

WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST, KILLARNEY.

Competitors from all over the world take part in a ploughing contest at Killarney. From just across the water is Leslie Dixon representing Great Britain, who steers a straight and narrow Furrough to take second place. The World Ploughing Championships, as the contest is called, attracts ploughmen Wright from Northern Ireland.

Graems Stewart is a lone American entrant. Most of the countries competing sent a small team and a manager, but Mr. Stewart is quite on his own.

A farmer from Finland, manages to plough his way to fourth place. The weather, which is pretty poor, on the first day, worsens for the second and final day. Here's William Murphy from County Dublin steering for the pole on his first furrow. A straight line first time is vital. Last year the contest was held in Canada, and Mr. Eccles, the Canadian winner, tries to repeat his performance but he's out of luck this time. A farmer from Coleraine, Hugh Barr, makes a well-nigh perfect job of his ploughing and, by a narrow margin, he takes first place and the title "Champion Ploughman of the World" Hugh Barr receives a model silver plough. A gold plough is his property for a year, but he keeps the silver one all his life.

The ancient craft of horse-ploughing is not forgotten. The skill and team-work of man and horse is recognised in the Irish Horse Ploughing Championship. Mr. J.J. Egan is the winner for 1954.