

While the sun shines...

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Many area farmers were busy this July 1 holiday weekend, making hay while the sun shone.

As holidayers took advantage of the fine weather, farmers did the same, bringing in hay for next winter's feed.

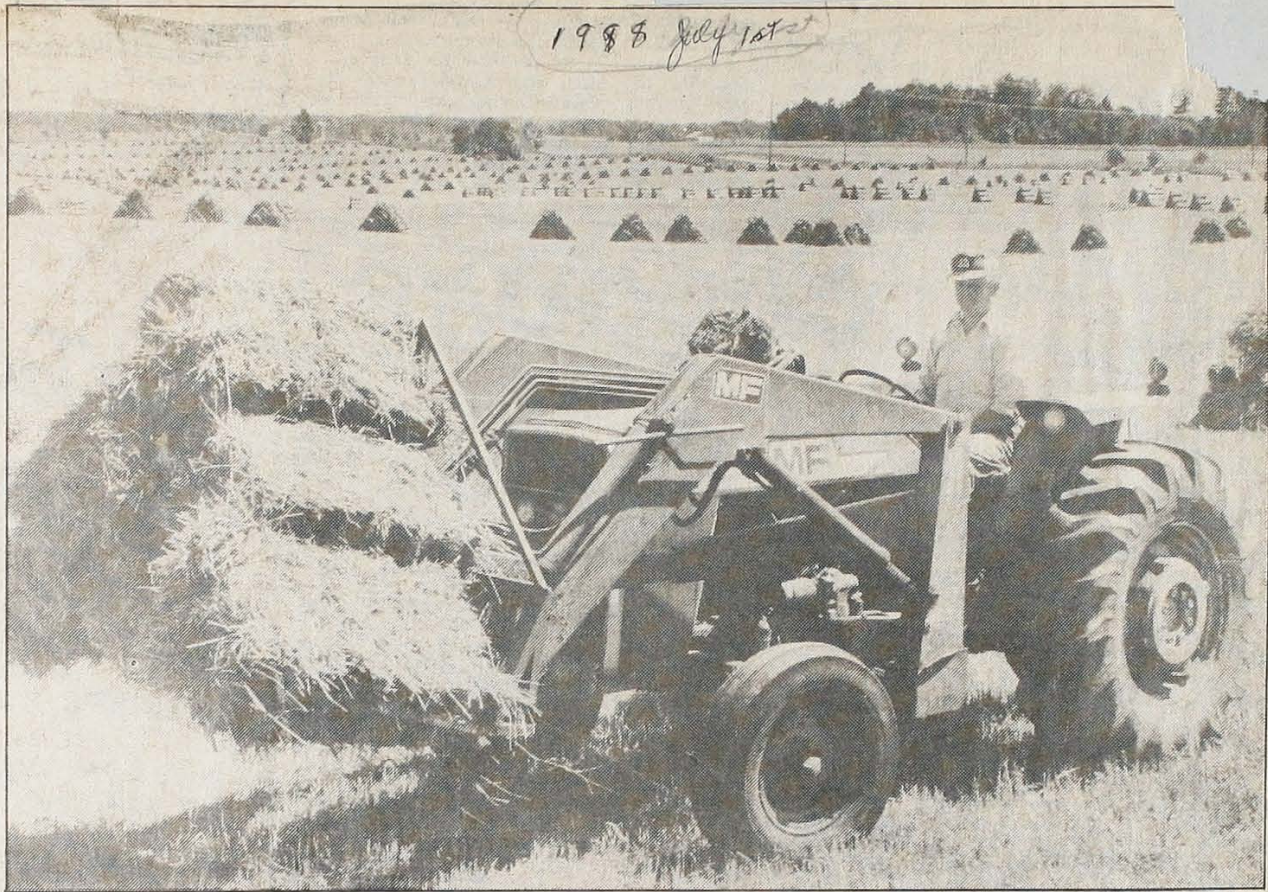
Alex Lamont and his three sons Wayne, Robert and Gary were busy harvesting their alfalfa crop just south of Port Elgin on the weekend.

The beef farmer said this year's first hay crop has yielded very close to last year's amount, about 6,000 bales from this 18-hectare site.

However, the lack of rain this spring has left grain crops like oats and barley with short stems and maturing fast.

Rain is essential in the next 10 to 14 days for the grain and second crop of hay, Lamont said, adding that the area has been fortunate in escaping drought conditions and crop losses being felt in the West.

The Lamonts work 230 hectares of land for their 300-head beef cattle operation.



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Beef farmer Alex Lamont gathers hay under sunny skies near Port Elgin on the weekend

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After a season of outstanding play, the Tuesday team winners at Port Elgin Curling Club were Betty Gruetzner, Jone McCulloch, Pam Mathison and Dianne Bell.

