



Old Belle, the ancient steam engine, waits in the wings, left, just in case a fuel shortage shuts down the diesel engine, right, now powering Doug McIntosh's sawmill.

# Fuel crisis?

## Mill not steamed up about it--yet

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MAPLEWOOD — Doug McIntosh of RR 5, Embro, has no fears of a possible fuel shortage at his sawmill.

He has "Old Belle" waiting to come to his rescue.

Although the steam-operated 35-horsepower engine was purchased for Mr. McIntosh's hobby of working with old machines, it may become his breadwinner in the event of a power shortage.

At present, the machine is sitting idle. But it would take little effort to put a flame in its firebox and put it to work replacing the noisy diesel engine currently used to whirl the mill's 56-inch saw blade.

Old Belle is an old pro. Built in Seaforth about the end of the First World War, it performed for years in the Fenelon Falls area before Mr. McIntosh moved it seven years ago.

It is one of the few left-handed engines made for the sawmill trade and has a four-foot pulley where other engines have their flywheel or counterbalance.

The old machine even looks like an old pro. Its tall stack with its spark retainer screen sits like a top hat.

Mr. McIntosh has worked with machinery all his life and he finds working around the old steamer relaxing.



Mary Elaine Wright, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright of RR 3, Woodstock, was crowned Oxford County Dairy Princess at the Woodstock Fairgrounds Saturday night. (Photo by Williams). 1970