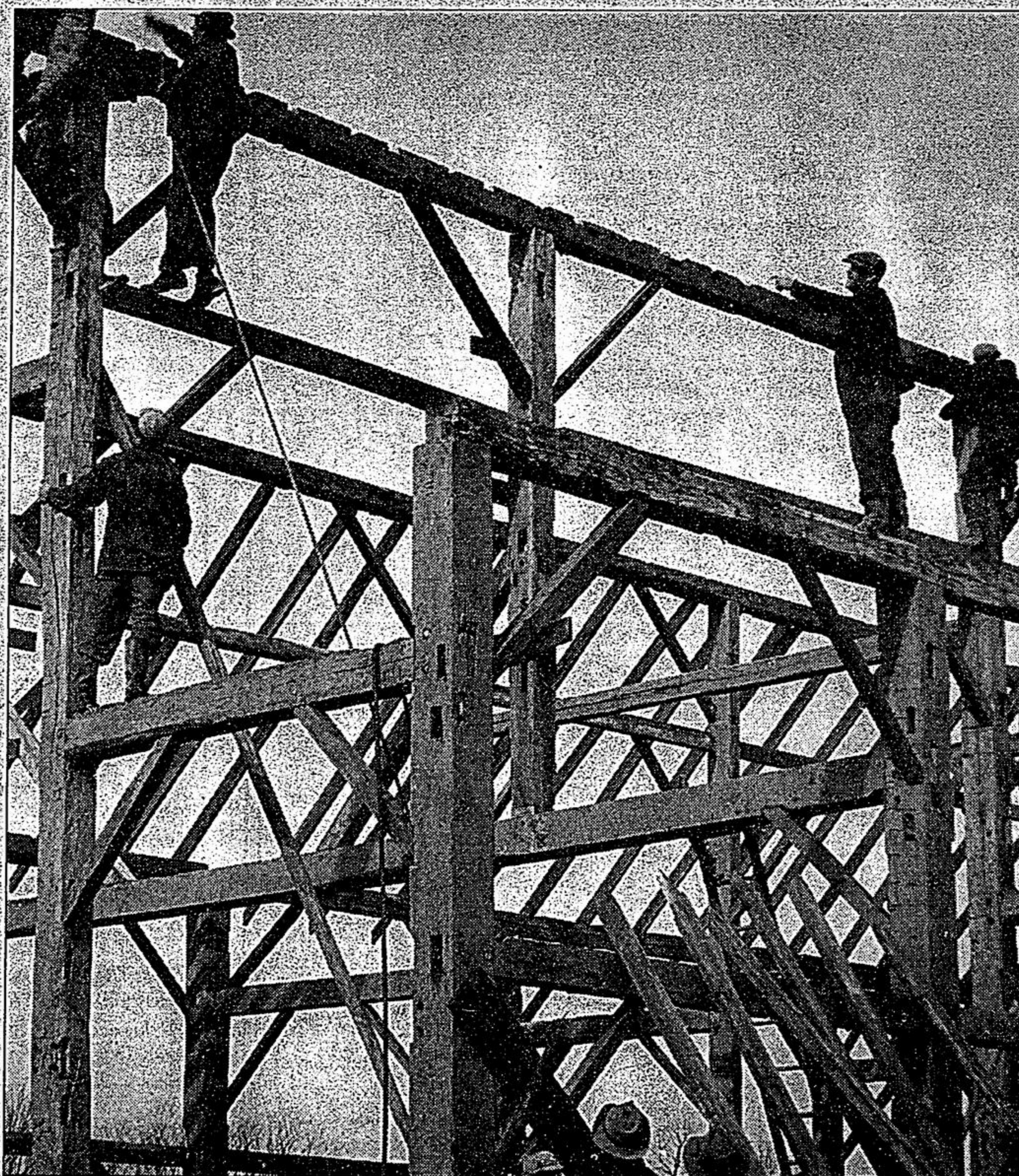




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In the late 1950s, livestock auctions were a Saturday morning tradition at the Stouffville market. Shown are Ralph Faulkner (second from left) and Walter Atkinson (right) during a sale of sheep, calves, pigs and chickens.



In 1952, Stouffville Market owner Walter Atkinson and a work crew built the original Cow Palace, using the wood and beams from 11 barns that he had demolished in Scarborough. The Cow Palace, where livestock auctions were held for many years, was torn down in 2002 and the current new building constructed.

# Market of memories

THE STOUFFVILLE MARKET WILL CLOSE NEXT YEAR. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK. HERE'S A LOOK BACK AT THE STOUFFVILLE LANDMARK.

## LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS CALLED IT HOME

- ▶ **1952:** Walter Atkinson builds the original Cow Palace for Saturday morning auctions; vendors start selling their wares shortly after;
- ▶ Livestock auctions become popular;
- ▶ **1982:** Norm Clements becomes a partner in the market, which until then was owned by Norm Faulkner and Frank Bennett. National Sports, which Mr. Clements founded in 1963, comes to the market;
- ▶ **1990:** Mr. Clements and Norm Faulkner become business partners;
- ▶ **1997:** Charity bingo begins a short run in the new market auditorium;
- ▶ **THE 1990s:** the market tries to introduce shows such as Elvis tribute artists, car, dog and garden shows, RV shows and others. Ronnie Hawkins and Prairie Oyster performed. NHLers and soap stars made appearances. An antique market is attempted;
- ▶ **2002:** The original Cow Palace is demolished and activities move to the auditorium;
- ▶ **2007:** Market scheduled to close.

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