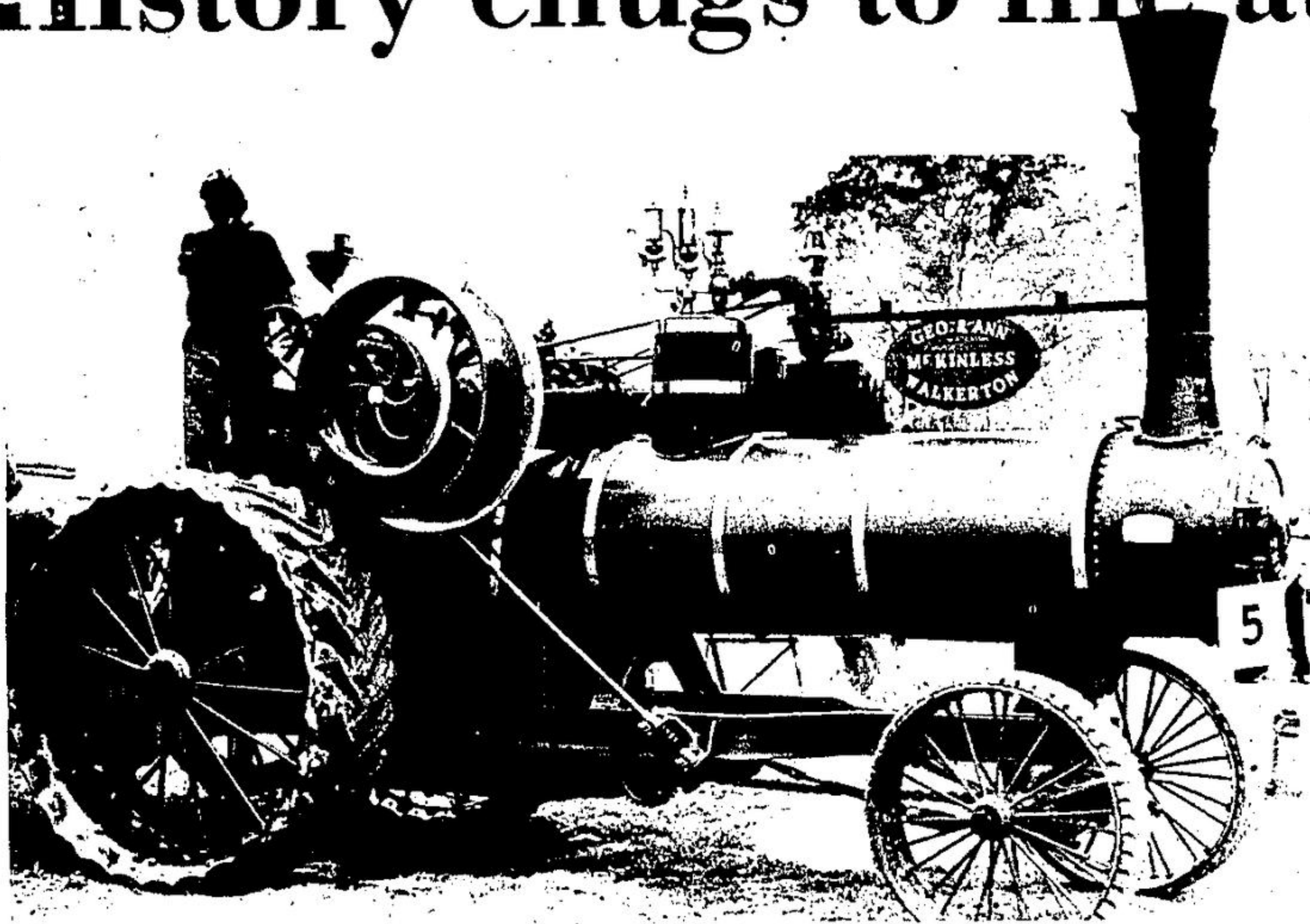


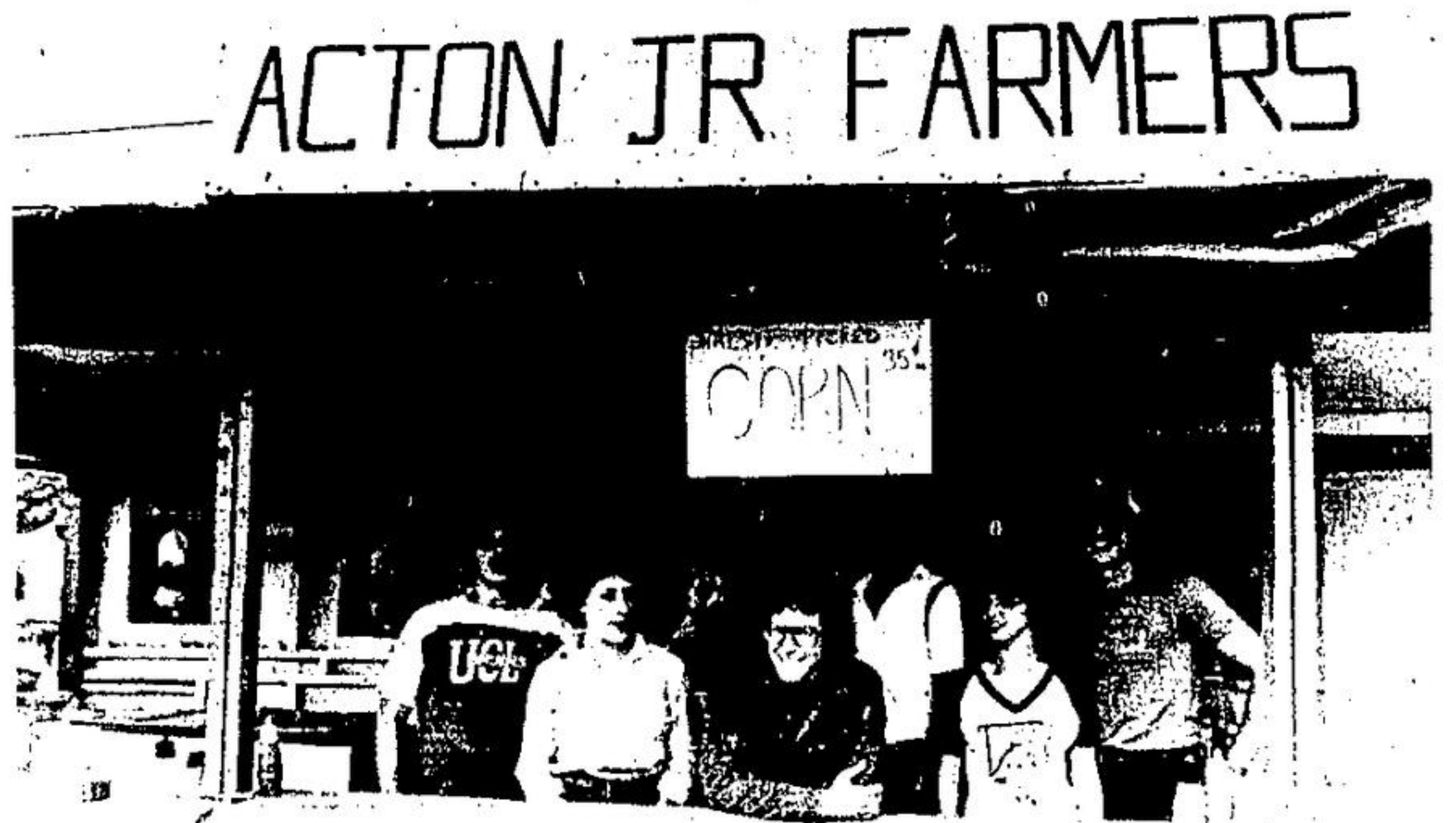
Twentieth annual Steam Era

History chugs to life at Milton exhibition



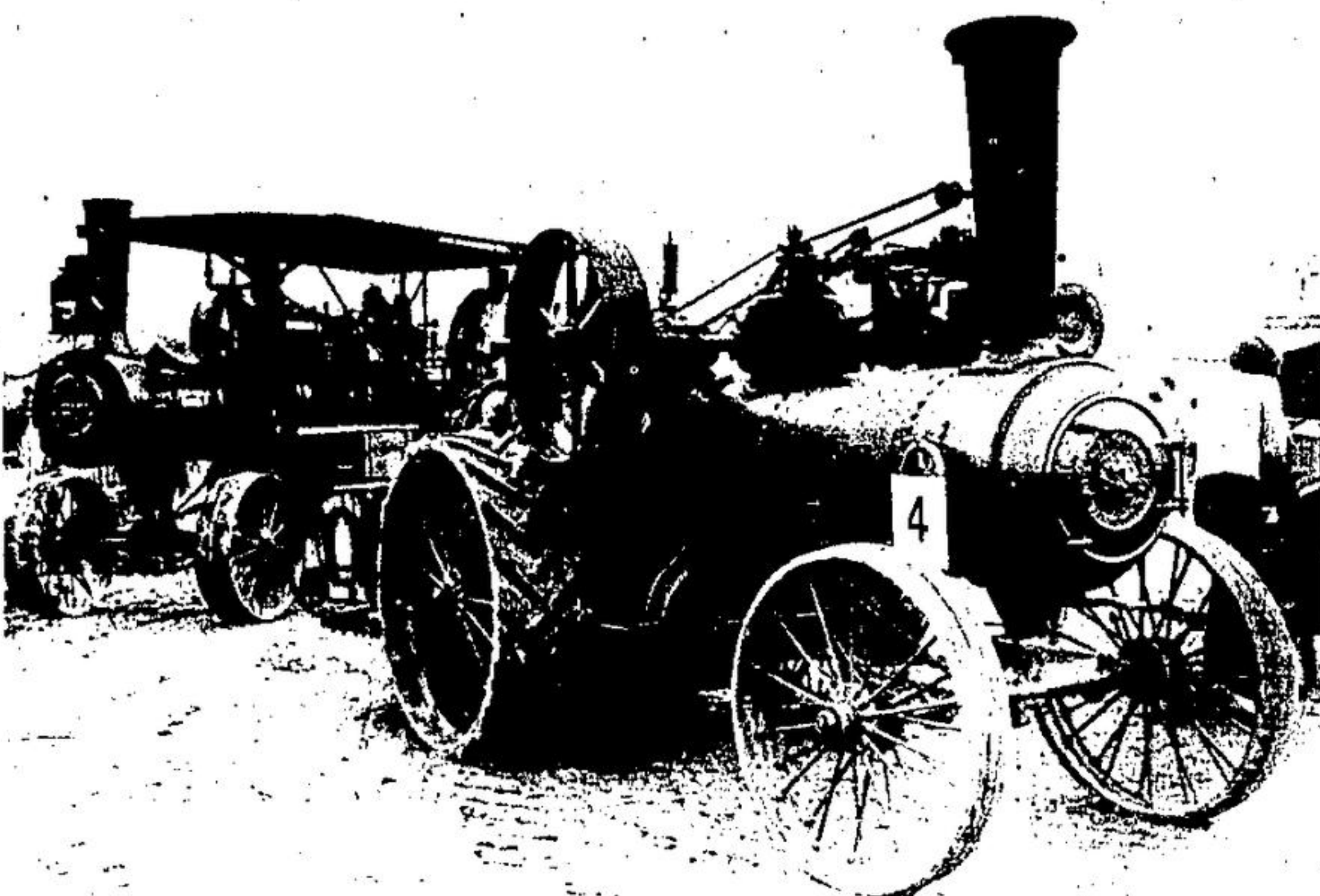
This steam tractor drove a threshing machine in the Milton Steam Era Show held during the Labor Day weekend, amazing crowds with its size, mechanics and color. Approximately 60 years old, the 24-horsepower machine is now owned

by George and Ann McKiness of Walkerton, Ontario, who have done a tremendous job of restoring both the tractor and the threshing machine.



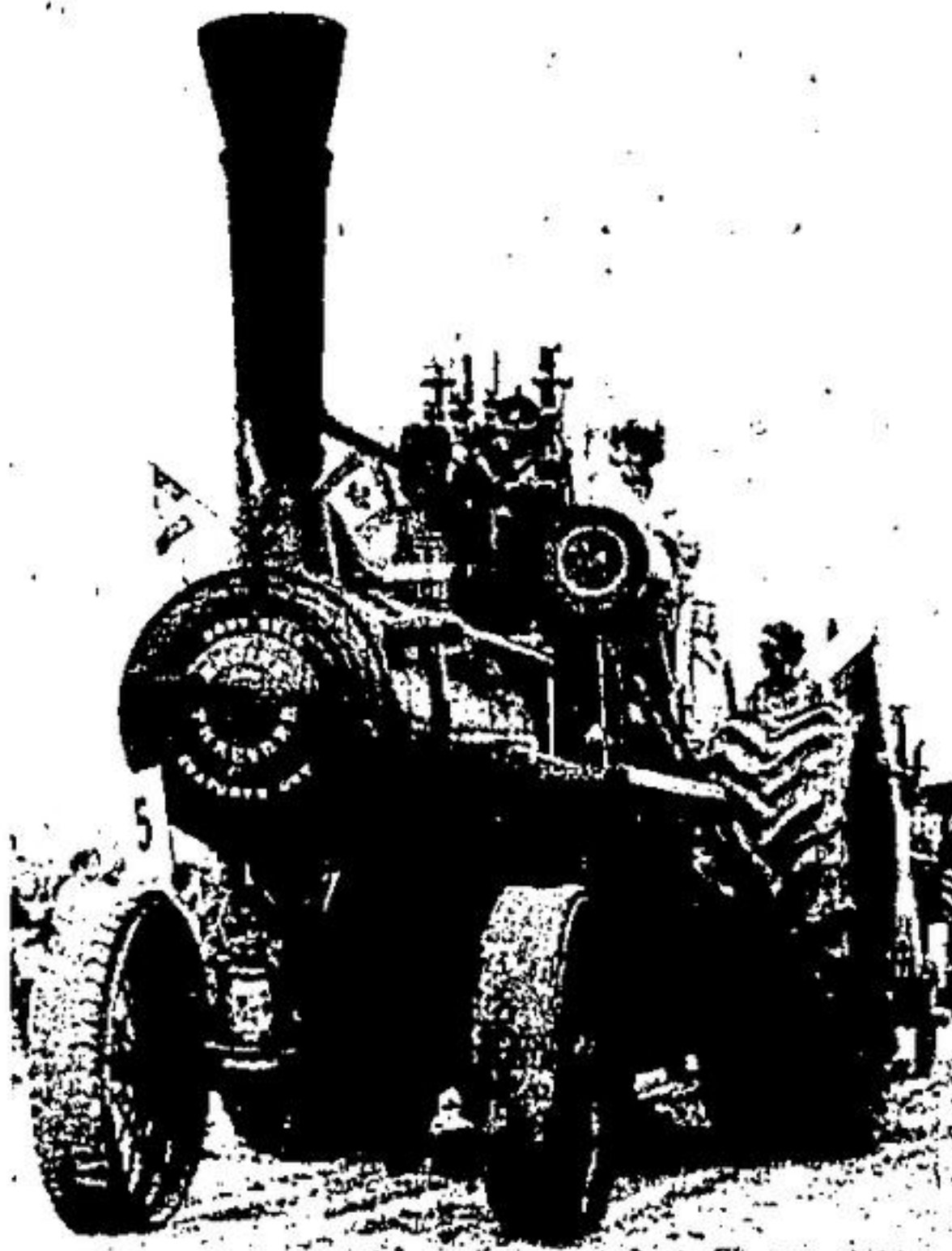
The Acton Junior Farmers club made sure that the thousands of spectators at the Steam Era show were well-fed, doling out hot dogs and freshly steamed corn. Despite their busy endeavors, they managed to take time out from it up for this

picture. In its 20th year, the event was an immense success and crowds, undeterred by the threatening weather, seemed to relish the thick, hot steamy air chugged out by hundreds of engines, large and small.



Huffing, puffing monsters like these were fairly common throughout North America's farmland 60 years ago. An estimated 40,000 nostalgic buffs turned out to the Milton Fairgrounds Friday through Monday to gawk at an amazing

variety of steam machines from the past and generally take in the festivities of the 20th annual Steam Era Show. Entrants in the show travelled from as far away as the southern U.S. to trade steamy stories and trade tips with other steam engine hobbyists.



Steam tractors like this monolith were a spectacular attraction at the 20th annual Milton Steam Era Show over the weekend. Thousands gathered to feed their nostalgic appetites and study hundreds of small and large mechanical marvels powered by steam and restored from history by skilled and dedicated hobbyists.



These raggedy-taggety hillbillies dropped in from Kentucky to prove to Miltonians at the 20th Annual Steam Show that the Clampetts aren't the only ones driving around in cars which wouldn't pass a motor vehicle inspection. Carl Rowe and E.G. Hayes really are from Kentucky and their hillbilly car wreck act is famous at many North American country fairs.

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Big or small, if it chugged, spewed and fumed machines like the ones above, it was guaranteed to attract onlookers at the 20th annual Steam Era Show held at the Fairgrounds in Milton throughout the weekend. An estimated 40,000 people came to

puzzle over these relics from another era and hobbyists from all over the continent and as far away as England displayed their restorative talents with a variety of steam engines.



Antique cars, pretty girls, and good old country music added a classic country flavor to the 20th annual Steam Era held during the past weekend. Ontario Steam Association president Don Patrick (left) joined a fellow director, Spence Wilson of Georgetown, on the running board of this restored

1914 Model 29 Chalmers. Seated in the car with Eartha May, Halton Furrow Queen for 1980, are (left to right) Garry Pattenden (with washboard), Bob Curran, George Swann and driver Fred Ruddell.