## Many Local Steam Antique Lovers Gather for Reunion at Milton







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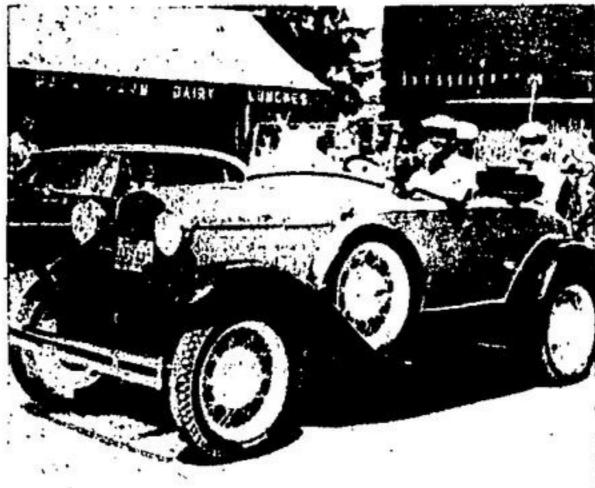


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OLDEST THRESHERMAN on the grounds Saturday afternoon was Frank Stapley of Sterling, an 83-year-old member of the Association. He's been threshing for 70 years, and started firing for his dad's steamer at the age of 13. He drove a 55-year-old Bell steam engine in all the parades, and owns four others.



BEAUTIFUL ROADSTER, a 1931 Model A, driven by Watson Murdock was one of 60 antique cars and trucks in the weekend steam reunion. The Horseless Carriage Club of Southern Ontario, under their president Fred Thompson of Caledon, put on a good show with the antique cars and they brought back many fine memories to the visitors.



LAST OF ITS KIND is this steam engine-operated wurlitzer organ, displayed by the owner Jack Leonard of St. Catharmes. Air blowing through paper rolls of music makes the horns and drums go. He estimates its value at \$3,500.



A CROWD WATCHES a hammermill in operation. Monday afternoon two men kept it loaded and it took two Rumely

tractors to keep the machine running.

MODEL OF A STEAMER was one of dozens of models that drew a crowd to the models section at the show. Henry Strub of Waterloo shows a visitor how his miniature steam engine works. He also exhibited a miniature threshing machine which took five years to build.



PART OF SATURDAY'S CROWD on the infield and grandstand parts of Canada and northern United States flocked to the enjoys a parade around the race track, as sunny skies and warm grounds to see 22 old steam engines. 25 early model tractors. temperature combine to make a pleasant weekend weather-wise. 60 antique cars and trucks, sawmills, baker fans, threshing The steam reunion began Friday morning and lasted until Mon- demonstrations, scale models and many other attractions. Phoday night, and played host to a total attendance of about tographers had a heydey too, as they burned up thousands of 24,000. Crowds from all over Ontario, and many from other; feet of movie, color and black-and-white film.



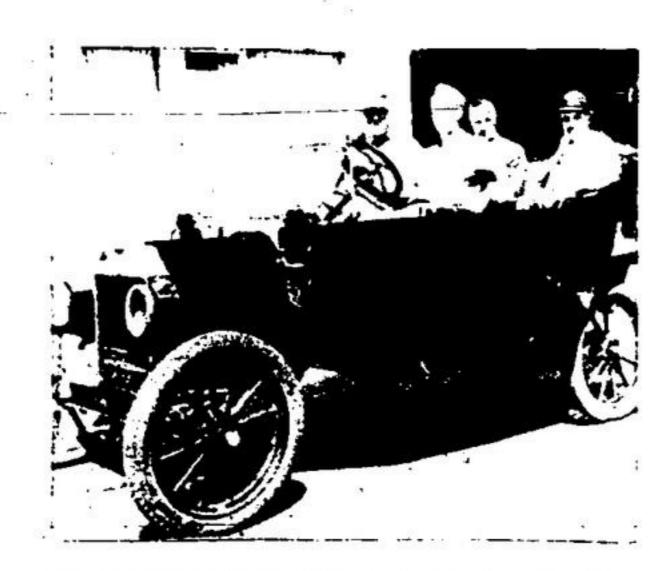
THREE GENERATIONS of Smith are shown on the steam engine owned by Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association president Gordon Smith of Ordha. That's han on the left, with his son John and father Harry. Mr. Smith was in charge of the many and varied events at the three-day weekend re-



JIM HEASLIP of Hagersville drove an old McTaggart farm tractor in the many parades connected with the steam and antique reunion over the weekend. There-were only four of these manufactured in Canada.



SONGS, MUSIC AND FUN were provided for a big Friday night crowd by Bill Long and his troop. Although the show was late starting, a fair crowd was on the grandstand to listen in on the open-air entertainment. The same group performed Saturday night at a successful dance in the Milton Arena, featuring modern and old time dancing. More pictures of the reunion will be found elsewhere in this issue.



OFFICIALS OF THE REUNION rode in Saturday's Main Street parade in Fred Thompson's antique car. Shown from left are Gordon Smith, president of the Ontario Steam and Antique Association; Fred Thompson, president of the Horseless Carriage Club which supplied antique cars; Milton Mayor S. G. Childs and Ontario Agricultural Minister Bill Stewart who took part in the opening ceremonies.



HAPPY WORKERS (everybody was a volunteer when there was a job to be done) use a small saw run by steam to cut up some firewood for the thirsty steam engines. The engines consumed tons of firewood and dozens of truckloads of water at the weekend show.