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Plowmen gear up

STOUFFVILLE — The fall migration of local plowmen is about to begin.

At least eight area competitors are expected to take part at the International Match, Sept. 15-19 near Meaford. Many of these same entries will receive prizes at the Awards Banquet, Sept. 18 in Owen Sound.

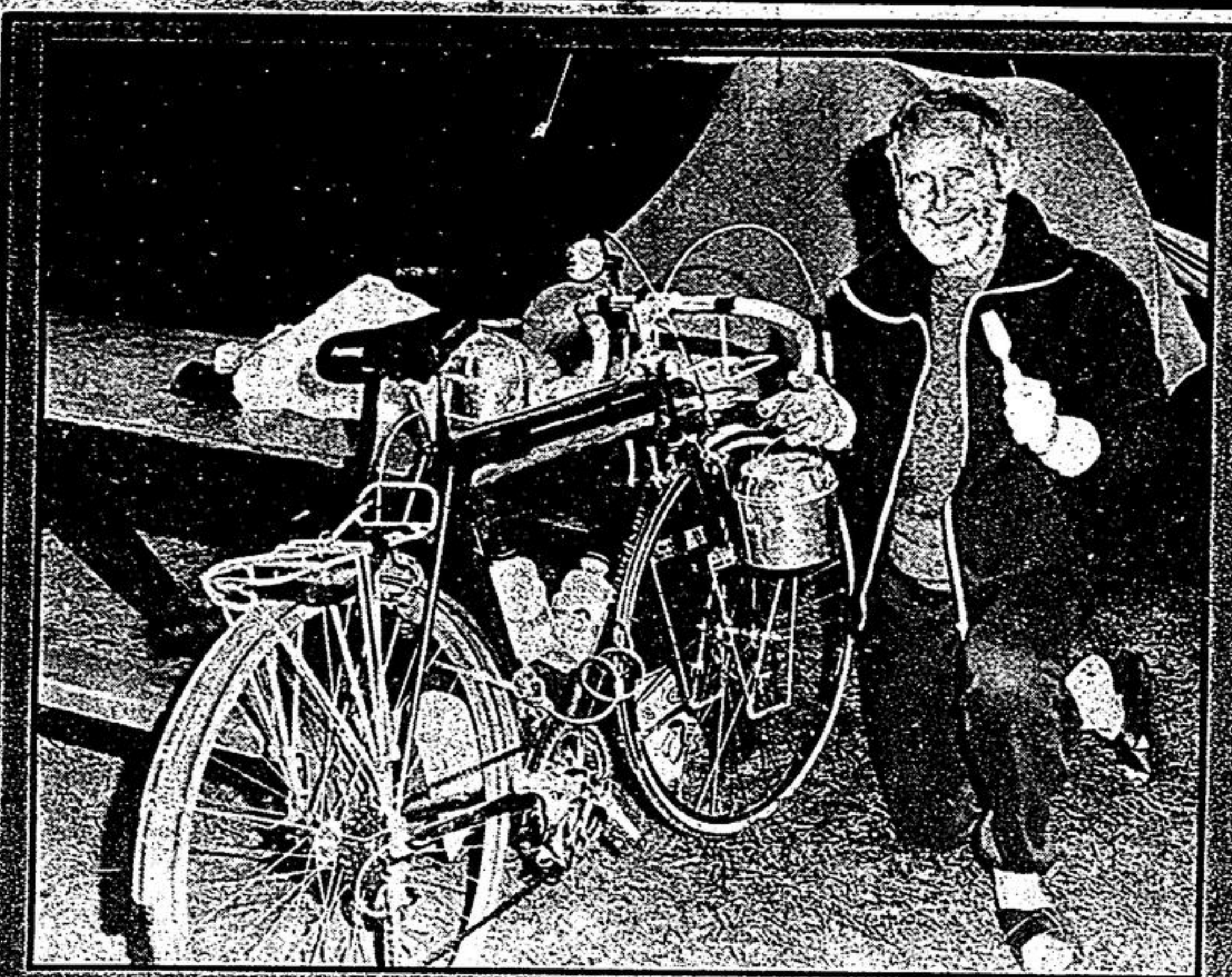
Participants will include Kevin Wells, Jan King, Ken Ferguson, Eric Timbers, Steve Dunkeld, Greg Timbers, Barry Timbers and Bob Campsall.

Close to 100 plowmen from all across Ontario submitted entries. The class for horse-drawn plows has been reinstated this year. It was cancelled in 1986 due to cost of insurance.

"Everything's okay since we got rid of the helicopters," an O.P.A. spokesman told The Tribune.

It was felt noise created by the whirlybirds might cause horses to bolt and thus cause injury to spectators.

The annual York Regional plowing match is Friday, Sept. 4 on the Cameron Boake farm, Lot 25, Conc. 6, Vaughan.



Ken Dempsey of Comox, British Columbia, enjoys a Sunday evening stop-over at Cedar Beach Musselman's Lake, en route by bicycle to Canada's East Coast. By the time he arrives, the middle of next month, he will have covered close to 8,000 kilometers. — Jim Thomas

Cycling tourist

By JIM THOMAS

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Riding a bicycle coast to coast is almost just thinking about it is exhausting.

Forty-eight-year-old Ken Dempsey of Comox, British Columbia, isn't thinking about it. He's doing it. The personal rather than our spent Sunday night at Cedar Beach Park, Musselman's Lake. He was welcomed by proprietors Vern and Audrey Davis.

Mr. Dempsey, tanned and fit, started out from Victoria, British Columbia, June 24. He expects to arrive in Halifax, Nova Scotia, around mid-September. In this period, he'll cover around 8,000 kilometers, about the same as his cycling tour of Europe in 1985.

Mr. Dempsey's experience of problems (time, rain, minor nuisance like a flat tire and a bent rim) he takes in stride. He carries all his own provisions, including a tent and rain gear. He cooks his own meals.

The Cedar Beach guest said he learned of the local park through the Canadian Motor Club and Ontario Camping. He described the facilities as "excellent."

Mr. Dempsey refers to himself as "a bit of a Nomad." He enjoys the challenge.

Travelling time is scheduled only in daylight hours. He establishes a goal before starting out each morning. On Sunday, he biked from Meaford to Musselman's Lake and made it in time for supper.

"No, he's not biking back. One way's enough," Mr. Dempsey replied. "I'll take the train or a plane."

Educator challenges leaders

STOUFFVILLE — More teachers, smaller classes. Premier David Peterson says school boards across Ontario will be allowed to hire 4,000 new teachers beginning with the fall term in 1988. He's also recommending the pupil-teacher ratio (Grades 1 and 2), be reduced from 30 to 20 students per room.

To accomplish these and other programs, the Liberal Education Ministry will spend almost \$300 million, Mr. Peterson says.

Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee Harry Bowes isn't sure the premier can live up to these promises. He calls them "carrots."

"What happened to the promises made two years ago?" asks Mr. Bowes. Back in 1985, the same Mr. Peterson said that, if elected, his Government would fund education to the tune of 60 per cent, but they never did, claims Bowes. The funding percentage is still about 45 per cent, he states.

"The PC's," says Bowes, "did no better. They never moved towards the 65% funding level either," he says.

Mr. Bowes also points out that 4,000 additional teachers will mean 4,000 additional classrooms.

"Where are these (the classrooms) to come from?" asks Bowes. "The Government can't fund us properly for what we have

now." The local trustees note that in September, close to 400 portables will be pressed into service across York Region alone.

Mr. Bowes claims the pupil-teacher ratio in Grades 1 and 2 isn't a problem here "and it's coming down every year." In Grades 7 and 8, it's somewhat higher, he said, about 30 students per room.

Peterson doesn't say where this extra funding is coming from, says Bowes, "and so far haven't been able to find out."



HARRY BOWES

Hear candidates

STOUFFVILLE — An all candidates meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 8 p.m. in Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The four Party representatives in the Riding of Durham-York have agreed to attend — Bill Balinger (Liberal), Ken Canning (Family Coalition), Donna Kelly (New Democrat) and Ross Stevenson (Progressive Conservative).

George Schlukbier, the Town's Chief Librarian, will serve as moderator.

Opening remarks will be limited to five minutes with opportunity for rebuttal. Questions, both written and verbal will be encouraged from the floor.

Choose the Fair-est

MARKHAM — Markham Fair will choose its queen for 1987 on Friday night.

The gala pageant, dinner and dance begins at 6:30 p.m. in the General Exhibits Building.

Admission is \$12 per person, \$6 (dance only).

There are nine entries. The winner will be crowned by the Queen of '86, Lori Thompson, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville.

Participants are — Annika Hannan, R.R. 1, Unionville; Vivian Mitchell, Thornhill; Wendy Ford, Markham; Suzanne Craig, Unionville; Edna Chua, Unionville; Susan Iott, Markham; Linda McLaren, Markham; Ann Halsey, Markham and Juliette Macmillan, Stouffville.

Many voters undecided Main Street poll indicates

By BRUCE STAPLEY

STOUFFVILLE — If the Liberals are heading for a majority government in the Sept. 10 provincial election, as many experts predict, Whitchurch-Stouffville residents aren't riding the bandwagon.

A Tribune poll of 27 area townfolk Monday, indicated much indecision, cynicism and even indifference.

The question posed was "If you were voting tomorrow, who would you support and why?"

"I'm going to vote for the other" because they're all the same," answered one gentleman. He didn't specify what he meant by "the other."

"What does it matter," replied another, "they'll all spend our money."

Even those who'd already made up their minds were less than enthusiastic.

"I'm voting N.D.P.," said a female respondent, "we might as well give them a chance. They can't do any worse than the others."

Another said he was supporting the P.C.'s, "but I'm not sure why."

Of the 27 polled, five said Liberal, four replied N.D.P., two answered P.C., 12 were undecided and four said they wouldn't be voting at all.

Liberal supporters seemed to feel David Peterson deserves a chance to prove what he can do on his own, unencumbered by his accord with the N.D.P.

N.D.P. supporters, on the other hand, suggested anything good accomplished by Mr. Peterson had been initiated by the New Democrats. "Now Peterson's trying to take all the credit," a respondent concluded.

Several of those approached appeared confused by riding redistribution and unfamiliar with the candidates, none of whom reside in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Grossman at corn roast

MUSS LAKE — PC leader Larry Grossman's coming to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He'll attend a dance and corn roast Friday, (Aug. 28), at Cedar Beach Park, Musselman's Lake.

Tickets (\$5) are available by calling 640-7535 or 852-6079. The event, organized by the Durham-York Progressive Conservative Association, begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at one.

Cedar Beach Park is located on Ninth Line North, a half-mile south of the Aurora Sideroad.

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Green thumb residents win awards

