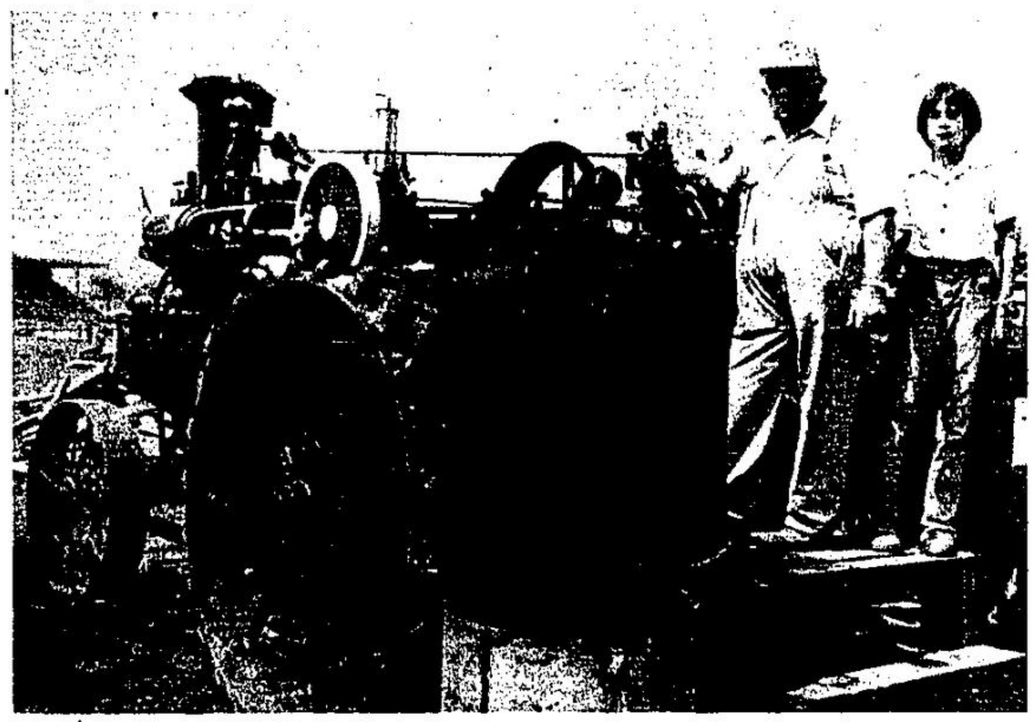
Steam Era weekend record success



Wilfrid Leslie and Mike Pascoe of RR4 Georgetown, stand atop one of three antique steam engines Mr. Leslie owns and had on display at this weekend's 18th annual Steam Era show at the Milton Fairgrounds. Mr. Leslie is one of several local members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association who this year helped make the Milton show an unprecedented success.

An estimated 15,000 people from across southern Ontario attended the four-day Steam Era held this weekend at the Milton fairgrounds.

Excellent weather and an exciting programme of events and activities helped make the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association Inc. show a record-setting success. It was the eighteenth consecutive year owners of the antique tractors, steam engines, gas engines, cars and saw mill equipment had gathered in Milton to compare notes, have some fun and display their unique remnants from the past.

Also on view were arts and crafts and an extensive collection of model engines and farm equipment.

In a welcoming message to Steam Era visitors, Ontario agriculture minister William Newman commended the members of the Association for the hours of effort each one put into the restoration and maintenance of their own antiques.

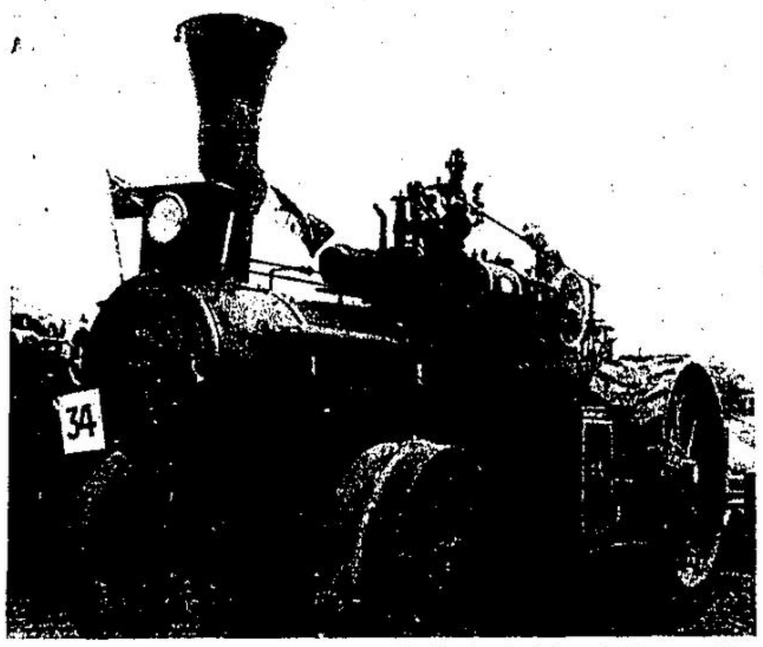
"They are brought together here through the joint enterprises of the association's members for all of us to enjoy," Mr. Newman said. "This attitude, together with a spirit of co-operation, built Ontario's rural community and remains to this day its basic building block."

Going nowhere but having fun doing it, a representative of the Niagara Model Railroaders and his young companion tour along a circular track specially erected for this weekend's Milton Steam Era. The miniature railway caught the imagination of the thousands of visitors who attended the four-day annual exhibition at the Milton Fairgrounds.

Mr. Newman also referred to the enjoyable threshing competition which highlights each day of the annual Steam Era and pits farmers and machinery owners from eastern Ontario against their friends and colleagues from the west.

In all, nearly 40 steam engines, 60 tractors and numberous gas engines and antique cars were on display at this year's Steam Era for visitors to peruse at their leisure. Several of the entries were provided by Georgetown area residents.

Among the special events keeping the crowds thoroughly entertained were a country and western talent contest on Saturday and professional country and gospel singing by the Edwards Family.



Standing astride the George White antique steam engine owned by Wilfrid Leslie of RR4 Georgetown is Willard Clarke, a resident of Chelsea, Quebec, who travels to Milton every year for the massive Steam Era show. Mr. Clarke, who helps maintain many of the antique engines on display at the show, considers his annual visit a holiday. More than 5,000 visitors from across Southern Ontario visited the Steam Era Saturday.

A supply of wood had to be cut into smaller pieces to keep the antique steam engines fired up, so what better way to do the cutting than with antique saw mill equipment? Here, members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association take turns preparing the firewood for the mammoth furnaces aboard the engines behind them.

Campbell on 'Great Debate'

Ken Campbell, the founder of Renaissance, has been challenged to meet Canadian broadcaster Laurier Lapierre on the Great Debate. Their topic will be, Resolved that there should be a morals clause in all teachers' contracts. Mr. Campbell will not challenge teachers' rights to privately follow whatever moral code they wish. He says they should, however, be expected to exemplify in the classroom the morals which parents wish them to follow. Taping is scheduled for Oct. 24 with release in early to mid-November.

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Motel approved on Hwy. 7

Eight years after it was initially proposed, the two-storey motel-restaurant complex planned for construction on Highway 7 at Delrex Boulevard in Georgetown has been approved by the town planning board.

Galaxy Holdings Ltd. has drastically revised the plans originally presented to the former Georgetown council in 1970 by Aler and Company. The current proposal, subject to site plan agreement, will feature approximately 32 suites, a single-storey lounge building and a single-storey restaurant on a three-acre site on the north side of the highway adjacent to North Halton Motors.

Planning board approved the proposal last Tuesday without comment, noting a staff recommendation which stipulated that a detailed site plan must first be endorsed by the town engineer and planning director, as well as regional council.

The proposal placed before Georgetown council eight years ago involved a 22-suite motel and two apartment buildings each containing 79 units. The motel proposal alone was approved and the Highway 7 site rezoned for commercial use.

In January, 1976, Galaxy Holdings Ltd. acquired the Aler and Company plans and subsequently proposed a five-storey apartment hotel complex for the site. More recent revisions resulted in the omission of the apartment proposal and the relocation of the dining and lounge facilities in separate buildings.

Among the concerns expressed by the departments to which the proposal has been circulated are reservations about policing the site and the servicing of the site with sewage treatment capacity.

The regional public works department has left it up to town planners to ensure that the proposed complex can be accommodated within the 456,000 gallons per day of capacity at the Georgetown sewage treatment plant allocated for "in-filling" development. The Halton regional police commented that vehicular and pedestrian traffic at the site might require special attention, as would the possibility of vandalism and other criminal activities relating to the proposed businesses and others nearby.

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Glenn Murdock Age 9, 877-0014	Michele Birtley Age 6, 877-3158

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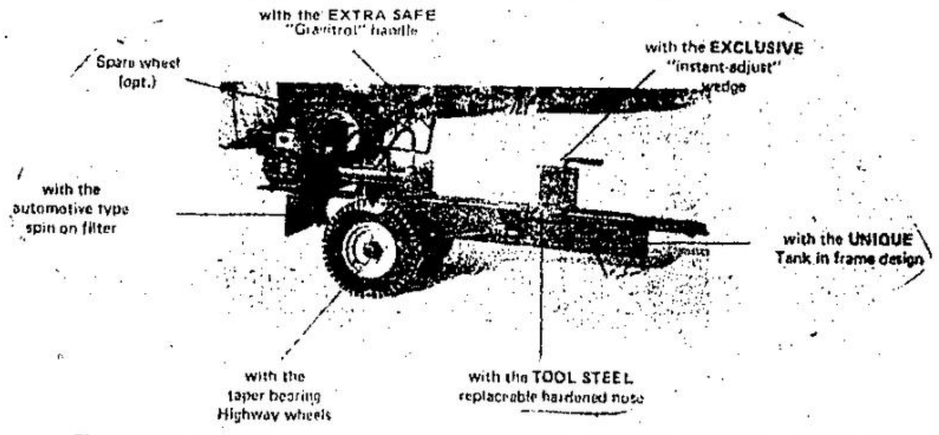

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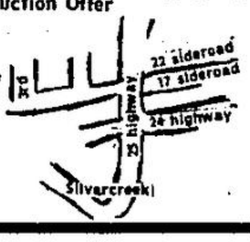

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