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PLOWMAN SEEKS WORLD TITLE

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UXBRIDGE — A tractor and plow "parked" in the side yard, sets apart the Ewen Drive home of Barry and Cheryl Timbers from all the rest.

Proud neighbors say the unit should be bronzed and mounted in the Town's civic square.

For not only does it represent a Canadian Plowing Championship, but part of a long line of plowing championships that has engraved the Timbers' family name on the coveted Esso Trophy several times.

A match plowman 26 years, this most recent accomplishment marks Barry's first Canadian Title. The competition, bringing together two of the best from each of Canada's six provinces, was held at Coaticook, Quebec. Barry placed first and Darryl Hostrawser of Belwood, second.

The 39-year-old Uxbridge resident will now advance to the World Championships in Amana, Iowa, Sept. 9 and 10, 1988.

"I have eleven months to get ready," Barry says with a smile.

Working under inclement weather conditions, Barry rolled up 525 points in a rain-shortened match. Hostrawser scored 511 1/2.

Barry describes their association as "friendly competitors."

On one of the two days, they plowed side by side.

Barry trucked his own unit the 430 mile distance. He hopes to do the same for the World.

The Canadian Title concludes a season in which Barry took part in five local matches as well as the International near Meaford. He's only missed one International since 1962.

Since Ewen Drive is not the most appropriate place to practice, Barry works out on farms owned by Cheryl's brothers, not too far from town.

The truck was on loan from Eric Timbers of Markham.

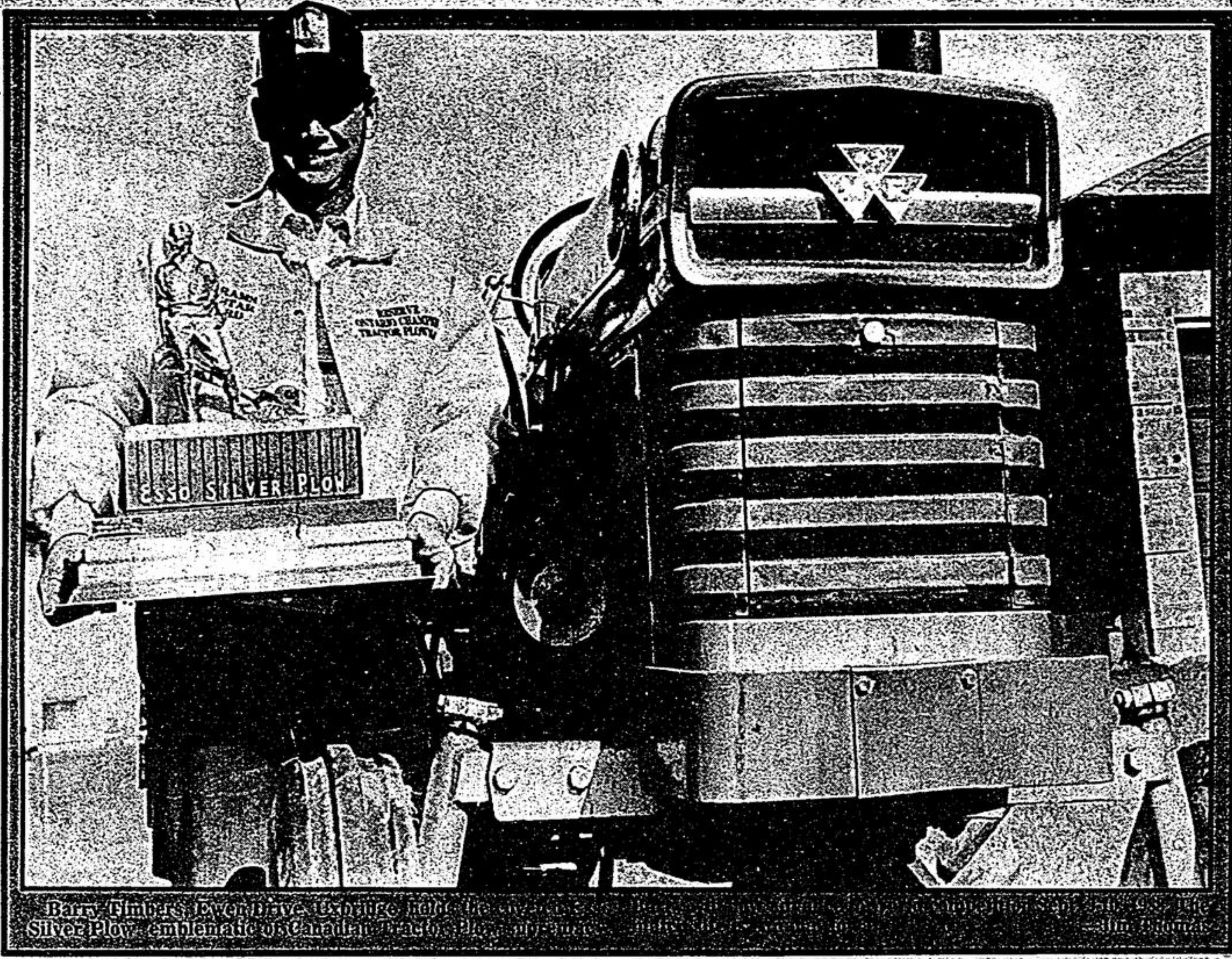
"That's the good thing about having generous cousins and brothers-in-law," he laughs. "But I haven't received the bill yet."

The trip to Coaticook was a family affair. Mrs. Timbers and daughters, Heather, Sharon and Beth went along as well.

Barry says it's the first time in Canadian Championship history that competition has been cut short. "I was soaked for two days," he said. However, both he and Darryl would have continued into Sunday but the smaller tractors were having problems, Barry explained.

The Esso Silver Plow holds a prominent place in Barry and Cheryl's home. It's unique that Bob Timbers, Barry's father, was the first-ever winner back in 1953. He followed this up with championships in '54, '55 and '59. He presently serves as secretary-manager of the Canadian Board and a director with the World Plowmen's Association.

Other local names prominent on the Esso Trophy include — Joe Tran, 1954 and 1957; Hugh Baird, 1956; Floyd Forsyth, 1963; Grant Wells, 1967; Don Dunkeld, 1964 and 1975; Ken Brown, 1976 and Ken Ferguson, 1982.



Barry Timbers, Ewen Drive, Uxbridge, holds the coveted Esso Silver Plow emblematic of Canadian plowing championships.

Speeders

VIVIAN — Complaints of speeding have been reported to Whitchurch-Stouffville Council by residents of Cherry Street, a residential community west of Hwy. 48 near Vivian.

These in turn, have been passed on to York Regional Police.

"Radar was set up in the area for 15 hours over a one-month period.

Eight motorists were charged.

What's significant about this is the fact the majority of drivers summonsed lived in the area under surveillance.

Strike right

STOUFFVILLE — A postal worker, recruited from the divisional office in Toronto's downtown, was given a rough verbal ride when she entered the Stouffville Post Office Friday.

She couldn't understand why "I'm management," she told The Tribune. She said nothing physical occurred.

Several inside workers established a picket line near the entrance.

"That's their right, Postmaster Gary Fisher said. "It's also our right to continue to serve."

He called it a no-win situation.

The Post Office, he explained, is obliged to provide customer service. "And that's what we're doing."

Arm reattached Physicians hopeful surgery a success

By BRUCE STAPLEY
STOUFFVILLE — Fast action by several people has been credited with not only saving Steve Navratil's right arm but also his life.

The 25-year-old Thicketwood Boulevard man remains a patient in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, after becoming entangled in a gravel screening machine near Goodwood, Oct. 2.

The victim's right arm, severed at the shoulder, has been reattached. Doctors are guardedly optimistic the surgery will be successful.

The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. at L.K. Haulage and Supply, Conic 3, Uxbridge.

It was co-worker Paul Saramaki who responded immediately in an emergency situation.

"He didn't see me where I'd been seconds before," recalls Steve. "He shut the machine down. "I don't think many people would have had the presence of mind to react the way he did. I couldn't believe how calm he remained."

The Stouffville ambulance was first on the scene. The Fire Department was right behind. Steve was rushed to Uxbridge Hospital and there the drama began.

Stouffville Fire Chief Bill Brown recovered the arm and raced at top speed to Emergency.

Meanwhile, calls were being put through for the air ambulance at Buttonville and to physicians at

St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. Instructions by phone assisted Uxbridge staff in preparing Steve for what was to be a daring attempt to reattach the arm.

Initially, prospects weren't good. "When the arm is severed so close to the shoulder, it can be a problem to even try," said Dr. Eric Swanson at St. Mikes. He was one of a team of eight doctors who performed the seven-hour operation.

"Nerve repairs under such circumstances can be difficult," he said.

Physicians, headed by plastic surgeon Dr. James Mahoney, not only reattached the limb but remain hopeful the shoulder and elbow functions will be restored.

A subsequent operation is being considered that could repair nerves that govern hand movement.

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Auction sale glows with age-old antiques

UXBRIDGE — Most auction sale lists today include the word antique.

It's an automatic crowd-drawer. However, some would-be buyers leave disappointed.

Such will not be the case Sat., Oct. 24. The auction of genuine antiques, the property of John Kerr of Markham, is described as "the sale of the year."

It will be held at Lloyd Wilson Auctions Ltd., Beaver Road, Uxbridge on Sat., Oct. 24.

Starting time is 10 a.m., with previews arranged for Oct. 22 from 1 to 9 p.m., and Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

An itemized list is published

elsewhere in this newspaper. However, several articles are of general interest, even to the occasional auction attendee. These include — a 100-piece set of ironstone dishes, (Wheat pattern); 18 shaving mugs and 12 moustache cups; a Paquegnat clock; a school clock (signed by George M. Hendry Co. Ltd.); a Scottish clock, (circa 1890); a pine harvest table with drawer; a pine flat-back cupboard with 12 panes of glass; a pine corner cupboard, (circa 1840); a dough box with warming

drawer; an oak medicine chest with bevelled mirror; four hanging cupboards; a Kennedy-type rocking chair; a child's scooter car; stained glass church windows; a brass hanging lamp with prisms and cranberry opalescent shade; two hanging lamps with prisms and floral shades; violin, banjo and trumpet and more.

This is a private collection that John Kerr has acquired over the years. Everything is reported in mint condition.

'Report card' bothers mayor

STOUFFVILLE — A mimeographed piece of paper was lying on Mayor Fran Sainsbury's desk when Tribune editor Jim Thomas entered her office Friday.

"Take a look at this," she said, "is it any wonder good people are hesitant to enter politics?"

The article, under the heading 'Report Card' was taken from the November '87 issue of Toronto Life magazine. It dealt with, among others, the performances of Tony Roman, Independent M.P., York-North and Sinclair Stevens, Progressive Conservative M.P., York-Peel.

Here's what the Toronto Life examiner had to say about each:

TONY ROMAN — "So much was expected of this man following his valiant defeat of far-right-wing Tory John Gamble. An Independent figure should have been expected to attract attention and

say what needs to be said, but Roman has been a bust both ways, though his health may have been partly to blame early on. A nonentity in the House, he is master only of his own caucus, which he keeps to himself."

Roman is graded an 'F'.

SINCLAIR STEVENS — "Everyone knows what happened to Sinc Stevens, 60, the blind trust in bifocals, but few know there was little cheering in Ottawa when Sinc went down. As minister of regional industrial expansion, Sinc had become a born-again bleeding heart; his concern genuine for places such as Cape Breton. Had he not blown it, he might have made a difference, but he blew it — so what can anyone say except "So long." Stevens is graded an 'F' and suspended to boot.

Town loses industry

WHITCHURCH — A citizens' victory.

That's the feeling of residents opposed to a bookbinding plant at the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and the Blooming Road on the Oak Ridge moraine.

The property owner, has declined to renew the purchase option. Mayor Fran Sainsbury told The Tribune. The applicants, Fitzhenry and Whitesides have pulled up stakes.

"It would have been a class industry," Mayor Sainsbury said, "the third best in Town."

Mrs. Sainsbury said she was neither for it nor against it. What bothered her most, she stated, were the personal attacks that accompanied the confrontation.

While Dr. O.S. Slingerland, York Region's Medical Officer of Health had refused a permit for the entire 55 acres, he would have consented to the 30-acre parcel. Mrs. Sainsbury claimed. She said no other agencies were opposed. The land, (all 55 acres), is being advertised for sale, the mayor noted.

Bouquet

WHITCHURCH — Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall has tossed a verbal bouquet to the management of Ram Forest Products Inc., of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

At a Planning Advisory Committee meeting, Oct. 6, Councillor Marshall said the firm deserved to be complimented on the neatness of its grounds and its method handling outside storage.

She suggested a number of other firms in Town would do well to follow the company's example.

Auctioneer's auction

STOUFFVILLE — When one auctioneer holds a sale for another, some rare and unusual items are anticipated.

So it is Thursday at the Stouffville Sales Barn.

The property belongs to the estate of the late Fred Smith of Newmarket. Mr. Smith was a licensed auctioneer 65 years.

Items include — a round oak table, a baby grand record player, some beautiful pieces of china and more.

The sale begins at 6 p.m., with viewing Wednesday evening, (tonight), from 6 to 9 p.m.

Auctioneers are Phil Faulkner, Bill Walker and Jim Couch.




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