

Ont. Steam And Antique Association To Stage First Reunion at Milton

There will be plenty of puffing and puffing when 23 iron-clads come out of the past at the first annual reunion of the Ontario Steam and Antique Association at the Milton Fair Grounds on September 1st and 2nd.

Along with the display of steam driven farm machines, there will be 75 antique steam-powered automobiles in the parade.

Among the latter vehicles will be the Brooks Steamer owned by Gordon Lamb of 27 Lockhead Blvd., Weston.

Mr. Lamb's car, shown in the accompanying illustrations, was built in 1923 in Stratford. He bought it from a Danforth used car lot in 1945.

"It was just standing there," Mr. Lamb said. "Nobody seemed to know what to do with it. For \$500, I got the car and about three bushel baskets full of spare parts."

Rebuilt Vehicle

After uncounted hours of work plus considerable shopping around to obtain replacements for discontinued items in the car's inventory, he finished rebuilding the vehicle by the following year. It is now fully operational.

The Brooks Steamer is powered by a fire-tube steam boiler with a capacity of four gallons. The burners require 45 minutes to bring the engine from a "cold" start to the minimum operating pressure of 475 pounds to the inch.

Thermostatic controls cut off the burner when the pressure reaches 550 pounds and cuts back in when pressure drops below 475. Water level to the boiler is automatic from the 15 gallon tank located under the front seat and the floor boards. The fuel tank — the Brooks Steamer burns coal oil — is also of 15 gallon capacity and is located at the rear, in the same position as the gas tank on today's cars.

On Go 40 Years

The Brooks is a five-passenger job, seating two in front and three in the rear seat. The frame is of seasoned wood, the exterior of which is completely covered in leatherette. Although the car has been on the go for almost 40 years, the body is still intact, with no evidence of cracking or decay in the original wood. The exterior is cleaned with saddle soap.

Just before it was purchased by Mr. Lamb, the car had been used as a taxi in Oshawa. Its speedometer shows 150,000 miles of service.

Among the unique features of the Brooks Steamer is the fact that its radiator is not really a radiator at all; it serves as a condenser where the steam exhaust from the boiler is converted into water and returned to the boiler.

Cruises at 40. MPH.

The Brooks Steamer cruises at a comfortable 40 miles per hour, can go as fast as the nerve of the driver will allow. Coal oil consumption — currently selling at about 23 cents a gallon — is about 17 miles to the gallon.

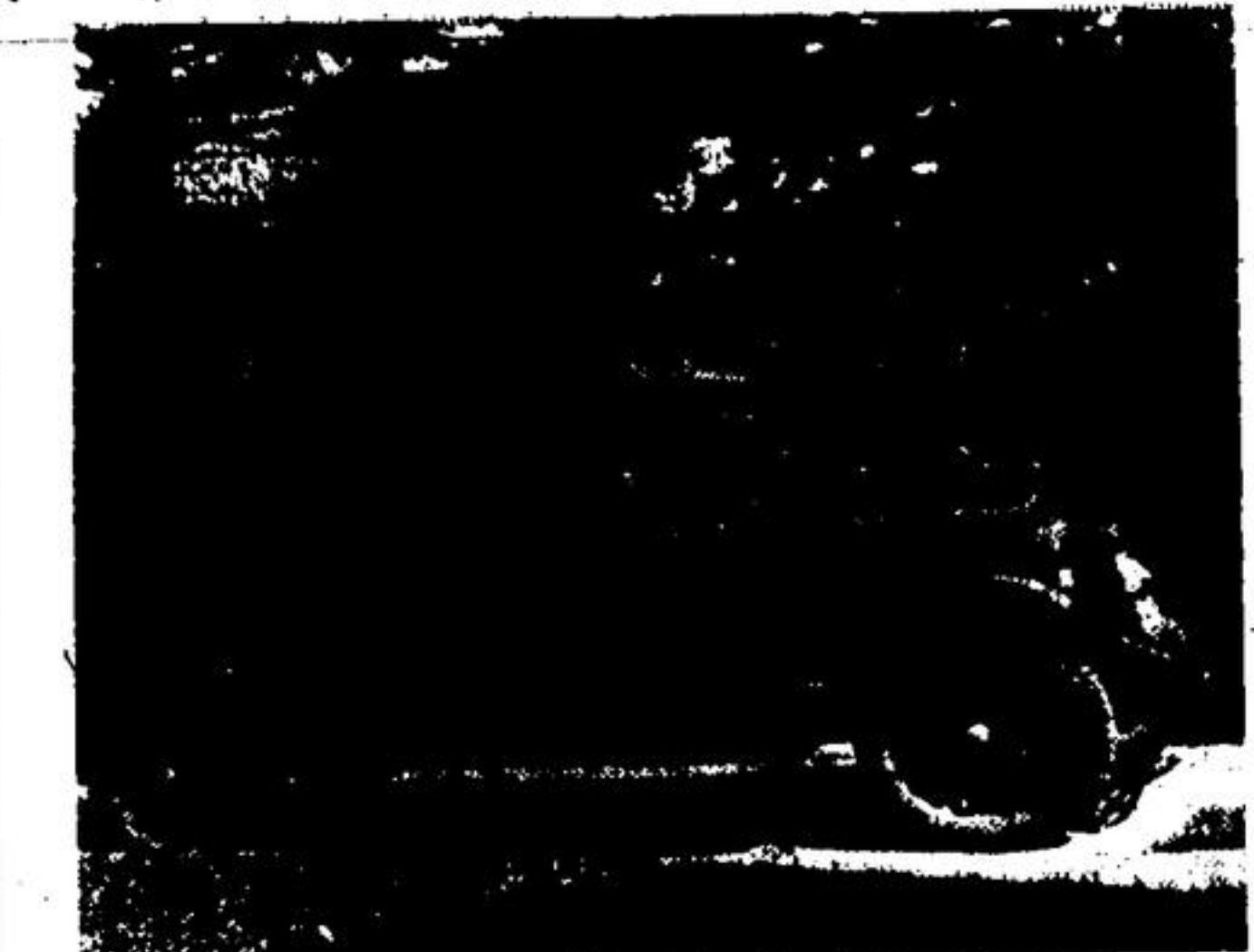
The rear springs are five feet long, giving an amazingly smooth ride, particularly on corduroy roads. The tires are of the high pressure type, with 23-inch rims and an added four and a half inches top and bottom for the inflated tires.

A member of the Ontario Steam and Antique Association, Mr. Lamb is a steam enthusiast. "It's unfortunate that many factories of steam-driven automobiles went into production in the '20's," he said. "Techniques

were not too well advanced at the time and the competition favored the gasoline driven cars with their more advanced development."

"Spectacular" Potential

He reports that a steam-powered automobile is now being tested in California with "spectacular" potential which might well make the improved steam engine fully competitive with gasoline powered vehicles in



COVERED IN LEATHERETTE the exterior of the body of this 1923 car is as good as the day it was first driven. The Brooks Steamer was built in Stratford from 1923 to 1928 and the above car was one of the first built and was used as a taxi in Oshawa for a number of years. The vehicle is fully operative; burns coal oil for fuel, turns water into steam in the same manner a gas stove burner heats a kettle. The original wood of the body shows no evidence of wear or strain. It will be one of the many on display at the Antique show in Milton.

BALLINAFAD

Community Auction Successful Land Sale to Boost New Hall

The auction sale of Ballinafad Community Hall took place on Monday night. Mr. Lorne Fletcher, Acton, was the purchaser. The land for this hall was donated by Nathaniel Roszell, who settled on lot one, concession seven, now known as the Wil-

Present Gift

Mrs. Jeff Robbins was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening when about 25 friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Stuart Jerome, Rosellford Terrace, to extend best wishes and bid her farewell. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and family are moving to London the end of the month.

Mrs. Robbins was presented with a pair of lamps and a matching cushion. A tasty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. Dwyer.

Building Demolished Parking Site Ready

The ground around Acton United Church is completely cleared of debris, with no signs remaining of the church recently demolished. Built in 1875, the demolition of the old building was completed by Armishaw and Armishaw Demolition Co. of Guelph in less than four weeks.

The ground has been levelled and will be used for parking until needed for future proposed building.

Dies in U.S.A.

Word was received in Acton this morning that E. J. Moore of Washington D.C. and formerly of Acton died Wednesday. Complete details were not available but it is understood the body will be cremated for later interment in Acton.

Mr. Moore was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore.

Dairy Princess Competes at Ex

For the third year in a row, Mary Lou Taylor of Burlington entered the preliminary competitions in the Canadian National Exhibition dairy queen contest as Milton's dairy princess. And for the third year in a row, she passed her preliminary competition with flying colors.

Tops Four

Tuesday evening at the C.N.E. Coliseum, Mary Lou beat out four other contestants to win the right to enter the semi-finals either next Monday or Tuesday night. She won \$25, a shield and a basket of Diverset products for winning the preliminary.

She stayed in Toronto overnight to appear on TV and give radio interviews. She is one of 40 girls in the contests, and the grand prize winner will reign over the last few days of the Ex and win a two week tour of Great Britain. Contestants are judged on their ability to assemble equipment and milk a cow, plus a speech on the dairy industry in their own country.

SEEK CITIZENSHIP

Two Milton Heights residents will be among 52 Halton residents applying for Canadian citizenship certificates in Milton August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krolkowski of R.R. 3, Milton will appear before Judge W. Cory on that morning, seeking their citizenships in Canada.

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M.P. SANDY BEST Federal representative for Halton is pictured above congratulating Connie-Gail Feller of Ottawa after she was crowned Miss Canada during the Miss Canada Pageant at Burlington recently. The winner topped 23 other contestants in the contest.