

Lambton Hall of Fame Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the nomination of Jerry Ferguson. My records do not go back beyond 1956 but do show that in 1956 he was named a Honorary Director which means that he must have been involved for a period of time before that. They do show however that he was active from 1956 until 1978 which is over twenty years. Jerry was also Lambton's representative on the Ontario Plowmen's Association for the years 1965, 1966 and 1967.

Jerry competed at the International Plowing Match for many years and brought honours back to Lambton County numerous times. Back when he competed, good plowing was considered to have more importance that is placed on it today, and he used the same skills when he plowed at home. I can remember when my father would stop as we were going by his farm to show me what good plowing looked like. The Ferguson's have donated his tractor and plow to be displayed at the Lambton Heritage Museum.

Jerry had a humorous personality and loved a joke. His tractor and plow were both manufactured by the Massey Harris Company which later became Massey Ferguson. At one of our plowing matches he was awarded a special prize donated by a local Massey Ferguson dealer. When he went to collect his prize the dealer disputed his eligibility. He assured the dealer that he was eligible as the tractor and plow was Massey's and a Ferguson was the operator.

I am pleased to present these few words in support of Jerry Ferguson's nomination.

Yours truly,

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## Jerry Tiffin Ferguson 1892-1978

### Introduction

Jerry Tiffin Ferguson was born on August 25, 1892 in Mooend Thursby, Cumberland England, as the youngest of five children. Jerry moved to Canada in 1910 and stayed with his brother's sister-in-law in the Ridgeway area. Shortly after he arrived he started working on a farm making \$40.00 a year with board and at the end of the first year he had \$39.50 in the bank.

Jerry's Brother Joe came to Canada and secured a position managing a farm for the Farm International Corporation located at lot 40 Concession 10 of Dawn Township. Joe later asked Jerry to come work with him at this location.

Located just around the corner was the love of Jerry's life; Mary Evelyn (Effie) Ward. The two were married on January 12, 1921 and resided at Lot 33 Concession 11 of Dawn Township where they started their family. Around 1932 they moved just down the road to Lot 29 Concession 11 of Dawn Township with their three children. At the new location, they had one more child completing their family of 4 boys: Lyle, Allen, Donald and Ross.

### Contribution to the Agricultural Community within Lambton County and Home Business Development

Jerry farmed the property at Lot 29 Concession 11 of Dawn Township and in the late 1950's he bought the Angus MacAlpine farm which was Lot 28 Concession 11 of Dawn Township. This added 100 acres to make a 150 acre farming operation.



Jerry was an active Shorthorn cattle breeder.

He gained his knowledge of this breed from research in the many books in his library and as a result of their origination in the North eastern part of England. Jerry was held in high regard by his peers for his knowledge of this breed. For many years he operated a cow calf business paying close attention to the breeding of these cattle to keep the blood lines pure. He was very knowledgeable in the breeding and ancestry of the Shorthorn cattle and could tell you where there was a well bred bull available in the county. Other farmers consulted with him on this and other related matters.



Jerry also had a small Yorkshire sow farrowing business.

The sow business was primarily selling the wieners but kept the odd one to butcher for his family. The Yorkshire hog also originated in England and in the 1940's the breed was introduced to Canada and it proved to be the right class of pig for the Canadian market.





Also incorporated in the farming operation was the Barred Rock breeding flock.

This flock supplied eggs for the Lambton Kent Creamery; with businesses in both Wallaceburg and Petrolia, in the 1940's and in to the early 1950's. With the families help, the eggs had to be weighted and candled manually before packing for shipping. This breeding flock was one of the first in this area as well as being one of the first flocks to wear glasses. The glasses were put on after the hens and roosters were blood tested to maintain a healthy flock. The glasses served as a measure to prevent cannibalism in the flock by distorting they're vision.

Jerry was a member of the Lambton County Plowman Association for many years.

#### Personal Development

Jerry was always willing to share his knowledge of raising livestock and often called upon for his specific expertise with the care and doctoring of animals. A veterinary was very seldom at the Ferguson farm, if ever. Jerry would perform the routine practices of removing the afterbirth from his heifers and cows and minor surgeries such as castration of pigs as well as major surgeries in the operation of ruptured hogs. He would also help out the neighbours when they called and never charged for his services. In today's society this would be viewed as an illegal practice.

#### Contribution to the Agriculture Community – Outside Lambton

Jerry Ferguson was best known for his plowing abilities. He plowed with a tractor and a two furrow plow in competitions all over Ontario and Michigan. For many years he borrowed a tractor; either by calling ahead to the match organizers or making a deal with a friend. Doing this allowed him to load the plow in the back of his pickup truck and travel to the matches. This plow was a customized Massy Harris 26 plow for competition only. In approximately 1959 he purchased a new model 22 Massy Harris tractor. With the help of his son Lyle, a trailer was built that would tilt to allow the plow to still be loaded in the back of the pickup then load the tractor on the trailer. With this new setup he was able to have his own specialized setup at all the competitions that he went to.

Jerry was called upon at least once to be a director at the International Plowing Match and several times he was a judge at the various county matches.

Jerry was the Champion Plowman at the Lambton County plowing match on several occasions. He was honoured by having his son Ross and himself having the best two plowed lands on the grounds at one of the matches in Shetland, Ontario.

He travelled all over Ontario to plow at the International Plowing Matches as well as County Matches. In 1956 in Essex, Ontario he won the Ontario Championship but came in second the next day for the Canadian Championship, which was won by Robert Timbers of Stouffville, Ontario.



Jerry plowed his last International Plowing Match at the age of 81 which was held in Alvinston, Ontario in 1973. He placed second in the Open Class for Ontario. He did plow once more at the Lambton County match.

Jerry passed away on November 16, 1978. After his passing the Lambton County Plowman's Association asked the Ferguson family if they would be interested in donating his tractor and plow to the Lambton County Heritage Museum in Grand Bend. The family provided the tractor, plow and several trophies to the museum where it is still proudly on display.







Jerry Ferguson  
Lambton Plowman

Contribution to Community Beyond Agriculture

As a community man, he was the treasurer of the Oakdale picnic and a committee member for several years.



This photo shows several picnic officials talking over the day's program. Left to right are: Mr. Jerry Ferguson of Croton, treasurer; Mr. James A. Currie, of R.R. 3, Dresden, chairman;

Reeve William J. Boyle of Dawn, and Mr. Charles Harris Dresden, a committee member.

(Star Lambton Bureau Photos by Norman Wetherup)

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He was also a member of the Alexandra Masonic Lodge No. 158 Oil Springs, Ontario. As a Mason he served as Worshipful Master in 1944, District Deputy in 1954 and 1955 for the Sarnia District and received his 50 year jewel in 1971.



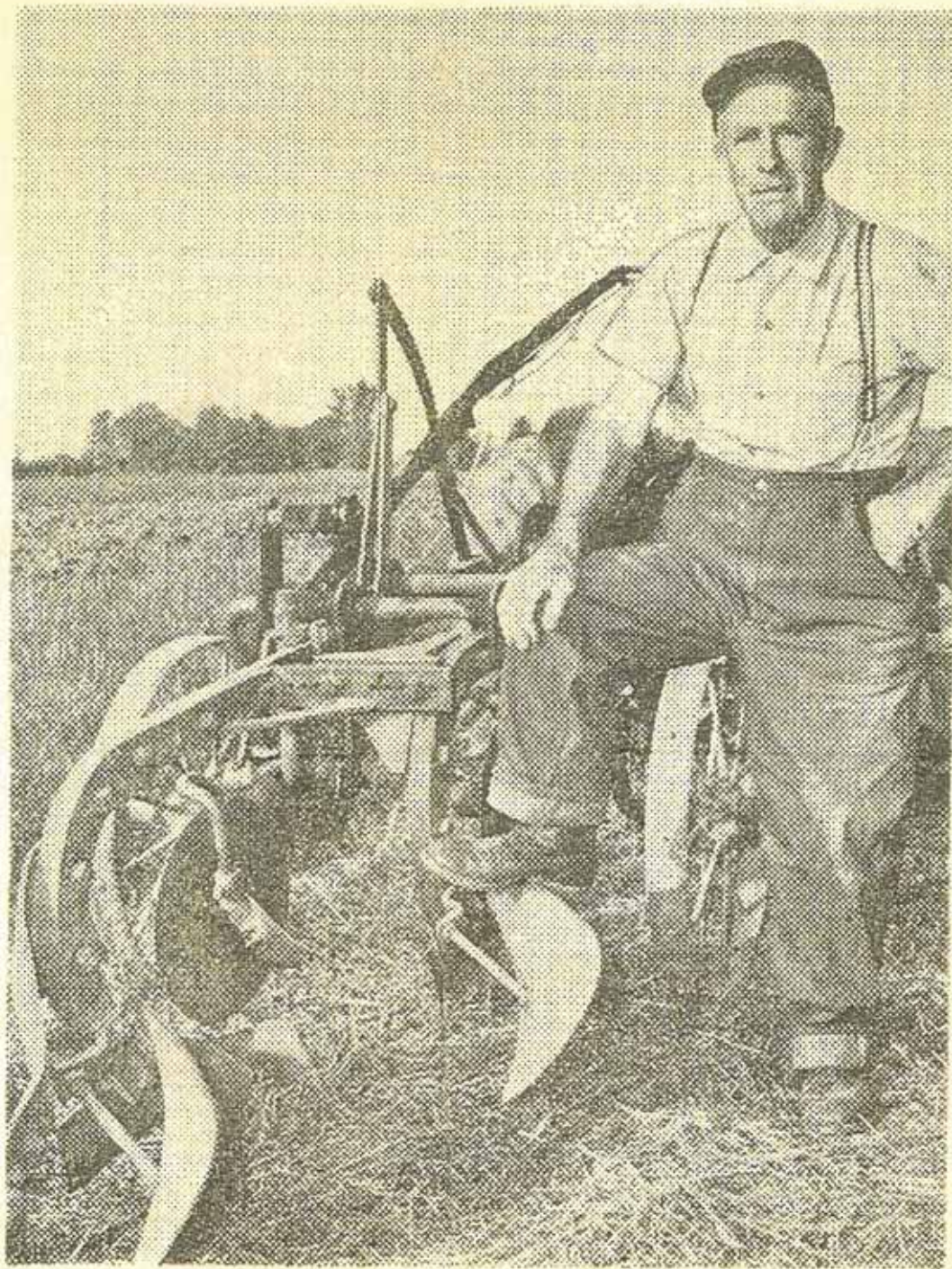
Also in 1971 Jerry and Effie celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with their family.



#### Length of Service to Agricultural Community

Jerry started working in the agricultural community when he came to Canada in 1910 at the age of 18 and continued to be an active part of agriculture up until the age of 85 when he moved to Exeter to stay with his son Ross and his family. Over the 67 years of his involvement in agriculture he was a successful livestock and fowl entrepreneur, a champion plowman, a community person, and a husband, father and grandfather.





AS USUAL—Jerry Ferguson was up to his old tricks Saturday when, for what is thought the tenth time, he plowed the best land at the match. In 1955 he won the Ontario title in the international match at Blytheswood. That's Fergy with his foot on the plow.



## Croton Man Tops Match



Jerry Ferguson, of Croton, who took top honors in the tractor class at Lambton County Plowing Match yesterday, here discusses his fine furrows with from

— Free Press Sarnia Bureau Photo  
left: Frank Bell, Stratford, judge; Neil Campbell, secretary of the plowmen's association and Arnold Steven, president.



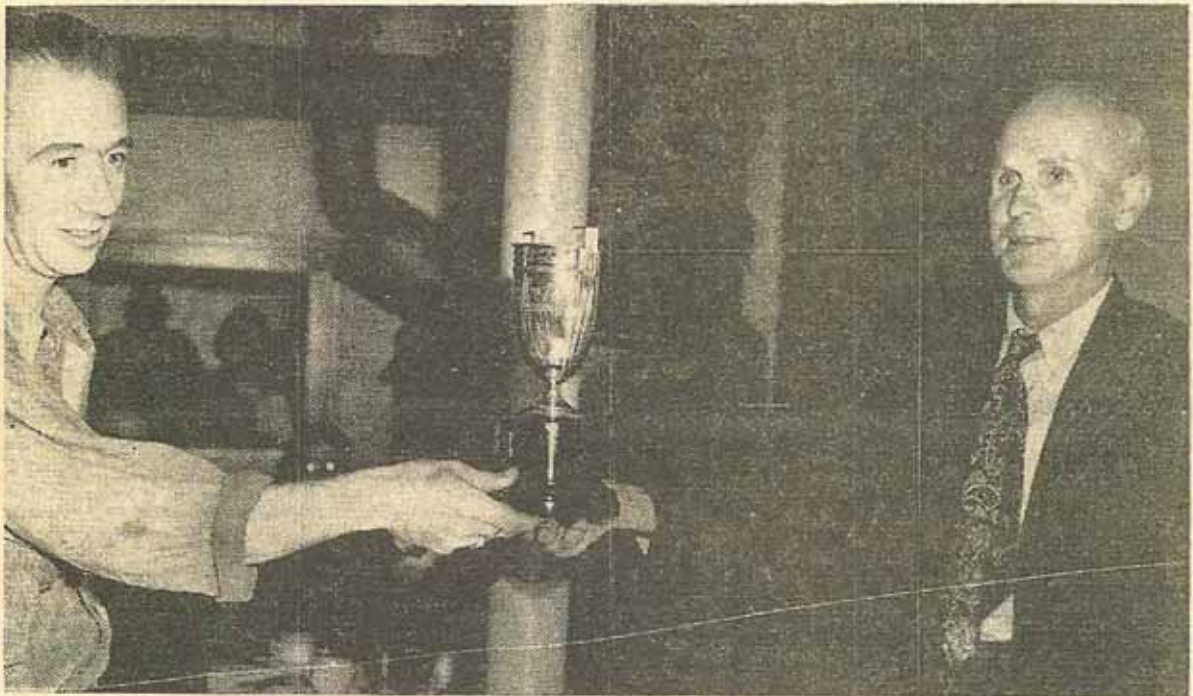
## STRAIGHT FURROWS WERE MADE AND PRIZES PRESENTED AT AN



Jerry Ferguson, Croton, president of the Lambton County Branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, is shown, left, doing some of the plowing that won him the county championship last year and

enabled him to place third in a class at Kingston recently. He finished too late this year. Just behind the plow is Clancy Butler, who carries a yardstick. Mr. Butler is Mr. Ferguson's coach. In

## ANNUAL COMPETITION OF LAMBTON COUNTY PLOWMEN YESTERDAY



the picture on the right Karl Watson, Forest, is receiving the special Bank of Toronto Cup from Roy Jardine, Corunna. The annual match was held on Raymond Cassin's farm, near Corunna, yester-

day, under the auspices of the Lambton County Branch of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. There were 29 competitors and approximately 1,000 spectators.—Canadian Observer photos.



## TRACTORS AND HORSES COMPETE IN

## LAMBTON COUNTY PLOWING MATCH



**JERRY FERGUSON** of Croton, many times winner of the Lambton County Plowing match in open class for sod, with tractor, again came through to take the honors in the annual event held on the farm of David Lunam, north of Reece's

Corners. He won not only the open class but the Essex trophy. Mr. Ferguson has plowed for many years and even has had a hand in international matches. He entertains hopes of capturing some of the major events and competing overseas. Shown as he strikes out his first furrow, Mr.

Ferguson is in the act of adjusting his controls to set in operation the tractor which he handles with ease and precision. On the right Carl Watson of Forest is shown competing with team and single plow with which he again became Lambton County Champion in team with sod class. Mr.

Watson, one of the outstanding plowmen in Ontario, is shown at the handles of the plow at the start of his match. His team responds in uncanny manner to the directions, often given in low tones, but audible to the horses.

(Photos by Roy Paisley)

# Lambton County Plowmen Show Skill In Annual Competition

**CAMLACHIE** (Special) — The annual Plowing Match, sponsored by The Lambton County Plowmen's Association held at the farm of David Lunam, three miles north of Reece's Corners on Wednesday had a large attendance although inclement weather retarded the starting operations.

Mud was evident in all classes and operators had difficulty clearing plow shares. The machine age was much in evidence with tractor classes well filled and old dobbie showing up in but one class, an open class for sod and single plow. This class had but two entries, Carl Watson of Forest, noted plowman, who again took first honors, Kenneth Fisher of Camlachie was second.

### NO LADY ENTRIES

The ladies class failed to attract the fair sex and there were no entries. In previous years several had taken part but the cold,

biting wind was undesirable for the ladies and they simply left the honors to the more stalwart of the male sex.

From the start at noon to the closing hours most of the attention was focused on the open classes which was between veteran plowmen Carl Watson of Forest and Kenneth Fisher of Camlachie, in the team class, while in the mechanized division Jerry Ferguson of Croton displayed his skill with a plow and tractor to edge out Garnet McNally of Inwood. Their furrows were true and the land well crowned but weather conditions were unfavorable. While their work was excellent under prevailing conditions they experienced difficulty with their projects.

Youth played an important part and every class open was filled with enthusiastic lads eager to go. Biting winds chilled contestants to the marrow but hands were warmed over the tractor exhaust and

they slogged through giving excellent performances. Winners in the various groups were: Class one, open team in sod, Carl Watson and Ken Fisher; Class 2, open tractor in sod, Jerry Ferguson and Garnet McNally; Class 3, tractor in sod men 21 years and over, Ross McNally, Inwood; Elton Steven, Uttoxeter; Orville Brush, Forest; Class 4 tractors, boys under 15, Glen Steven, Arthur Marsh, Mooretown; Wilfred Weight of Theodford, Arthur Eyre of Mooretown; Class 5, tractors, boys 16 to 18, Russel Eyre, Ivan Steven, Jimmy Brush; Class 6, tractors, boys 19 to 20 years, Basil Steven and Neil Welsh; Class 8, mounted plows, Allan Kernohan, Forest, Richard Fuller, Ravenswood; Class 9, three furrows, Floyd Jamieson, Theodford, William Hall, Theodford, John Rawlings, of Forest, Ron Weight, Theodford. Special prizes were won by John Rawlings, Ron Weight, Floyd Jamieson, Russel

Eyre and Arthur Marsh, Basil Steven, Jerry Ferguson, Glen Steven, Carl Watson and Grant McNally the latter being a three-time winner of the Goddison trophy it becomes his permanent possession. George Fletcher of Merlin was the judge.

### BANQUET HELD

In the evening a banquet was held in the IOOF hall in Camlachie where a dinner was served by the Ladies of the United Church. William Bullick of Uttoxeter, who attended the International Plowing matches held in Ireland, returned by train during the banquet and became the guest speaker for the evening. He gave a detailed account of his trip and some of the highlights of plowing in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Norrie Vance showed moving pictures of their 15,000 mile trip through British Columbia and Alaska and narrated highlights of the journey.





**WINNERS AND OFFICIALS**—The Lambton County Plowmen's Association held the annual plowing match on the farm of J. D. McFarlane, Sarnia Township yesterday. In the top picture are some of the executives, left to right, E. F. Metcalfe, Petrolia, vice-president; Gordon Crockard, Sarnia Township, secretary; W. F. Macdonald, Petrolia, Ontario Agricultural Representative; C. J. Young, Sarnia Township, president; F. Bell, Stratford, judge. Below are some of the winners of the 11 classes. Left to right are Karl Watson, Forest, Class 1; Jerry Ferguson, Croton, open class; Ralph Eyre, Mooretown, Class 7; Evelyn Sinclair, Bridgen, Special Ladies (4); J. I. Anderson, Oil Springs, Class 5.

—Observer Photo



Adjusting the depth of his tractor-drawn plow is veteran competitor Jerry Ferguson, of Croton. Not a single entry was noted in the open jointer sod class for horses.



## R. Brush, Forest; J. Ferguson, Champs

SARNIA—To Russell Brush, of Forest, and Jerry Ferguson, of Croton, went the prizes for the most important events of the annual matches in Brigden last week of Lambton section of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, the former for having the best plowed land by team and the latter for turning the neatest furrows by a tractor-pulled plow.

But the most unusual event was copped by a Mooretown farm lad in his late 'teens — Donald Gray. Donald collected \$5 for this: "The best land for a boy 21 years and under who tries hard and doesn't win a prize."

Young Gray confided: "It was all in the way I tilted my hat."

In the women's class there was one entry only, but, according to Gordon McGavin, of Walton, president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and plowing judge at Brigden "she (Geraldine Butler, 16 of Groton) would have been in the money if there had been a dozen girls in the class."

Mr. Gavin, who took a prominent part in the international contests at Port Albert last week, said that "Lambton doesn't need to hesitate sending plowing contestants to any competition.

"This is one of the best matches, on a county scale, that I've seen this season," he went on. "Competitive plowing is a fine thing, for it stimulates interest, not only in plowing but in farming in general."

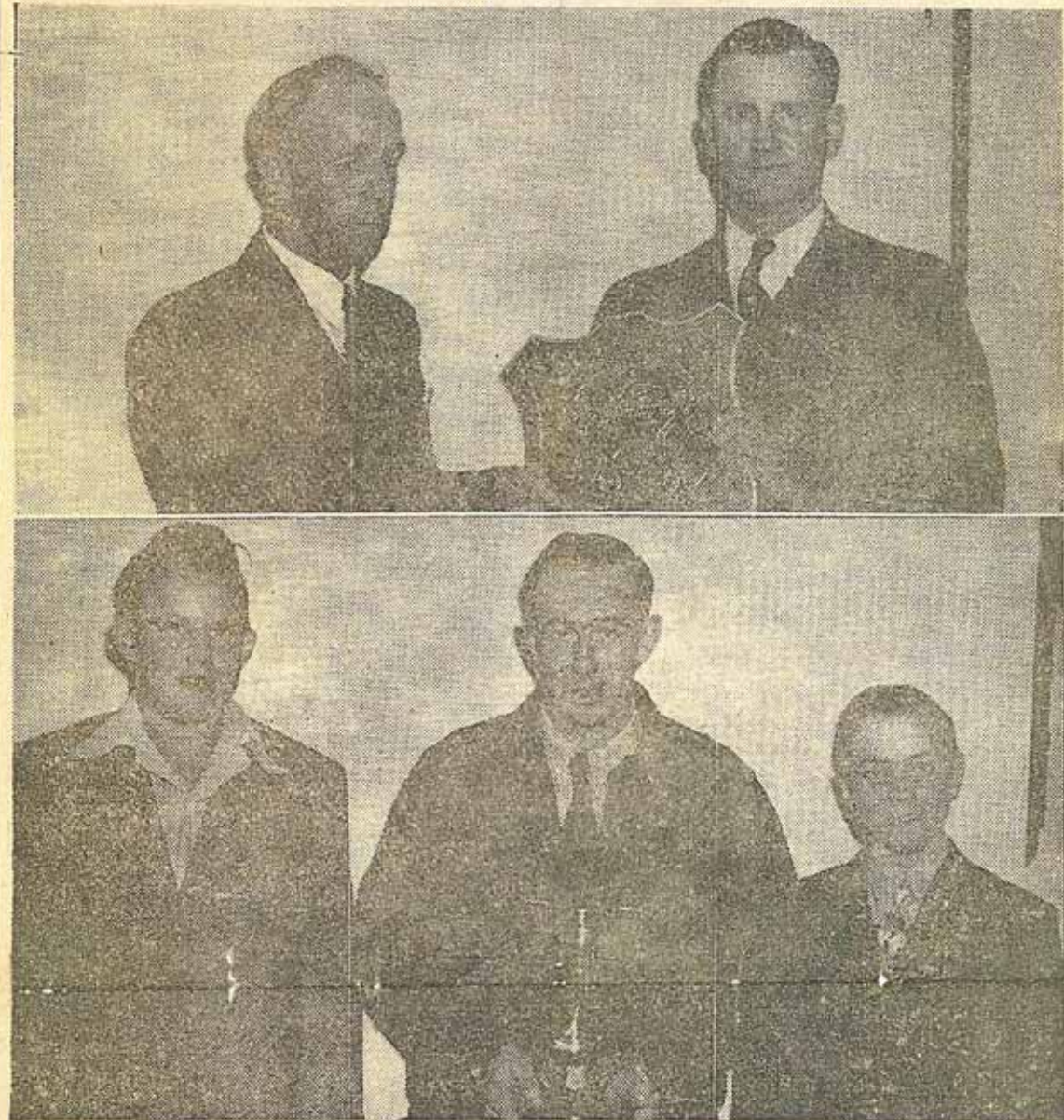
Over 500 county farmers in addition to the contestants, took the day off to see the matches, which were held in a 25-acre field on the farm of Goldie Dawson, one-half mile west of Brigden.

A banquet for contestants and members of the association was held in the evening at Brigden, the speakers including Mr. McGavin, Warden Howard Miskell, W. P. Macdonald, Lambton agricultural representative; Jerry Ferguson, president of the county association; John Marsh, vice-president; Orville Brush, secretary, and Mrs. Douglas Campbell, treasurer.

In charge of the plowing events were James Miller and John Marsh, grounds; Harvey Arnold, teams; Albert Poland, tractors. W. B. Steadman of Wyoming, judged the teams.



## Male Winners Of Competitions At Plowing Match



Gerald Ferguson, of Croton, yesterday won the Goodison shield for the best land ploughed by tractor, at the annual match of the Lambton County Plowmen's Association held in Sarnia Township. He is shown (top) receiving the award from John Marsh, left, president of the association. Bottom, left to right are, Murray Marsh of Mooretown, 14 years-old and the outstanding plowman of the day, who bested his adult competitors to win the sod plowing event; Carl Watson, Forest, silver cup winner for best land plowed by team and Ralph Eyre, Mooretown, best junior plowman with tractor in stubble. See Story Page 22.—Canadian Observer Photo.



## oward Plowing Match Succe



City Slicker Phillip Rochus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rochus, of Aylmer, g acquainted with "Bess" and Plowman Karl Watson, of Forest. Mr. Watson plar first in the Ontario Open for walking plows yesterday at the Orford-Howard pli ing match.

### *Expert Plowman to Try Hand*



Lambton County will have at least one expert plowman in the International Plowing Match opening at Breslau October 12. Carl Watson, of Forest, who has competed in numerous local and international matches in the past, will be trying his luck in the walking plow classes, still regarded as the best test of a plowman's ability. He had a second two years ago at Ottawa. Picture shows Mr. Watson, left, with Mr. Jerry Ferguson of Croton who has been plowing in district matches since 1918.

(Star Sarnia Bureau Photo by Ken Wilson)

## Hand Of Weatherman Seen At Plowing Match



A chilled, sparse crowd watches as contestants start across a mud-covered field at the annual Middlesex County plowing match on the farm of Robert

—Free Press Photo by Bill Smith  
Tuckey, near Lobo, yesterday. Poor weather kept both competitors and spectators away. (See story, pictures, Page 3).



# Ontario Plowmen Take Top Honors in Canadian Championship Competition

## Top Canadian Plowman Crowned



ED (MICKEY) DEMMAN



BOB TIMBERS



JERRY FERGUSON

telling in the ancient art, these three men yesterday took top honors in the Canadian Plowing Championship held in conjunction with the four-day International Plowing Match under way at Blytheswood, near Leamington. Crowned 1955 Canadian Plowing Champion was 28-year-old Bob Timbers, of Stouffville. Placing second in the Canadian Championship was Jerry Ferguson, of Croton, who Wednesday captured the Ontario plowing title. Under new rules, only one plowman from a province can represent Canada at the World Match and, Ferguson will be compelled to forego the trip to Great Britain next year in favor of Ed. (Mickey) Demman, of Portage la Prairie, who yesterday copped third place honors in the Co-

### Windup Today

The International Plowing Match will wind up its four-day meet here with a banquet to be held in the Leamington Arena and Recreation Centre, at which the speaker will be Deputy Minister of Agriculture, C. D. Graham.

During the day, plowing matches will include Inter-County competition.

### Third Win

It was the third time the Stouffville plowman has captured the nation's highest honor for this ancient skill, and he will represent Canada at the fourth world plowing match near Oxford, England, in October, 1956.

Under a new rule instituted this year only one plowman from a province can represent Canada at the world match. This means that Mr. Ferguson will have to pass up the trip and Mickey Demman will round out the Canadian team.

## Stouffville Man to Enter World Match

BY JACK CAHNS

Free Press Staff Reporter

LEAMINGTON, Oct. 13—

Two Ontario plowmen took top honors today in Canadian plowing championships at the International Plowing Match held north of here.

### Stouffville Man Champion

Bob Timbers, the 28-year-old plowing whiz from Stouffville, who no longer gets excited when he wins a match, today was crowned the 1955 Canadian champion.

Jerry Ferguson, of Croton, the second Ontario representative in the Canadian championships, placed second, and Ed. (Mickey) Demman, an expert from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, was third.

# York Plowman Wins Canada Title

## *Young Farmer's Second Triumph*

New Champion Wins Over  
13 Entrants From 7 Provinces

By JACK KENT  
Star Staff Reporter

BLYTHESWOOD — For the second time in his career, Robert Timbers, 28, of Stouffville, York County, was crowned Canada's champion plowman Thursday at the 42nd International Plowing Match.

The weather-tanned, clear-eyed young farmer added to a long list of plowing victories Thursday when he plowed the neatest furrows against 13 competitors from seven provinces.

Runner-up in the Canadian championship class was a fellow Ontarian, 63-year-old Jerry Ferguson of Croton, Kent County, who narrowly beat out Timbers for the Ontario championship on Wednesday.

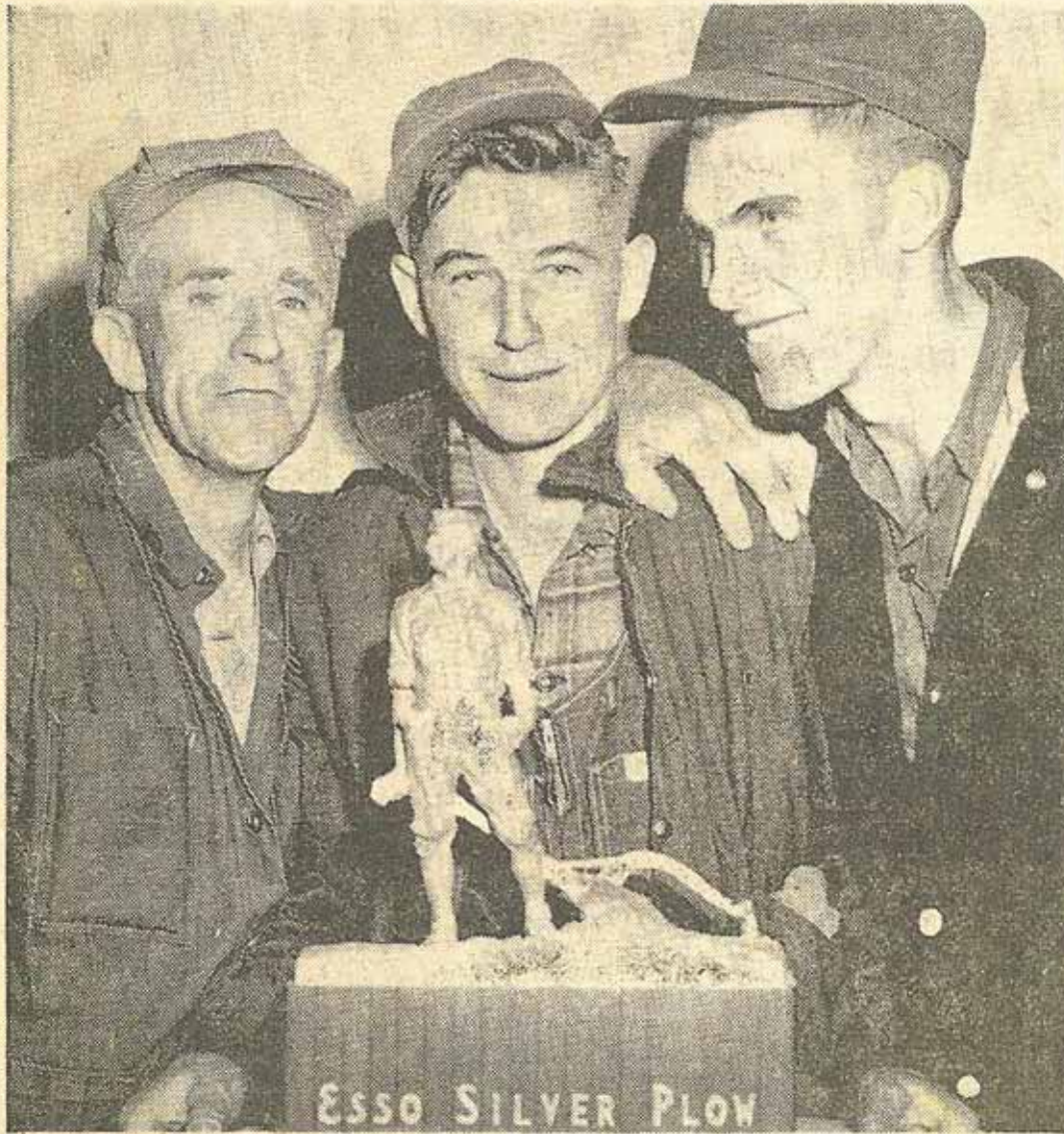
The third place winner in the Canadian championship was Edward (Mickey) Demman of Portage LaPrairie, Man. This 22-year-old farmer will accompany Robert Timbers to the World Plowing Match to be held in England in October, 1956.

Under the rulings of the Canadian championship class, only one contestant from each province may be selected to attend

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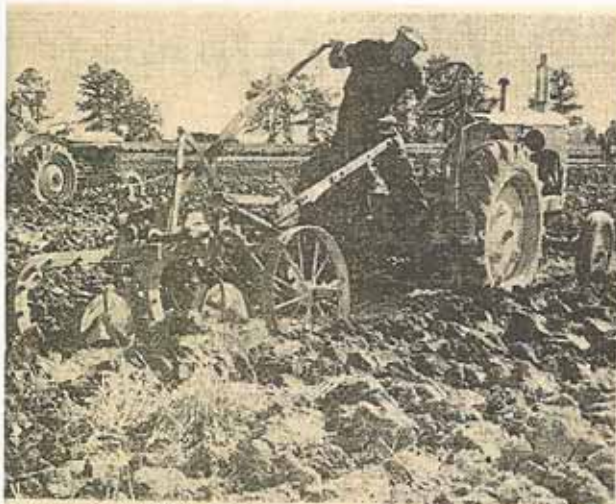
## Stouffville Man Tops Canadian Plowmen



Canada's top plowmen are shown in the photo above shortly after the results of the Canadian Championship Plowing Match were announced Thursday at the 42nd International Plowing Match near Blytheswood. Mr. Robert Timbers, 28-year-old Stouffville, York County, farmer, was crowned champion and is shown with the Esso Silver Plow Trophy in the centre

of the group. At the left is 63-year-old Mr. Jerry Ferguson of Croton, Lambton County, who placed second in the championship match and right is 22-year-old Edward (Mickey) Demman of Portage La Prairie, who placed third. Mr. Timbers and Mr. Demman will represent Canada at the 1956 World Plowing Match in England. (See also Pages 3, 5, 29.)





**PLOWING MATCH**—The Tilbury East and Romney plowing match Saturday was regarded as one of the most successful plowing competitions held in Kent County in recent years. In left

photo a perfectionist plowman and "one of the best of the old school", Jerry Ferguson, 72, of Croton, plows a furrow. Mr. Ferguson won first prize in the province-wide tractor-in-sod class. In

right photo Bill Shanks, president of the match, and Bruce McFeggan, director, check the competitors stakes during the competition.

(Star Photos by Bill Stewart)

Mr. Ferguson, who started plowing more than 60 years ago was described as "one of the best of the old school" by William Shanks, president of the plowing match.

Match officials recognized the trend towards large scale farming as they added the utility class to the competition this year. The competitors had to plow at least 14 inches, four or more furrows untouched by hand foot or stake.

The contest to show the plowing skills of women only attracted two contestants. Mrs. Ernest Payne of Merlin was the winner and Nancy Davidson of Merlin was the runner-up.

David McGuire of Tilbury won the competition for boys and girls under age 15.

The top plowers were presented their prizes and trophies at an awards banquet Saturday at Quinn Hall, at which time a film of the world plowing match was shown.

Match results are as follows:

**Class 1, Kent and Essex boys and girls, age 15 and under,** David McGuire, Tilbury; William Farquharson, Merlin; Junice Payne, Merlin; Allan Drummond, Tilbury; James Goodison, Wheatley and Mary Ellen Davidson, Tilbury.

**Class 2, hydraulic mounted plows, Tilbury East and Romney boys 15-18,** Allan Shanks, Wheatley.

**Class 3, tractor in sod, open to the province, Jerry Ferguson, Croton; Roger Franklin, Coatsworth; Gerald Van Horne, Essex.**





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## Plowing match: widest interest in gadgets used

By ERNIE BEZAIRE

**NORTH RIDGE**—From a standpoint of weather, good plowing conditions and interest, the Essex County Plowmen's Association could not have had a better match than it had Saturday on the farm of Dave Tully.

Speaking of interest, Essex County farmers who were at the match seemed less interested in good plowing than they were in the powerful tractors hauling five-and-six-furrow plows and covering acres of ground in an hour.

If this proved anything, it is that Essex farmers are primarily concerned with getting their work, particularly plowing, over with fast.

Other gadgets which caught the eye of visitors was a furrow opener which was being demonstrated. The gadget is mounted on the rear of a tractor and consists of a series of blades around a wheel. The whole thing is powered by the tractor's power takeoff and revolves at high speed as the tractor moves forward. The result is a neat drainage furrow with no dirt to shovel.

Jerry Ferguson, of Croton, plowed the best land at the match, a contest he's won every time he's been in competition in Essex County, which is about 10 times. Mr. Ferguson was the Ontario champion when the match was held at Blytheswood. Placing second in the same event was Howard Fletcher, of Merlin.

Other prize winners were: Boys and girls, 11 to 14, in order named: David McGuire, Merlin; Calvin Batram, Essex; Keith Bertram, Essex; Jim Vollans, Kingsville.

Boys, 14 to 17: Brad Bertram, Essex.

Mounted plows, three or more furrows: Alvin Griffin, Cottam; Jerome Deslippe, Amherstburg.

Pull type plows: Gerald Vanhoorne, Maidstone.

Utility class; Marwood Batram, Essex; Alvi Griffin, Cottam.

Utility class, four or more furrows: Tom Johnston, Essex; Douglas Vanhoorne, Essex; Royal Bertram, Essex; George Baldwin, Cottam.

Walking Plow: Dennis Sullivan, Essex.

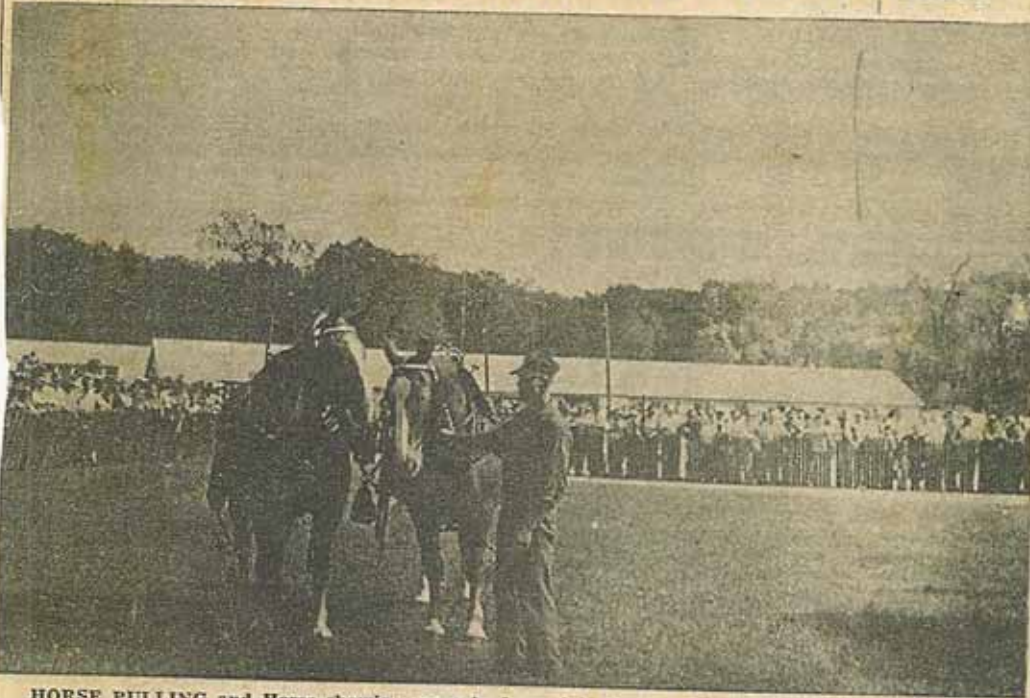
Orval Bornais and Blaise Robinet, both of Windsor, won the horseshoe-pitching contest.



**WINS AGAIN**—Perennial winner at Essex County plowing matches, Alvin Griffin, Cottam, hasn't lost his touch and won most of the prizes, including the Essex Farmers Limited Challenge Trophy.



## 6,000 See Varied Events At Plow Match



HORSE PULLING and Horse showing came in for a full share of attention from the 6,000 persons who attended the twenty-sixth annual Thumb Plowing Match at Goodells County Park Thursday. Shown here is Charles Cowan, St. Clair, with his team that won first place in the Draft Horse competition judged by Harry Moxley, Michigan State College animal husbandry specialist, Marshall E. Campbell, Port Huron, was superintendent of the horse show. (Times Herald photo by Ed Forbes.)

## Top Honor In Thumb Meet Goes To Ontario Farmer

By ED FORBES

(Times Herald Farm Editor)

Goodells, Oct. 5—A slow-plowing Canadian, Jeff Ferguson, Lambton County, Ont., scored 89 1/3 points to take first place in a field of 13 adults and 11 4-H and FFA entries at the twenty-sixth annual Thumb District Plowing Match Thursday at the County Park here.

DRIVING A Massey-Harris tractor, Ferguson started plowing shortly after 11 a.m. He was the

last contestant to complete his five rounds, leaving his lands about 4 p.m. His slow finish delayed the judges' decision until nearly 5 p.m. As most of the contestants had gone home no public announcement of the winners was made until the dance in the evening at which times the awards were presented. Chester Schunk, St. Clair, the 1950 winner, dropper to fifth place with a score of 86 2/3 points.

JERRY FUESLEIN, Yale, drove a Ford tractor to gain 80 1/2 points and first place in the 4-H and FFA sod plowing division.

Ferguson won \$30 and the trophy presented by the Michigan National Bank of Port Huron. Fueslein won \$20.

OTHER contestants among the first eight in the Open Class were: Second prize \$25, Ray Simpson, North Street, Moline tractor; third, \$20, Allen Easton, Allis Chalmers; fourth, \$15, David Newberry, Jeddo, John Deere; sixth, \$10, H. Green, Sparlingville, Allis Chalmers; seventh, \$7.50, Gordon

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Jerry Ferguson (right), Croton, Ont., only Canadian tractor plowman in the Match, approaches end of furrow in sod plowing as his assistant (right) and spectators look on. A second contestant at left prepares to complete plow.

### IMPERIAL OIL SILVER PLOW WINNERS



Ontario's runner-up Champion Plowman, Jerry Ferguson of Croton, left, is shown above with Canadian Champion Bob Timbers, Stouffville, and Imperial Oil's "Esso Silver Plow" trophy. Jerry also won the open class event at the Euphemia Township Jr. Farmers' Third Annual Plowing Match near Shetland on Saturday. Winners in the limited competition were Ray and Norman Elliott, Florence, Bill Bilton and John Diego, Shetland; Don and Owen Dobby, Shetland, and Clare and Carlyle Elliott, of Florence.