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Burgessville News

BURGESSVILLE (C) - Miss Muriel Buckrell of Scarboro spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Buckrell.

guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Penny. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Danny (Doris) Penny on the arrival of a wee daughter.

Mrs. Jack Gilchrist and children, Paul and Sharon, have returned to their home in Brampton after spending the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Clifford.

A number of ladies from Burgessville attended achievement day at the Woodstock auditorium when different groups displayed the quilts that had been made and also many other articles of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gervin and Mr. Andy Gervin of Toronto were recent dinner

Guests on Thursday were members of the Trillium Button Club, Mrs. Lorne Lynch of Woodstock, Mrs. Tom Brooks of Lynden, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Roth of Mossley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillen.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Droogers who were recently married. The community presented them with candle holders, and a mantel clock radio, which they appreciated.

Guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillen were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Luckham of Ingersoll and they attended Church services at the United Church. Following they went to the Jack Miners Sanctuary at Kingsville.

Rev. E.S. Stephens was guest speaker on Sunday at Burgessville United Church. His sermon was Why Should He Love Me So. He was also guest soloist singing "Why Did He Love Me So."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watling have moved to their home in Woodstock. Neighbours and friends presented them with a suitable gift and wished them improved health and much happiness. For many years they were good neighbours and ever ready to lend a helping hand.

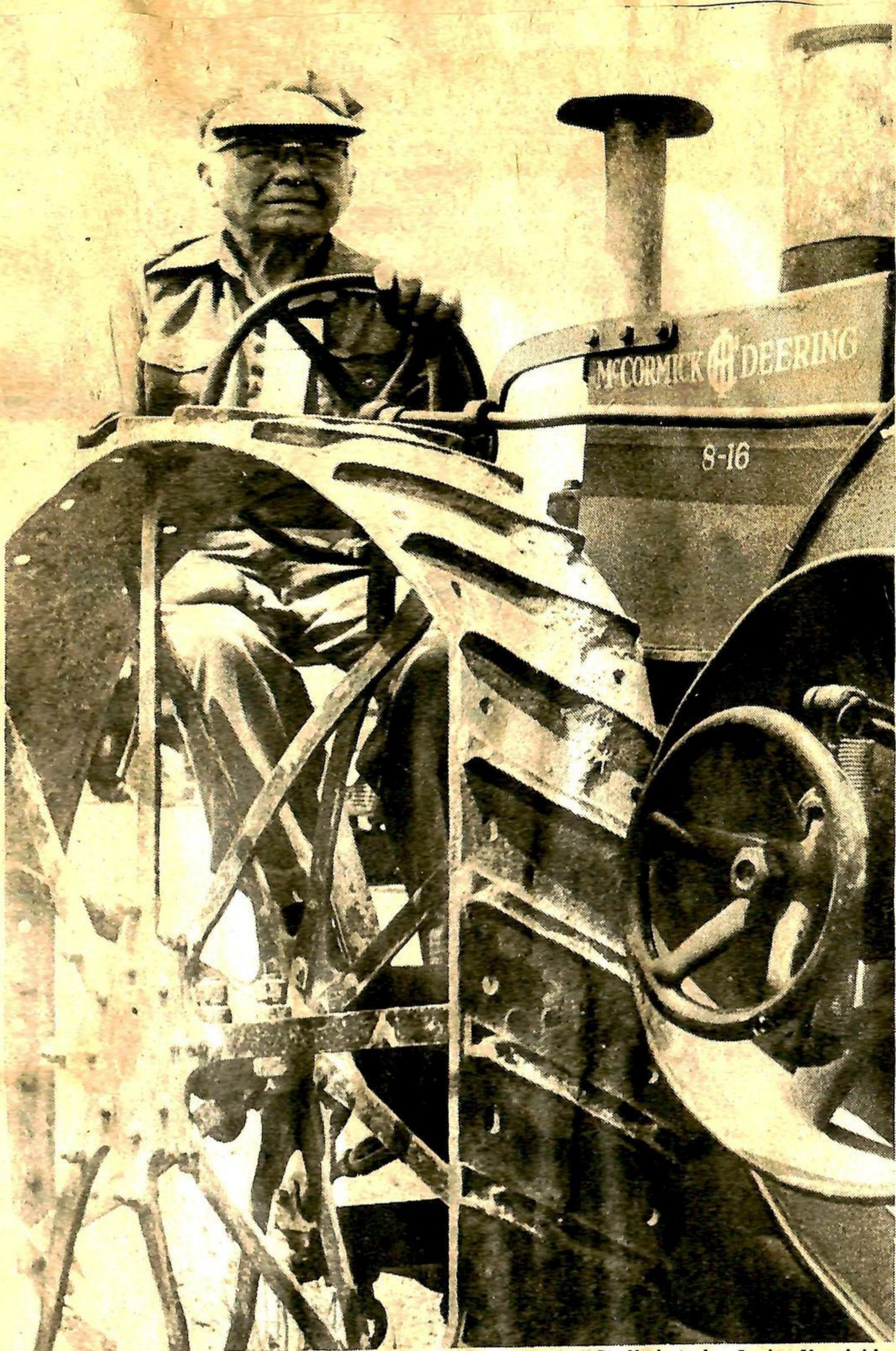
Zenda Women's Institute held a euchre party on Friday evening in the hall at the public library with eight tables in play. Winners were ladies' high, Mrs. Beatrice Jaques; men's high, Bill McMillen; ladies' low, Hazel Edgeworth; men's low, Jack Lindsay. Lucky prize Doug Carroll and lone hands, Mrs. Stan Mighton.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates and family to the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watling.

Laura and Leisa Force of Woodstock spent the weekend with their grandmother Mrs. Victor Waud.

The trouble with some people is that they take so long to start to begin to get ready to commence.

Miss Marguerite Hill recently called on Mrs. Margaret Ferris at the Woodstock Private Hospital, whose condition appears about the same.



— Staff photo by Janice Vansickle

Russell Orth of Burgessville sits at his 1915 tractor.

A LABOR OF LOVE

By JANICE VANSICKLE
Sentinel-Review staff writer
NORWICH—The shrill blast of a steam engine whistle broke the afternoon calm and sent vibrations through the earth—a sure sign that the Norwich Historical Show is on again.

Under Friday afternoon's hot sun, men, many past the age of retirement, labored lovingly over the dozen or so huge steam engines in preparation for the opening of the three-day show later in the day.

With sweat running in streams off his cap shaded face, Edwin Oliver, stoked the engine of his 67-year-old charge with wood and soaked various parts of the machine with oil.

Like Russell Orth, of Burgessville, Oliver appeared to be clutching at the past.

Both men were born into this world when steam was a vital source of energy on Ontario farms.

In separate interviews each spoke fondly of steam engines and why they travel around the province each summer to shows such as this one to show off the machines.

Oliver, a Brantford area farmer, grew up playing on steam engines and—much to his mother's dismay—getting his clothes covered in grease.

The 68-year-old Oliver operates a 1912, Canadian-made steam engine for owner Bill Johnson of Burford.

For Oliver, taking the machine to shows is a hobby, preferable to farm work.

"Steam is my first choice," he said. "My biggest disappointment was that I never got on the railroad when it had steam."

Oliver said it was hard to explain why he likes working with steam energy.

Steam, he said, "is more alive. The pressure is right there, rarin' to be used."

Making steam come to life and keeping it alive are challenges steam engines present.

Oliver said it takes about an hour to get a head of steam built up, one of the many reasons gasoline fed tractors are preferable.

Orth bought his 1913 Frick steam engine in 1969 to have something "to play with."

A retired farmer, Orth has about 10 other pieces of antique farm machinery on his farm, including a 1915 model tractor, one of the first powered by gasoline.

"There's something fascinating about steam, it's so quiet and smooth," Orth said.

"They're more work than a tractor," he said. "People don't like work anymore so they get everything that is convenient."

Orth takes his machine to several shows a year, beginning each season at Norwich.

This is the ninth year for the Norwich show, sponsored by the local historical society.

Before the weekend is over about 10,000 people are expected to pass through the admission gates.

Aside from the collection of steam engines and antique tractors, the community centre is full of antiques and crafts. Booths around the grounds offer novelty items, such as old licence plates.

A full program of entertainment is featured tonight.

Pollution

An antique is a piece of furniture that has been to the attic and back.



Terry Warboys, left, presents the Most Improved Midget trophy to Jeff Van Wyk at the Minor Hockey Night held April 12. — 1979