for the event.

family reside at 11 Reginald Crescent, Markham. "I used to enter sewing in the fair, but this year I didn't have time," Mrs. Warr told The Tribune. "I decided to make Amy a dress and enter her." She's glad she did. The Reserve Grand Champion was a handsome seven month old boy, Neil McTavish, son of Fraser and Cindy McTavish, 37 Church Street, Markham, smiled all the

way through the show. So did his three year old sister, Jennifer, when the results were announced. "He's a good baby," Mrs. McTavish said, "the best any mother could have". And he's the last, she confided. "This is it, we'll end with a winner. Our family's complete". Both Amy and Neil headed their respective divisions. Other class winners included - David Crust, son of John and Gayle

Crust, Maystone Court, Stouffville; Jennifer Clark, daughter of Sherwood and Marian Clark, Hepworth Way, Markham; Amanda Rae Leger, daughter of Terry and Marion Leger, RR 2, Stouffville; Edward Cunciliffe, son of Ted and Lorraine Cunciliffe, Carolwood Crescent, Markham; Jimmy Dolphin, Son of Doug and Jane Dolphin, Bayview Fairways, Thornhill; Mandy Lillie, daughter of Russell and Sheila Lillie, Holland Landing and twins, Brandy and Beverley Smith, children of Jim and Ann Smith, Midland Avenue, Scarborough.

Judges were Rev. Thomas Greene, rector at Grace Anglican Church, Markham; Marjorie Patten of Willowdale and Sue Boyle, Toronto. The committee chairperson this year was Carol White, RR 1, Locust Hill. Master of ceremonies was Beverley Floyd, Chant Crescent, Unionville.

Farmers' 'zoo' big attraction

MARKHAM — Old MacDonald's Farm continues to be one of the main attractions to Markham Fair, particularly for the children. And no one knows this better than Norm Lee, formerly of Locust Hill, now living in Willowdale. Norm cares for the livestock during the four-day show and answers a million questions put to him by inquisitive kids as they file through. Like, "do only brown hens lay brown eggs?"; "if a Holstein cow gives white milk, how come a Jersey cow doesn't give chocolate milk?"; "does a sheep shed its coat in the summer?" and "what happens when a mother pig has more babies than she has spouts?" Norm answers each query

carefully and often helps them fill out forms that are used for discussion purposes back in class. At times, however, he has trouble concealing a smile and often breaks into a hearty laugh after they've gone. To a 72 year old ex-farmer who's been coming to Markham Fair since a babe in arms, some of the questions seem pretty basic. Regardless, he understands that to a boy or girl living in Toronto, MacDonald's Farm is "a whole new world". Harvey Brown's the "supervisor", he says. He's the one who makes the contacts and arranges for entries well in advance. This year, they really had more than they could handle. One stall was divided to

accommodate the extras. Norm doesn't have to do any milking. "The young take care of that," he says. His main duties are keeping them clean and well fed. He enjoys it, admitting that even after several years of retirement, he still misses "the good life". He remembers working for fifty cents a day. Those participating in the display included - Les Beare of Cedar Valley (a horse); Bill Warnock of Little Britain (a Hereford cow and calf and a donkey); Marlene Brown of Markham (a pony and two racoons); Bud Anthony of Whitevale (goats); Ed MacAloney, Claremont (geese); Mrs. Stan Clarkson, Stouffville (cat and kittens); Lewis Reesor, Markham (ducks and ducklings); Charles Jackson, Stouffville (pigeons); Brown Bros., Unionville (sow and pigs); Barry Little of Cedar Grove (Jersey calves); Archie Little, Cedar Grove (Highland cow and calf); Alf Smith, Markham (pigs); Lewis Reesor, Markham (hen and chicks); I.W. French, Claremont (cat and kittens); Russell Dow, Bowmanville (ewes and lambs and Norm Lee, Willowdale (rabbits).

"Silly waste"

STOUFFVILLE — Ward 4 councillor Bill Kamps has criticized a proposal whereby the Town will advertise the position of Chief Administration Officer, soon to be vacated by long-time administrator, Ralph Corner.

Kamps feels the post can be filled by someone within the present office staff. "We'll be spending \$1,500 unnecessarily," he claimed. "We have qualified personnel right here". His protests fell on deaf ears. It was agreed that an ad should be inserted in one daily newspaper and the Municipal World.

Calling it a "ridiculous waste of money", councillor



Who's pulling who? Three year old Glenn Beckett of R. R. 1, Unionville, has some trouble coaxing 'Porky' out of the winner's circle, after receiving the Grand Championship Award at Markham

'Porky' the pig meets his match



Fair's Pet Show, Friday, Glenn eventually won the tugging match too, with a little help from Mom and Dad.

— Jim Thomas